

Editorial staff backs story

The Daily Nebraskan believes it has been unfairly criticized for its coverage of a story concerning the Campus Security division and the office of the ombudsman. It has been said that the Daily Nebraskan acted irresponsibly and misled its readers with the story which appeared in the Wednesday edition. Specifically, our critics have said the timing on the release of the story and the headline written for it were an exercise of bad judgment. They say we have impeded the solving of problems between members of the Campus Security force and have led persons to believe that Ombudsman James Suter came running to us with the facts.

It is untrue that the Ombudsman came to the Daily Nebraskan with the story. The Daily Nebraskan learned of it through informants. The reporter who wrote the story later confronted Suter, who agreed to discuss it. He asked that the story not be printed and has since labeled the Daily Nebraskan as irresponsible for doing so.

We disagree with that charge. It is true we were asked to hold the story until some sort of solution could be found to problems at Campus Security. But we believed it unwise to do so.

We believed that if a Campus Security official asked, suggested or ordered a subordinate to return to Suter's office and copy confidential information, then



something was amiss. It seemed to us that there was a violation of ethics in seeking such information. Because of that, we felt it necessary to publish the story. We were aware that current problems at Campus Security might be entangled further if the story was

printed; however, we believed the public's right to know more important than a possible flare-up of already existing problems.

The headline is another bone of contention. We have been charged with misleading the public through it. Our purpose in that headline was not to mislead. We are sorry some persons believed themselves tricked by it.

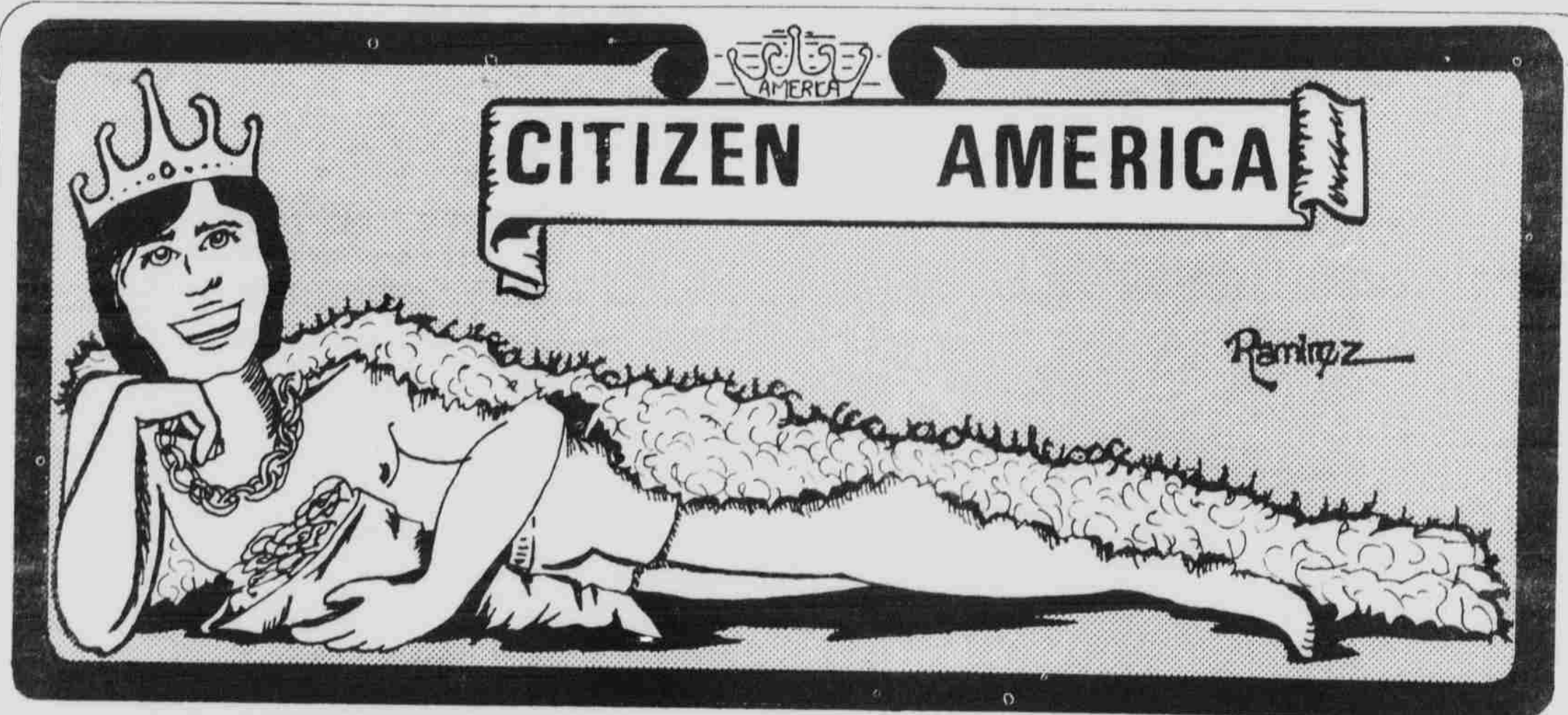
We also have been charged with printing inaccurate statements. The reporter who wrote the story said the facts and quotes presented in it were those given him. We believe our reporter and will stand behind his story.

It is interesting to note that the same persons who have criticized the Daily Nebraskan also have said they agree with the bulk of the story. Both have said the basic facts in the case were presented fairly.

If the facts are true, then why would these men so severely criticize the Daily Nebraskan? Could it be that they are attempting to discredit the story and thus attract attention from the impropriety involved in seeking confidential information? It is possible, although it is to be hoped such is not the case.

One thing is certain: officials at Campus Security should act quickly to stop any possible future attempts at violation of confidence. There also should be disciplinary action taken immediately against those persons responsible for the "suggestion" that the confidential information be copied. Such actions by police should not go unpunished.

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Johnnie dazzles contest, rejected by women

Johnnie Joe Dazzle, 1984's "Citizen America," has been committed to the Sunny Dale Happy Farm. He is suffering from delusions of persecution, according to friends.

Johnnie Joe created a sensation in Atlantic City two months ago by becoming the first male to win what formerly was known as the Miss America contest.

Promoters of the beloved annual pageant only recently had bowed to pressure from liberation groups and opened the entry lists to all contestants "regardless of race, creed or sex."

They stipulated, however, that all competitors would be judged by exactly the same criteria as had always been employed in the past to assess their physiques, talent and intelligence.

"In this way," they said in their historic announcement, "we will be sure to pick the ideal American citizen just as we have always picked the ideal American girl."

Johnnie Joe was an odds-on favorite from the start. Wearing white trunks, he walked off with the bathing

suit competition after the judges took one look at his magnificent body (58-18-32).

The talent competition proved a cinch. Johnnie Joe received a standing ovation from the audience and brought tears to the eyes of the amazed judges when he managed to perform 16 verses of *The Star-Spangled Banner* on a triangle without missing a single beat -- a feat never before accomplished in the history of the pageant.

But it was in answering the probing questions of the judges that Johnnie Joe thoroughly outclassed the competition. Who will ever forget his ringing responses?

"Tell us, Johnnie Joe," he was asked, "what are your thoughts on politics?"

"Golly, I don't think much about politics," he replied. "They're so darned political. But I sure do think every American should sure vote whenever he or she can, because, I mean, that sure is our inalienable right and I think we sure ought to do it."

When the applause finally had died down, he was asked if he had any

hobbies.

"Gee, Yes," he said. "In addition to arm wrestling and collecting soda pop bottle caps from all over the world, I've sure been awfully busy lately needlepointing a two-story cover for Mom's and Dad's house to keep them warm at night. The pattern's an American flag. I mean if you love

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America, you sure ought to say so. And Mom and Dad and I sure do."

What about his ambitions? "Well, gosh," he said, "most of all I just want to make some girl a wonderful, wonderful husband. I mean I think that's what the good Lord, who I sure do believe in, put us on earth for--to

make some girl a wonderful, wonderful husband."

So it was that Johnnie Joe was picked unanimously as "The Ideal Citizen." And he manfully held back his tears of pride as he strode down the runway while Bert Parks sang, "Here he comes, Citizen A-murr-ic-a." It seemed that, as he said chokingly, "all my dreams have sure come true."

The first telegram to come in, however, was from his employer. "You're fired," it read, "you insipid clod." But what bothered him most, friends said, was that unlike previous pageant winners, his mail contained not a single proposal of marriage.

It became an obsession with him. As no one would hire him, he spent night and day calling up young women to ask their hands in marriage. All he received in return was dry laughter.

Doctors at the Happy Farm say he now sits in his padded cell, muttering over and over, "When it comes to ideals, I guess what's good enough for American girls isn't good enough for American citizens." Copyright Chronicle Publishing Co. 1973