

# Streak strikes blow for innocence, naked truth

*Editor's note: The author of the following Guest Opinion, written under a pen name, calls himself the chairperson of the Associated Streakers of the University of Nebraska (ASUN).*

A Streak For Amnesty And Impeachment is planned for Thursday at 3 p.m. All streakers should meet at Broyhill Fountain wearing easily removable clothes. Black armbands will be distributed. We then will strip and streak down Centennial Mall to the steps of the Capitol. The streak will be a symbolic call for innocence and naked truth in stark contrast to the injustice and corruption which now run rampant in this country.

The black armbands will be worn in memory of fellow streakers who have been victims of repression, mishandling by police, frostbite, hernias, old ladies with umbrellas, sharp stones, animal droppings, vicious Chihuahuas and other injustices. We must not forget the noble sacrifices of those who have suffered for the valiant cause of truth, beauty and boday hair; those who fell by the wayside, ran too slow or weren't quick enough climbing out of their jeans.

We demand amnesty for these comrades who have been victims of unjust laws circumscribing our inalienable right to free expression.

The greatest service we can do for these martyrs to individual and academic freedom is to demand the immediate impeachment of that enemy of self-determination, State Sen. Ernie Chambers. This representative of bourgeois morality has consistently opposed students' rights to receive a quality education that stresses individual growth and spiritual development through the unrestricted consumption of alcohol on campus. Chambers must be impeached and now!

When we reach the steps of that noble, if inadvertent, monument to streaking, we will be addressed by a guest streaker from one of the major Eastern schools. We will chant movement anthems such as, "Have You Got The Cheek To Streak?,"

"Hell, Yes, We'll Undress!," and "Stop Your Grinnin', Drop Your Linen." Those who don't know the tunes can follow the bouncing balls. Streakers should run around in circles to avoid being arrested by police.

Members of Tau Iota Tau sorority and Alpha Sigma Sigma fraternity will lead the protest. There should be enough of them running around to divert police attention from several sculpture students armed with ladders, hammers and stone chisels who will strip the thin veil of bourgeois respectability from the figures on the nearby Woodmen Accident and Life building.

## guest opinion

Along with the impeachment of Chambers, we demand a general upgrading of education at the University. The administration must be made to realize that, in the words of one of our illustrious comrades, "college is a time to do crazy things on impulse," not a time to waste the prime of our lives in a musty library.

Many faculty members have already realized this, as their grading policies show. It is time students also were given a share of the responsibility for creating an atmosphere of whimsy at this University. As another of our comrades said, "We want to do things in college that some day we can think back on and laugh."

In order to keep abreast of the latest developments in higher education, we also demand

that monthly field trips to the East and West Coasts be included in all courses. The University lagged behind other schools in creating a progressive streaking movement. Can we risk similar delays in following the next educational developments?

It is time we stopped fooling around and got down to serious business. There is an urgent need for the establishment of an on campus rathskeller that would serve all students. It is an essential duty of all universities to provide safe places for their students to drink themselves into stupors.

Likewise, the necessity of going off campus or hiding from student assistants to satisfy our primordial urges clearly shows the need for an on campus, co-educational massage parlor. This could be organized and operated by ROTC students for course credit and set up in any of the seldom used areas of Love Library.

Finally, by our nakedness, we hope to expose the crying need for social change in Lincoln. We streakers know the joy and self-satisfaction that come from breaking laws and getting away with it. In the interest of community mental health, we propose that everything be restricted or prohibited by law, but that no laws be enforced. In this way, all citizens, young and old, rich and poor, fast and slow, could reap the psychological benefits of constantly flouting the laws of the land.

As another example of our social commitment, we will donate any clothing removed that has been out of style for more than a week to Goodwill Industries. We also call for the establishment of neighborhood streaking associations to bring the benefits of a college education to all Lincoln citizens.

It is time we brought back the spirit of unity to this campus. We streakers are replacing the "Hell, no!" negativism of the past with a positive program for academic progress: "Hell Yes, We'll Undress!" Let's get it off our asses and show people we really care about what's going on in the world. Streak For Amnesty And Impeachment!

### Editorial endorsements

Dear editor,

My basic complaint with the endorsement editorial (Daily Nebraskan, Mar. 11) is the lack of responsibility it shows. I feel that someone writing an editorial as widely read as yours should know more about what he/she is saying than the average person reading it. I contend that very little thought and research went into your editorial, but rather a memory of past failures of ASUN.

A senatorial candidate, I resent my decision to run being labeled as "boring out of the woodwork." Also, do you hold the motives of other previously unknown candidates suspect simply because you haven't heard of them? If your aim was to alert voters, you could have suggested they ask the candidates from their colleges why they're running. No, you couldn't do that. You had to add a bit of malevolent cynicism to your writing.

You point out that new ideas are few and far between. I would like to ask what's wrong with trying to make old ideas work to their optimum? The key word in your fifth paragraph is "workable." Did you bother to check into how many new ideas came up within each party but were thrown out because they weren't workable? Workable new ideas are hard to come by.

One thing you might have complained about more is the shortness of the campaign. I suggest you level your editorial guns at the editorial commission which saw fit to limit campaigning to about 10 days. I'd like to see anyone deliver a platform and 36 candidates for assorted positions to an apathetic University community in 10 days, (not to mention go to school, do homework and keep up with other things you've committed yourself to.)

More than once, you and other writers for the Daily Nebraskan have less than delicately suggested that the senatorial candidates—with the exceptions of the ones you know—are a bunch of wide eyed, innocent dupes of megalomaniac executive candidates. Well, that's a lot of crap. I am running because I believe in the platform of my party, and I consider myself an equal of my executives.

You also contend that the real campus leaders are in Union Program Council, Union Board and Performing Arts Committee. Well, if they are the real leaders, why aren't they in ASUN positions? They surely aren't leading anybody where they are now.

In closing, I'd like to say that perhaps you should think of responsibility to your readers, which I feel you and some of your staff have shirked in your editorials during this campaign. You should perhaps be promoting and helping the University and the students, rather than degrading ASUN candidates and contributing to general apathy. Also, if your best candidates were truly the best candidates, they'd be running, not mocking!

John Albin  
Tim Evenson  
Arthur S. Alexander

### Streaking ovation

Dear editor,

Streaking! At first I was indifferent to it. But after Chamber's reply about campus drinking and his remarks (asinine) about streaking, I'm for it! Vive streaking!

Len Walle

### Art disgraced

Dear editor,

I have just witnessed a disgrace to the art of streaking, and

I feel it my duty to speak out and uphold the honor of the sport.

The blocking off of streets without organization, throwing cherry bombs, streaking at night barefooted and barefaced, running in jock straps, shooting the moon, standing on top of cars and crowd hysteria is not streaking. It's stupid. It could only happen in Nebraska.

A streaker must have a goal in mind (a point A and a point B), he must streak in daylight and the really professional streaker needs tennis shoes and a ski mask. These factors all make for a champion streak—a streak where you have to look at your neighbor to see if he just saw what you saw.

So as not to leave you in the dark, I executed such a champion streak last Wednesday at 7:10 p.m. in the front of the Neihardt Residential Center in broad daylight, with tennis shoes and ski mask and destination in mind.

Lynn M. Purdy

### Resolution revealed

Dear editor,

A streaking resolution will be voted on tonight by the ASUN Senate. The resolution, which I introduced, suggests a number of interesting sidelines that could be evolved from the current streaking craze.

Among my suggestions:

- That ASUN sanction streaking.
- That law officers be discouraged from arresting said streakers.
- That March 18 to 24 be designated UNL Streak Week.
- That the City of Lincoln post "streak paths" throughout the town, analogous to bike routes.
- That "streak crossings" be posted at major traffic arterials in Lincoln. Anyone interested in helping this resolution become reality would be welcome at tonight's meeting.

Todd Patterson

### Pitfalls

Dear editor,

I would like to comment in response to the Guest Opinion written by Don Wesely (Daily Nebraskan, Feb. 28).

My daily mode of personal transportation is the bicycle. Unfortunately, like the bus system, the marked bike routes do not always go where I would like to go. Arterials do.

A bike route passes directly by the house where I live. I would use it to travel to campus every day, but if a person ever rides their bicycle faster than about 5 m.p.h. on 18th Street between D and L Streets; you know what it's like to risk having a flat tire. The chuckholes cannot be missed when I am traveling at my usual speed of between 15 and 20 m.p.h. This pace can be maintained only on surfaces like those found on the arterials.

I would contend that the bicycle is the most efficient form of mass produced transportation to date. When I travel, I use no fuel, pollute no air, take up far less land surface than a car and keep physically fit in the bargain. I would suggest that ideally the car be removed from streets in favor of more efficient forms of transportation such as the bicycle, the Lincoln Transportation System and, in future, possibly the empiricycle.

But, more rationally, since we live in a world over-shadowed by the Big Four automakers, and since so many are stuck in the 2-car syndrome, the bicyclist at least should be allowed to use an adequate road surface for fast, efficient and safe travel when ever it needs to be used.

Bob Krogh



to the editor