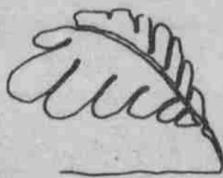


to the editor



Dear editor:

Ron Wylie deserves considerable praise for his stories in the *Midweek* section of the April 2 *Daily Nebraskan*.

In finding out about actual police practices with regard to reports of harassment, Wylie made the effort to talk to and even spend time with people who had first hand knowledge of police procedures and policy. I have yet to see such a fair job of reporting on this subject in the Lincoln newspaper to which I subscribe.

It is unfortunate that rumor and hearsay have provided the basis for much of the criticism against the Lincoln Police Department. It is also unfortunate that many Lincoln citizens probably did not have the opportunity to read Wylie's stories in the *Daily Nebraskan*.

Mary Wilson

Reviews one-sided

Dear editor:

I send this letter in defense of the music-loving people that must read your paper's reviews. You can knock some of the unknowns all you want, but when you start on noted musicians you also knock the people that enjoy their music. Your reviews are too one-sided, not taking in what someone else that has heard their other albums and knows what they're talking about can say.

When you recommend that we don't buy an album, I usually do because it is good no matter what your closed mind says. Of course, I am talking about the Led Zeppelin review. They were around before you and will be here after you. They know music better and what the people want to hear more than any group around in my opinion.

I have their new album and several of the old ones. They have not decreased in ability but increased in flexibility. There is not one person that I have talked to that heard it that doesn't like it in one way or another. I even took it to the bar I work at and played it on the sound system and all it took was a few songs and everyone was asking me what it was I played.

You judge far too fast and don't listen to the people or what they like.

Mack Clark

Not taken in

Dear editor:

It should be plain to anyone who read Wylie's whole account of the police-D.W.I. matter that the reporter wasn't taken in by anyone, as Gary Papenhagen suggests in his letter of last week. After all Wylie does say that the policemen were manufactured by Jack Webb.

In another section also, Wylie as much as says that a police inspector is a liar.

I think a negative reaction to your coverage of the police procedures can only be because reporter Wylie didn't say what many people want to hear.

Rob Clark

Pampered prejudice

Dear editor:

Very little except the "Oly" commercials ever catch my attention in the student newspaper, however that record was broken when I read Ralph in the April 11 issue of the *Daily Nebraskan*.

What I take issue with is the last name of Ralph's "major minority" friends and their appearance. I feel the last name and description are such obvious indicators of the characters' race that I took immediate offense to the cartoon.

And as if that was not enough, the physical characteristics only added insult to injury. The chocolate brothers? (the cartoon seems so busy in other departments that kinship is not established clearly in my mind). Thick lips and kinky hair? All they need are tap shoes and pieces of watermelon in their hands!!!

That's all they need, that is to complete the stereotype of black people. While I seemed to have discerned the point of the cartoon as being that all black people don't talk in idioms all the time, my point is that neither do they all look or dress alike.

It would seem to me to be enough that most white people on this campus have negative feelings toward black people and other minorities as it is without the student newspaper pampering these feelings under the guise of humor.

Claudette Merrell
Paulette Merrell

Marijuana reform

Dear editor:

Marijuana is fast becoming an issue of major importance among dissenting opinioned youths and others and increasingly a thorn in the side of the establishment. When will the lawmakers realize the time has long past for imprisoning and furthermore punishing the members of society who do not wish to corrupt society, rather only hear the beat of a different drummer and are marching to it? When are the people in power going to assume their role as leaders and try to patch the differences between their fellow brothers and sisters and start treating them like brothers and sisters?

The time has come for a reasonable form of government action on the issue of reforming the marijuana laws in this state and this country. Heeding the cries of the American youth is not surrender of vanity but a sign of understanding reality and dealing with it in the best interests of all Americans. Marijuana is an issue which is fast becoming an item pitting people of all walks of life against one another.

This is simply a request for the lawmakers to patch the wounds our legal narrow-mindedness is causing and start the healing process. How American political leaders can sleep at night when these divisions in policy and reality grow wider apart day by day, without institution corrective legislation, is beyond my comprehension.

Dennis M. Johnson

Two alternatives

Dear editor:

I have just completed reading Joe Dreesen's column in today's *Daily Nebraskan*. Having traveled from one coast to the other on three different occasions, I have enjoyed the opportunity to visit many campuses of higher educational institutions as a

tourist. With this experience I feel free to offer limited support to Dreesen's opinion concerning the beauty of our campus at UNL.

If Dreesen honestly believes his education here parallels his opinion of the beauty of our campus, I would like to offer two alternatives: the application of more personal effort or another campus.

Bill Zook

Functional eyesore

Dear editor:

Concerning the editorial by Joe Dreesen entitled "Beauty Forgotten on Campus", I say a "puke!" What's all this crap about beauty on campus? What this campus needs isn't more beauty—what it needs are more parking lots! Guys like Dreesen just don't seem to be able to see the forest for the trees. What trees? There aren't any. This campus has been ugly for a long, long time and no amount of plopped-in flowers and trees are going to help it one bit. As long as UNL is going to be an eyesore, it might as well be a functional eyesore.

When I and countless other commuter students drive to school in the morning and are actually able to find a place to park, well, to us, that's beauty.

May Truth, Beauty and Wisdom fill up that parking stall you otherwise would have gotten, Joe Dreesen.

Dusty Rhodes

Attention lacking

Dear editor:

There is no cure for birth or death save to enjoy the interval and once again the *Daily Nebraskan* has managed to mess even this up by pushing aside the 1,500 students in the College of Engineering and Technology as well as many others who worked to make E-Week '75 a success.

E-Week is that week on the UNL campus when the College of Engineering and Technology opens its doors to a crowd exceeded on this campus only by Big Red football. It is a time when engineering students exhibit projects ranging from tractor testing to agricultural developments and from solar power and computer mechanics to materials testing, all new designs for the future showing the competency and imagination of tomorrow's engineers—attributes which seem to be lacking on the *Daily Nebraskan* staff.

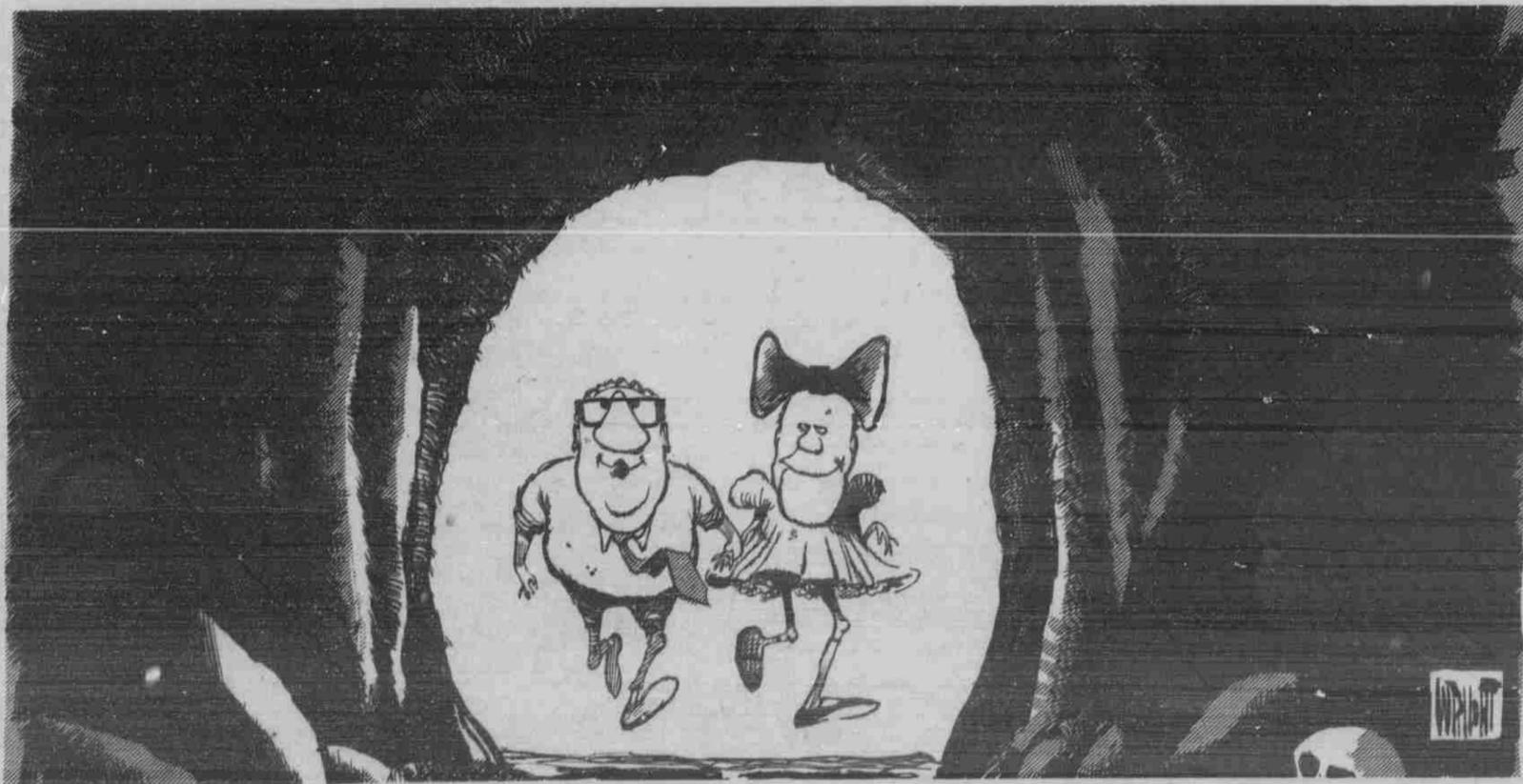
The activities of E-Week were published statewide so that future students, students from other universities and other interested parties might attend. E-Week is as much in the realm of campus life as are D.W.I., university budgets and parking problems yet I don't recall the *Daily Nebraskan* giving E-Week its deserved attention during its progress or after its completion.

So let's get on with it people, old news is not news. E-Week was concluded Saturday night at the annual E-Week banquet with awards given for many and varied accomplishments. Other newspapers were ready to carry the results and had them tabulated in their Monday editions.

Ralph isn't the only one at the *Daily Nebraskan* moving slow enough for the birds.

I join the birds in expressing my opinion of the *Daily Nebraskan's* coverage of E-Week.

B. John Peipe



"C'mon—I keep forgetting you've never seen the beginning of this tunnel!"