

# editorial / opinion

## to the editor



Dear editor,

I cannot think of how many times a person has almost been hit by a car crossing the crosswalk to the 501 Bldg. Well, Monday, I was walking next to the girl who was hit by a car in that crosswalk (see p. 1).

Is this what it takes to get something done? I hope now that someone is halfway concerned for the safety of pedestrians and decides to put some lights at that dangerous crossing.

Julie Kristy

### King forgotten

Dear editor,

With the historic events of Homecoming 1975 all but forgotten, there are those of us who still question its purpose.

While not attempting to discredit the obvious talents possessed by Ron Wheeler, I think the importance of Ralph Crabtree was overplayed tremendously in regards to the election of the university's first king.

It was interesting to note in Monday's followup article that the duly elected king, Daniel Fox, was given very little recognition at all. In fact, it appears as though the Lincoln Journal and the Omaha World-Herald have covered the issue in much greater detail.

Notice also that both Ralph and the new queen, Jackie Learned, received their pictures in the school paper, but I did not see a picture of our first king anywhere. Furthermore, I might note that Fox is a member of Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity, another fact that was omitted, while the independence of Miss Learned was brought out. It is my hope that these errors are not a reflection of the attitudes of the staff of this paper, but are instead an oversight on someone's part.

Since this was the initial election of such an official, it would seem to me that credit is owed where credit is due. I commend Fox on a job well done and laud him for his efforts. However, equal coverage is the issue at hand, and this idea was seriously overlooked.

Prejudice is an element that cannot be afforded in the methods used by an award-winning newspaper because, as you have yourselves pointed out, it is not good for the read-

ing audience.

As a result of this letter, I hope, it will not occur again. Perhaps next year the king will indeed be "The King!"  
Craig Margulies

### Greek sorry

Dear editor,

I have never written an open letter before but Willa Marie Lowson's letter in Monday's Daily Nebraskan warranted action.

As a fraternity president, I am sorry this incident occurred. Upon reading the letter I immediately began checking around with my men to see if we were responsible, but no one knew of any such incident. I am sorry all the other presidents did the same.

It is sad you can stereotype the Greek System on this; there obviously must be biases on your part to badmouth all Greeks, including sororities, when all are not accountable.

Last year we pledged a man from one of the residence halls during open rush. His dorm-brother stole one of our plaques, but the police recovered it. How would you like to have been stereotyped with these few independents if we had written an open letter? I can name other incidents, but the war between us could go on and on and that is not my intention.

Willa, we have pride in our houses and when notified of behavior such as this, peer pressure eradicates future problems. We're tired of being put down, never hearing of the good we do (for example, the beautiful homecoming displays).

And oh yes, since you're on our case, sorry about the traffic problems Friday night when all the locals came down to have a look.

Michael A. Morris



### vine street irregulars

## Advice for the grad worn



By Michael Hilligoss

Yossarian surveyed the sea of undergraduates at Sam's with a reflective, philosophical look.

"You look thoughtful," I said. "What's on your mind?"

"You realize, don't you, that a lot of those students will be going blindly on to graduate school next fall?" he responded.

"I suppose so," I said. "But why do you say blindly?"

"Because they won't have thought about their plans. They'll probably just go to the first place that accepts them or to the one that offers the most money as a teaching assistant," he observed.

"Yossarian, you've been through the wars. What advice would you give them?" I prompted.

"Actually, any student serious about grad school should talk with the faculty and Vine Street Irregulars in his major department," he replied.

He added some general advice:

(1) You should identify your motives for going to graduate school. Be certain you want to attend. Going to graduate school is a little like getting married, joining a religious order and becoming an apprentice in a medieval craft guild.

You should understand that grad school will not necessarily insure a higher salary or a better job. As a general rule, grad school is best suited for those prepared to dedicate themselves to a scholarly life.

(2) Do your homework early. The reference librarians at Love can help you uncover schools offering good programs in your major. Find out about the character and national reputation of the schools that sound promising (remember that ranking in the "Big 8" means next to nothing).

(3) Write to attractive schools and ask for detailed information, including faculty strengths, a list of the courses for the 1976-77 academic year and special requirements they have (so that you can get them out of the way at UNL this spring.).

(4) Begin to consider advisers. The character, focus and rigor of a thesis or dissertation will depend to a great extent on the personality and expertise of your adviser.

Read the recent work of faculty members in the school of your choice and decide if you feel comfortable with their approach and style. In many ways, finding a good adviser is more important than finding a "good" school.

(5) Make arrangements to visit the campus during the Christmas break. You are looking for a place to spend the next few years and several thousand dollars.

(6) Apply, if you think you'll be comfortable there.

I believe I have it all down here as Yossarian gave it to me, but the din at Sam's was so loud I could hardly concentrate.

"I think you're getting old, Hilligoss," said Yossarian, promising a quieter setting for our next meeting.

### From a soap box

Dear editor,

I have as of now read one too many anti-Greek editorials and letters to the editor in the Daily Nebraskan. I wish I had tallied them all up so I could tell you just how many there have been this year. (Editor's note: The tally is: no "anti-Greek" editorials, one definitely "anti" letter and two marginally "anti" letters.)

As for Willa Marie Lowson's disappointment with the Greeks, I would like to apologize for the Greek system and encourage her to give us another chance. But I question the Daily Nebraskan's use of her letter at all. I'm sure every person on campus could cite a bad experience at dorms and Greek houses alike, but must we label the whole system?

And the Yell Squad controversy! It has become another typically tactless effort by those who would put down for the sake of putting down! Sure, we need to look at the system, but if a Greek tries out and makes the squad is it his/her fault. No! the responsibility of those in charge, the faculty advisers.

Lastly, the Homecoming royalty, I for one am ecstatic over Miss Learned's victory, because I know her to be a very qualified person. However, had the independents not picked such a deserving person, he/she would have won anyway, because write-ins are allowed.

You see, the only thing that independents unite on is their never-ending war to put down the Greeks and everything they stand for. Greeks do not go around saying "God damn independents" under their breath as in the 1950s. No, we unite for useless and selfish things such as selling mums for AUF, collecting canned foods for Lincoln's needy and holding a talk-a-thon for a medical burn treatment center.

Now I'll get off my soap box and hope this will be the last letter written in a ridiculous battle that is splitting up the UNL student body.

Tim Roeder

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