

Groucho Marx look-alike team spreads happiness, hard cash

By Mary Jo Fitzl and Terri Willson

Two unidentified persons resembling two of the Marx Brothers, whirled through the Nebraska Union Friday afternoon, leaving a trail of one dollar bills.

Dressed in a gaudy combination of ragged jeans, beat-up tennis shoes and flowered ties, they looked like an advertisement for a touring circus. Not so, claimed one of the two, twirling his cigar as he raised and lowered his bushy, pasted-on eyebrows.

"This is our basic Friday afternoon crazy," the other said, giving an emphatic honk on the five-foot long bicycle horn tucked under his belt. "It's a way of being ourselves—crazy."

Part of the pair's Friday afternoon antics included handing out one dollar bills to students sitting in the Union Main Lounge. They gave two bills to a small child.

Asked where they got their money, they replied, "We can't tell you. We work for it."

"Maybe I'm independently wealthy," one of the pair retorted. He explained that giving away money is a way of making people happy because people seem to equate money with happiness.

"This is something that goes along with being crazy," he said, introducing the accumulating crowd in the Union lobby to Kenneth Kluck, his bionic rubber chicken. He said some persons have asked for more money, but are usually denied because the duo frowns on greediness.

The two young men refused to identify themselves, although they did say that they are former UNL music students and live in Lincoln.

The two characters explained this Friday afternoon

visit was their fifth to the Union. "We always come to the Union," one said. "This is our second home."

Two girls passing by recognized the pair from previous visits.

"We're here to make people happy, aren't you happy?" one of the duo asked.

"Oh yes, I'm very happy," sophomore Shari Patrick, a political science major, said as she patted "Harpo" on the shoulder. "Good to see you again."

A third passerby, junior Bruce Whitacre, remembered the two from the Wolverines jazz concert several weeks ago. Whitacre, a committee chairperson for Union Program Council (UPC), invited the pair to perform at Winter Walpurgisnacht, an all-night winter festival sponsored by UPC.

They stopped briefly to change the tape in their portable tape recorder. They explained that they record all their outings.

"We have a collection of crazy tapes," one of them said, swinging the hockey stick slung over his shoulder.

"Watch that, will you?" Daryl Swanson, assistant Union director said as he descended the stairs near where the pair was standing. Swanson dubiously eyed the stuffed monkey swinging on the end of the hockey stick that nearly hit him as he passed.

Several weeks ago, dressed in formal attire, the pair presented a two-man concert using the piano in the Union Main Lounge. Selections included "In the Mood" and "Alley Cat."

"That's our best," one of the two said, referring to their rendition of "Alley Cat."



Photo by Kevin Higley

These two Marx brothers impersonators join together occasionally for a happiness-filled Friday 'crazy'.

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Immunization clinics open today

Mass swine flu immunization clinics will be conducted at UNL starting today. The clinics for the UNL community will be conducted by the University Health Center (UHC) and the State Health Dept.

There will be two types of clinics—those for high-risk persons (45 years old or older, or those with chronic illness) and those for persons between the ages of 18 and 45, not included in the high-risk category.

The times and locations of high-risk clinics are: Tuesday, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Nebraska Union Ballroom, and Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. at the East Campus Student Activities Bldg.

The times and locations of clinics for anyone not in the high-risk group are: today from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Harper-Schramm-Smith Food Service Bldg.; from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Selleck Quadrangle Dining room; and from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the East Campus Student Activities Bldg.

Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Abel Residence

Hall North Main Lounge.

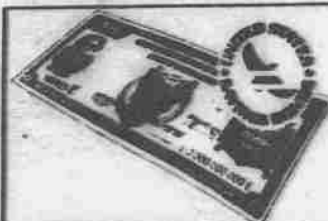
Wednesday from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. in the Cather-Pound-Neihardt south dining room.

Sunday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union Ballroom and the East Campus Student Activities Bldg.

All persons receiving the vaccine must present a signed informed consent form. This form was printed in the Oct. 21 Daily Nebraskan and is available at UHC.

Students under age 19 will need the signature of a parent or guardian.

Persons with allergies to eggs should not get the vaccine in public immunization clinics. The person's private physician should be consulted regarding immunization.



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