

Black yell squad addition called humiliating, insulting

Black people in the United States of America have constantly been pressured into believing that "the only way to get ahead in this society" is to integrate with and imitate white people.

guest opinion

So under the influence of such people as Martin Luther King Jr. and Jessie Jackson millions of Black people set about that very task. The mission was to become honorary white people no matter what the price to their own identity and dignity.

Black folks choose to get beat and sent to jail in order to eat lunch with their natural enemy, white people. Many Blacks suffered humiliation and debasement in order to sit side by side with whites in a classroom where both are criminally miseducated. Millions even went as far as using chemicals to straighten their hair and lighten their skin, which had become a badge of shame.

This behavior, although unquestionably abnormal, is quite consistent with the actions of a confused and colon-

ized people—a people who have been forced to adopt a foreign culture, a culture not fit for the civilized or the sane.

That brings us to the controversy surrounding the Black woman trying to gain entrance to the UNL Yell Squad, a gang of half-crazed white girls who exploit their sexuality and dignity (if they have any) for no apparent reason. Or maybe their reason is to help recruit white football and basketball players.

For a beautiful, civilized and proud Black woman (such as the one in the center of this controversy) to so unremittingly attempt to gain membership to a group of wild and ugly women, is a contradiction to one's sense of logic. This action is a direct insult to herself and to Black people as a whole, and does nothing more than to supply concrete example of things already mentioned in this writing.

Although some of the Yell Squad members have taken up protest against the Black woman's addition, Bob Devaney and Tom Osborne are well aware of the benefits of adding color to such a pale squad.

The Black woman involved should understand that striving to integrate herself onto the Yell Squad is only a striving to imitate frantic behaviors that are unmistakably abnormal. To become a member of such a gang would be

to reduce herself to the level of a mere object to be exploited on Saturday afternoon.

I am sure that the beautiful and proud Black woman will see the true nature of the people she is trying so hard to integrate with. Therefore, rejecting all attempts by the money-hungry football gangsters (Devaney, Osborne, etc.) to exploit her for their own greed-laden ends.

Lastly, if the Black men on the UNL football team have retained any degree of pride and respect for the prize possession of our people, Black women, they will openly protest the exploitation and humiliation of their sister.

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Senator Novak had no business saying this. It is irrational to attack a group of people as large as the campus' Greek population simply because they have chosen the same living system as a small group of individuals who may be guilty of an infraction. Ms. Richardson's article does not even state that proof exists that a Greek was responsible in the incident. Those who live in the residence halls last spring may recall an incident shortly before the ASUN elections in which numerous photocopies of a letter on TNE stationery were posted in the halls with the caption "Read This and Vote Independent." It is unlikely that TNE was obliging enough to make the photocopies for whomever posted them; is it any more reasonable to assume automatically that these TNE letters were copied by a Greek?

If Sen. Novak was willing to introduce an element of hostility to Greek-Independent relations, Ms. Richardson and the Daily Nebraskan were happy to help him. Admittedly, the story may have been slightly more interesting

because of the quote; and the ensuing widening of the rift between Greeks and Independents might result in more front-page material. The Daily Nebraskan should have considered, however, the conflict which the quote would undoubtedly bring about along with the advantages they might have gained from printing it. Such a consideration would probably have led to the decision that the harm done to the student body as a result of its printing would far outweigh any profit to the Daily Nebraskan from it.

Until the students at UNL are capable of putting aside such petty conflicts as that between the Greeks and Independents, there is little or no chance that they will be able to unite effectively and solve their serious problems. Unfortunately, neither Sen. Novak nor the Daily Nebraskan seem to have realized this. One can only hope that those members of both factions who are not so willing to fling such irresponsible condemnations at one another will prevail, for the greater good of the student body of the University.

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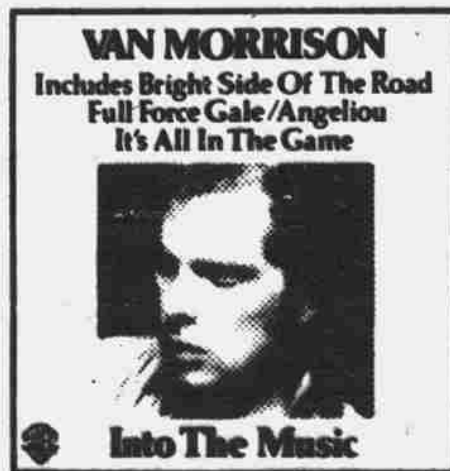
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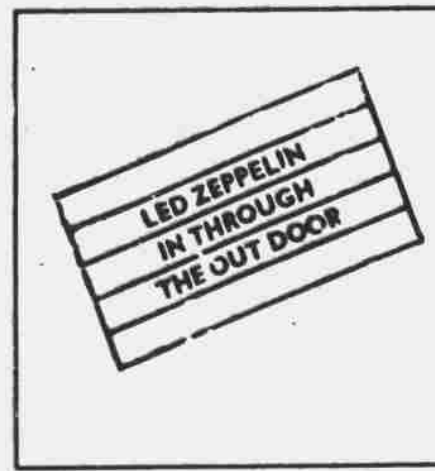
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