Letters . . .

Columnist's humor 'trite and idiotic'

I am writing in reference to Bill Allen's column (Daily Nebraskan, Feb. 7). The title of this article was, "Who reads this column?" My reply to this entertainingly ironic headline is, "No one, Bill."

Allen has only himself to blame for such indifference. I cannot help but wonder if he doesn't sit down at night and think of how abrasive, trite, sarcastic and idiotic he can be in his next column.

Here are just a few excerpts to wit: " . . . That's probably why the Redskins sucked when we were kids . . . Mom, you know I only get dates when a girl loses a bet with her friends . . . Bill, she said, you looked like a good case for legalizing abortion . . , the UNL Greeks will? sponsor their own Olympics to raise money for worldwide sexism and racism . . . Events will include the Husband Hunt, What Shall I Wear? and the ever popular Rat Race . . . "

He seems dedicated to making smart remarks about how ugly he is, how cruel his mother is and how terrible his article is. Most irritating of all are his dialogue pot shots at things many people enjoy or take seriously here at UNL. He must think that if it is written in a conversational format it must not be that big of a slam. To me, Bill, it is.

I know Allen's job as a columnist is to provide us with a comical look at today's sports world. If his past efforts can qualify as such, then so be it. Newspaper columnists do tend to be liberal as a whole, but

Allen and the rest of his colleagues at the DN are light-years to the left of liberal.

Although they hate to admit it, UNL is a conservative campus in a conservative state and students are fed up with the same old story lines.

Perhaps in the future these types of columns can represent more of a consistent pulse of the UNL student body instead of a minority of crazed radicals. I'm not advocating that all columns should take on a George Will or William F. Buckley slant, but a sprinkling of such ideology from a UNL student would certainly be refreshing.

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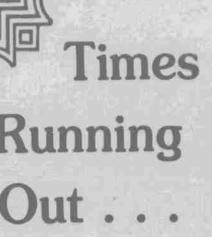
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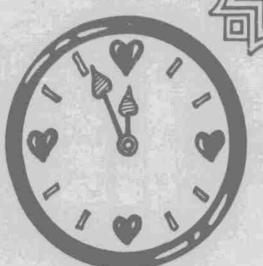
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