

# Choral leaders choose Scarlet and Cream Singers

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The Scarlet and Cream Singers, the University of Nebraska's show choir, have a full calendar of performances for their 1984-85 season. Appearances range from a ball at the Cornhusker Hotel to a farmer/rancher banquet.

The group, nicknamed "Screamers," is composed of 14 singers, 3 band members, and two technicians. The Nebraska Alumni Association sponsors the choir.

UNL students can hear a free performance at the Union Plaza Mall before the Cornhuskers' Homecoming game Oct. 6.

The National Choral Directors Association Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah is among other tentative performances. Scarlet and Cream was one of two colle-

giate show choirs picked to perform from numerous audition tapes sent to the association from universities throughout the United States, said group member and alumni representative Jon Kahle. The group will take a spring tour of western Nebraska, but this summer, nine members toured farther from home — to Greenland and Newfoundland with the USO.

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## Lost art of patience, promising changes with modern contracts

Two months in my new luxury apartment. Compared to previous digs, "luxury" means there is a door on the freezer, most of the light switches work and less than 25 percent of the other tenants are on a time-share plan at the Regional Center. Pretty swanky.

"One eighty-five-a-month plus electric and cooking gas." No problem. The stove's gas was on the first few weeks so I bought some bacon. The next day a man came and shut off the gas. A friend and I joked about using my electric iron to "iron the bacon."

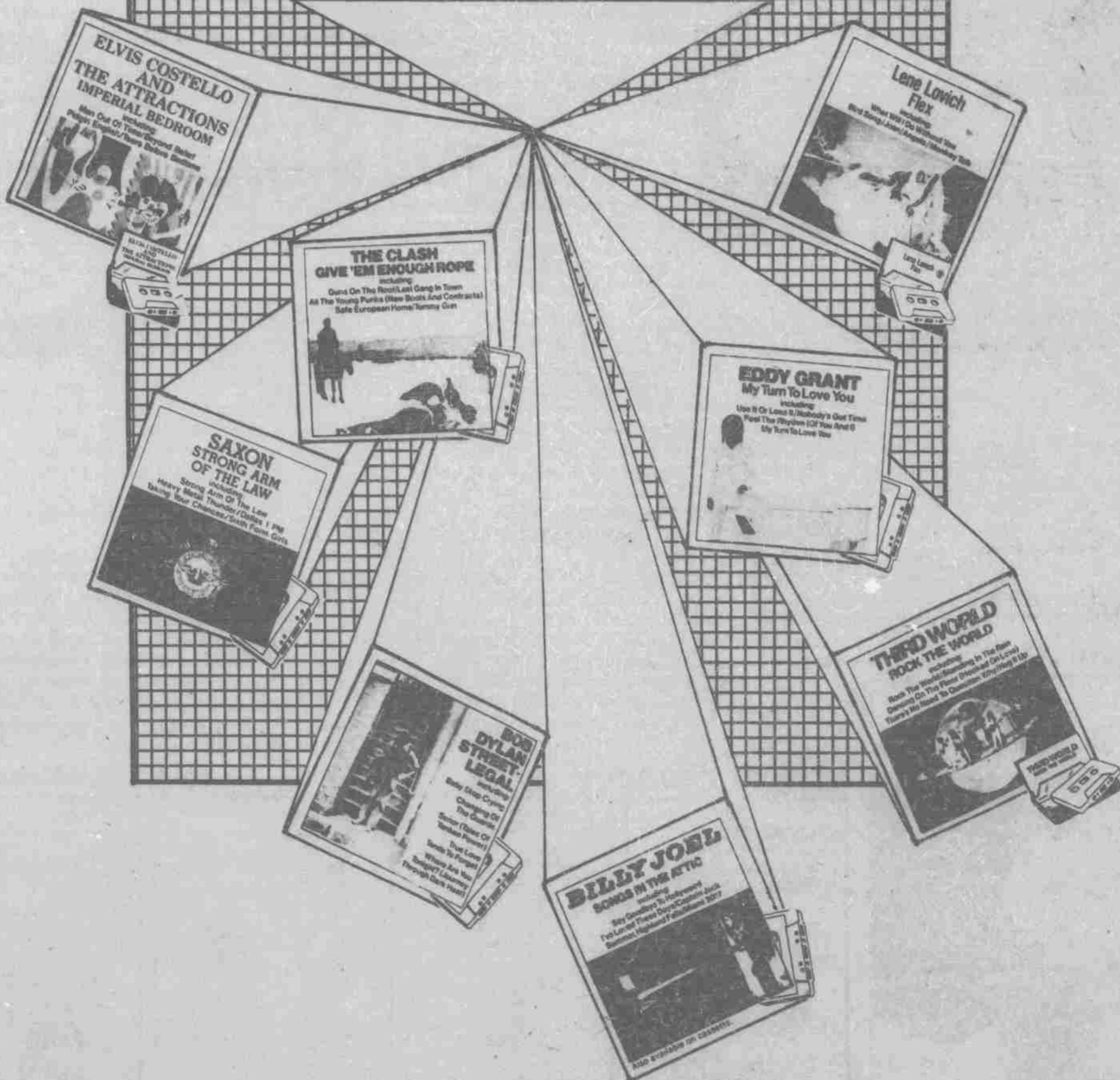
That was four weeks ago. Since then, I've been "ironing the bacon" as well as the toast, eggs and frozen pizzas. I'm not laughing anymore. It works surprisingly well, though a bit slow, but using an inverted iron for a hot plate loses its quaint charm rather quickly when you know you won't have gas deposit money for another three weeks. Patience, patience.

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"Ironing the bacon" falls into that category of things that "we'll look back on in twenty years and laugh about." Two decades seems like a long wait for solace, and an unguaranteed one at that. It's patience based on a promise.

Gas companies don't operate on promises, but people are supposed to. After breaking up with an eight-year companion a few years ago, my brother dutifully tried to console me with "time heals all wounds." Another patience based on a promise. I prefer to side with David Byrne of the Talking Heads, "patience is a virtue, but I don't have the time."

Promising and falling for promises is somewhat of a lost art. In times gone by, the saying was "a man is only as good as his word." A hand shake was as good as a contract. Now, even married couples are writing marriage contracts. Obviously the rules of promising (and the patience that usually accompanies it) have changed with the times. In case you haven't gotten the word, here are a few things you should remember.

1) Use promises as a delaying tactic. After a missed deadline or appointment, a seemingly more sincere commitment like a promise buys time. Try something like "It won't happen again, I promise." Some overly-patient people will even fall for this twice.

2) Use promises to gain someone's faith and trust. If a person seems the least bit dubious about a certain arrangement or task, reassure them with a promise. People like to be reassured, even if it's only temporary or phony. This will first teach them patience, and later, mistrust, which is much safer in the long run. Promises in this category include jobs, happiness, heaven and their share of the tab.

3) Use promises occasionally when there is nothing at stake. For instance, if you had already planned to be someplace at a certain time, and someone asks you to meet them there, promise them that you "will do your darnedest to be there." This will maintain the trust for more deceitful types of promises in the future. Remember, a little bit of truth in a pack full of lies can prove to be quite productive.

No doubt you will come up with some of your own promising techniques. All of them will aid others in learning patience. But be patient, yourself. They'll be using the same tricks on you.