

Music

One Whisper adds original twist, tries to build following

By Kyle Foster
Staff Reporter

One of Lincoln's newest bands, One Whisper, will be appearing Friday and Saturday night at Chesterfields, in the lower level of Gunny's. Cover charge will be \$2.

One Whisper is Roger Benes, lead vocal and keyboards, Les Bennett, guitar, Pat Yarusso, bass guitar, and Jeff Dell, drums.

The foursome has built up a sizeable fraternity and sorority following among UNL's Greeks by playing at events. More recently, however, they have begun to attract a sizeable non-Greek audience by playing Lincoln's local clubs including The Zoo Bar, Chesterfields, and the Drumstick.

Band Preview

The band's original and very danceable: a good party sound.

"We think it's important to be original," Benes said. "We try to combine all of our efforts into one sound. We try to give out one experience from four different people."

Although the band is becoming popular, bassist Yarusso says he is not satisfied.

"We've got to build up more of a following," he said. "Bars are like a concert atmosphere. People will sit down and watch you before they'll get up and dance. We're trying to put on a show as well as the music."

The bulk of One Whisper's song list is original material, but they do play a few covers by bands such as U2, The Beatles, and The Cars.

"There's two ways to do covers,"



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Guitarist Les Bennett

Benes said, "you either try to play it exactly as it's recorded or you try to add an original twist. We add an origi-

nal twist." Benes adds, "We like to have a lot of fun, we're a little insane."

In spite of this happy-go-lucky attitude, the band has a serious attitude about its music.

"We feel guilty if we don't play up to par," Benes said. "When we don't, we come out the next night playing three times as hard. If we didn't we couldn't exist as a band much longer."

The band's plans include promotions and a lot of hard work. They will be recording a promotional single in late January.

Clapp, Carpenter perform together in Westbrook recital

Violinist Stephen Clapp of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Ohio, and Pianist William Carpenter, Lincoln performer and teacher, will represent works by Beethoven, Bloch and Franck at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, at Westbrook Recital Hall, 11th and R streets.

The performance is sponsored by the Nebraska Unit of the American Teachers Association with support from the Nebraska Arts Council and the Lincoln Community Arts Council.

Clapp is professor of violin at Oberlin and first violinist of the Oberlin String Quartet. He was the winner of the Nauberg First Chamber Music Award and the Joseph Gingold Prize of the Cleveland Society for Strings.

Carpenter is a performing pianist, teacher of piano and chamber music coach. He is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music and holds a Master of Music degree from the University of Notre Dame.

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