

Readers: Spoof disgrace, ASUN elitist

Letters

Readers say ASUN has bark but no bite

The day care center is open and the child politicians are at play. The current uproar over gag orders, appointments boards, "deep throats" and various "feel good" resolutions underscores the common opinion that the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska is nothing more than an obtuse, flaccid and self-righteous exercise in mental overstimulation by a select few of the student body kowtowing to certain special interest groups.

Their over-inflated opinion of the function, purpose and power of ASUN boggles the mind of any thinking individual. Considering that less than 15 percent of the students even bothered to vote in the last election, does anybody really give a tinker's damn?

Certain cliques would have us believe these "paramount issues" are of such significance that a failure to act appropriately would cause the collapse of the university, a nuclear holocaust, various crimes against humanity and dogs and cats living together.

Despite the relative negativity displayed above, we feel ASUN's efforts to bring order to the chaotic book situation should be lauded because it is an effort to serve the students. Perhaps after they have found the explanation as to why parking meters expire only during class, senators can turn their considerable talent and power to solving the unnecessarily slow action on transcript requests that at least one ASUN senator can vouch for.

There will still be a spring with or without ASUN.

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graduate students
history
(two who did vote)

Spoof issue attacked for embarrassing UNL

Each year I look forward to the April 1 issue of the Daily Nebraskan. Not this year. The 1988 Daily Half-asskin was a big disappointment. Rather than having humorous spoofs on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the administration, government, society and university life, it was an embarrassment to the university, the DN staff, editors and readers.

I particularly take issue with Mike Reilly, DN editor, who has to take responsibility for the final result. Some day that issue will come back to haunt him in his professional career, indicating a lack of leadership, credibility, maturity and good journalism sense. The only good I can see in this issue is that it will be a benchmark for future editors to avoid printing anything as bad as this 1988 issue.

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Editor's note: The DN policy book states that editorial content is controlled by the student editors, not the administration.

Joke issue meant for students, reader says

I'm writing in response to letters from State Sens. Jerry D. Miller and Merton L. Dierks (Daily Nebraskan, April 17, 18) who criticized the Daily Nebraskan's April 1 joke issue, the Daily Half-asskin.

First off, the DN/DH is published at a college, so it's naturally aimed at a college audience and age group (I'm a 22-year-old non-student). Just because the senators didn't think the Half-asskin was funny doesn't mean we don't. Did Dierks ask his children, who are in college, about the paper? Did they think it was funny? Or did he just assume it was "like father, like child?" Mark another point for the generation gap.

I must say I have a wide sense of humor. I always have. It's important to me to make people laugh. The main reason I read the DN is for Bloom County and the Far Side cartoons. Each year I look forward to the joke issue. It's the only time I read the whole paper, cover to cover.

If the senators can't laugh at the dull, backward lifestyle of Nebraska, I suggest they move to someplace serious like Washington. Ha! I guess the Half-asskin made fools out of a couple of senators.

If the Half-asskin writers want a newspaper job after graduation, they could work for National Lampoon. One thing did surprise me about the Half-asskin: It didn't poke fun at heavy metal music, but I guess that will come in a regular issue.

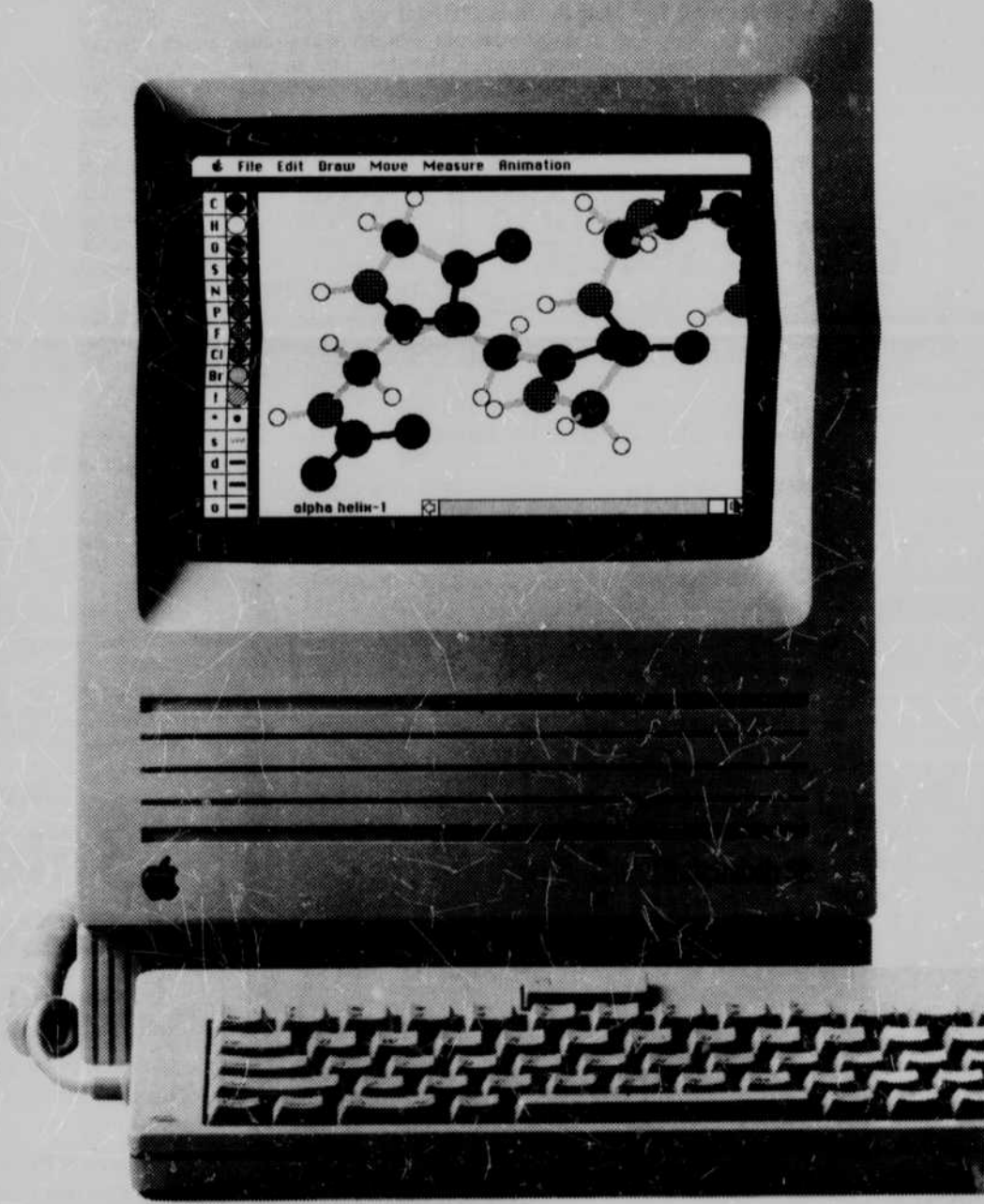
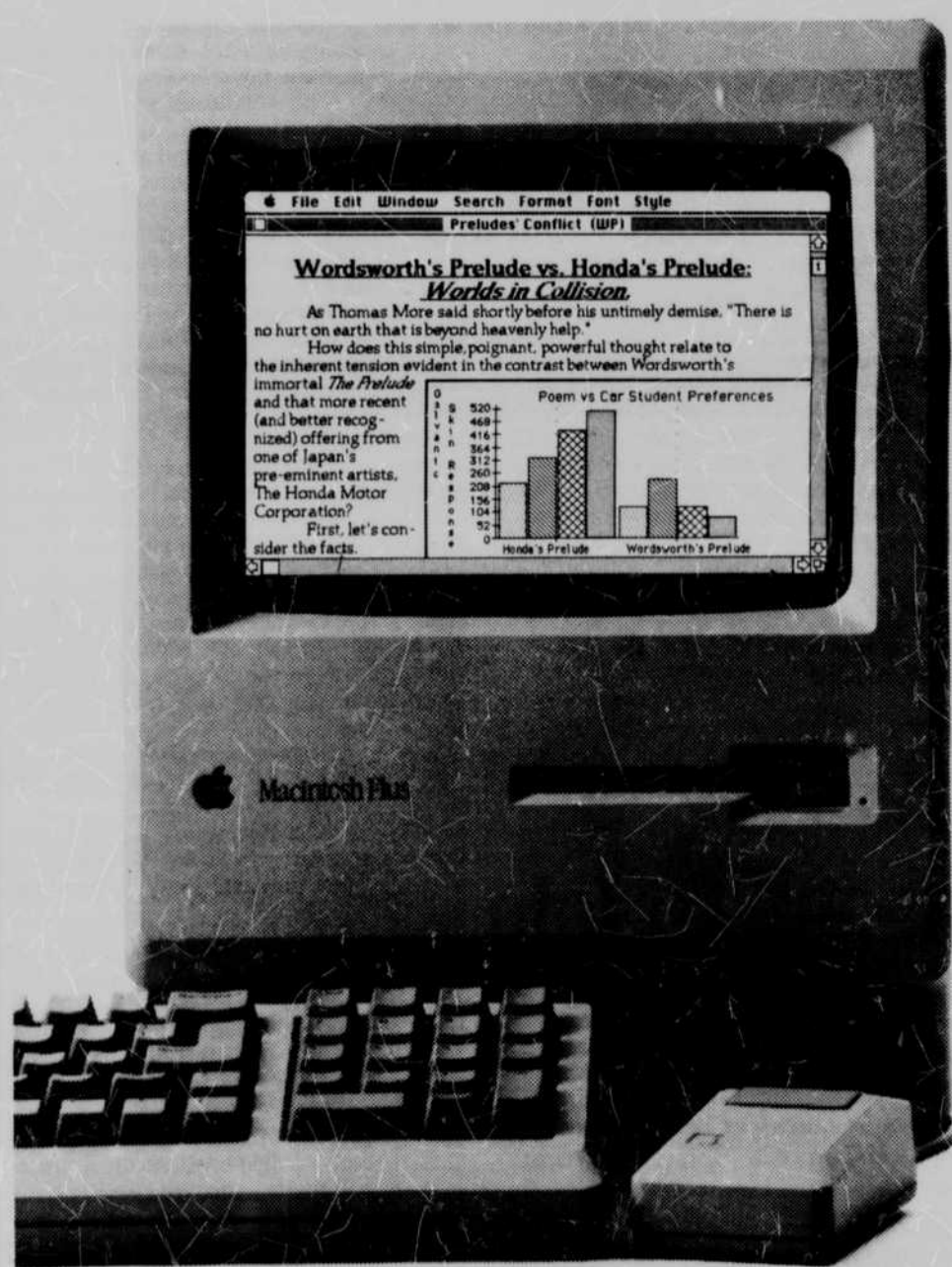
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