

# opinion

READER

## Think, then write

Lisa Donovan and Carol Grell (Daily Nebraskan, Sept. 25), let's think about college for a while. Our first reason for being here (although a great many students, I admit, do not seem to realize it) is to get an education. Along with learning classroom studies, one must also agree that a college education cannot be complete without interaction with members of the society that this institution of ours creates.

Now, Lisa, even if you are not in a sorority, which I am not sure if you are or not, you must realize that these social events ("perpetuations of sexism," as you so deftly put it) are, in fact, more than an excuse for the males of the greek system to exploit, gawk at and drool over the women of the greek system. The social events that occur throughout the year are very opportunistic occasions for interaction between not only males and females of the greek species, but for all who find themselves compelled to participate in any way whatsoever.

Next, as to your feelings about the exploitation of women in these contests, it seems to me that, unless you happened to personally be one of the women who has been exploited, you really should not be offended that a certain few women in our society are proud enough of their physical appearances to allow themselves to be photographed, in any manner, and displayed to the general public so that they, too, may appreciate the beauty of this thing we call the human body.

On the other hand, if you are one of the women who have personally been exploited, it cannot have happened without your consent (otherwise, how could these photographs have been obtained), and once again, you really should not be offended because it is on your own agreement that these photos were taken and displayed.

Now, Carol, you have presented a very strong statement, and I agree that the prevention of disease and unwanted pregnancies falls to both partners. Women have traditionally been concerned with birth control pills, IUD's and the like, but we're talking about condoms here. First of all, condoms are effective in the prevention of pregnancy and disease, while pills, IUD's and the like are geared specifically toward pregnancy prevention.

Now I pose to you this question: Is it fair that the prevention of pregnancy be shared by both partners, and the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases be the responsibility solely of the male? If you are truthful in answering this, you must realize that it is not too much to ask that women know how to properly utilize the benefits of the condom. On the other side of the coin, if the Daily Nebraskan were to print an article on the proper insertion of IUD's, foams, or other "female" contraceptives, I

personally would find it very interesting and educational.

Finally, I would like you to realize two things: First, "accepting responsibility for contraception and disease control" is something that must be shared, discussed and acted upon by both partners. As for taking a moment to think about actions and take control of hormones and et cetera, remember always that "it takes two to tango."

Second, there is a difference between sexism and sex. No one that I can think of is in favor of sexism except those who are not quite in their own minds, but anyone who is against sex is against one of the greatest expressions of emotion available to our species (and I will not hesitate to mention that, when done properly, it feels damned good).

Please think.

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### Zsa Zsa censured

In response to Jim Williams' letter (DN, Sept. 25), I felt compelled to write. In fact, Zsa Zsa Gabor is the most noxious representative of the bourgeoisie I can personally think of off the top of my head. To refer to her as oppressed is a fundamental warping of reality. Maybe she won't be able to buy another diamond necklace tomorrow, because she's in jail? Boo Hoo! Punish all bourgeois criminals.

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### Cyclists need laws

It never fails.

After I wake up in the morning and am on my way to my 8 a.m. class every day, stumbling down the sidewalk on a trek to Andrews Hall, I'm accosted by the same situation.

"Cowabunga!" is the death cry I hear coming from the lips of a psychotic bicyclist. And I see before me a Schwinn all-terrain bicycle heading toward me at full force and somehow taking up the entire sidewalk.

Several students are plowed over before anyone can really react. When realism of the situation finally hits, a large man in a cheap taffeta suit with a red power tie pushes a woman and her baby carriage out of the way just in the nick of time. And still the cyclist pursues. There I stood, frozen, not able to move as the man of mammoth proportions rolled over me, leaving tread marks all the way from my toe jam to my dandruff.

And all I was left with was the memory of the click-click-clicking from the playing card that was clothespinned to the spokes of his wheel. That sound haunts me still today.

I realize this is kind of an exag-

geration, but you have to admit you've seen something similar. These bicyclists are out of control and I think there should be some rules governing the sidewalks. In reality, the other day I saw three women get plowed over without so much as a "Scuse me."

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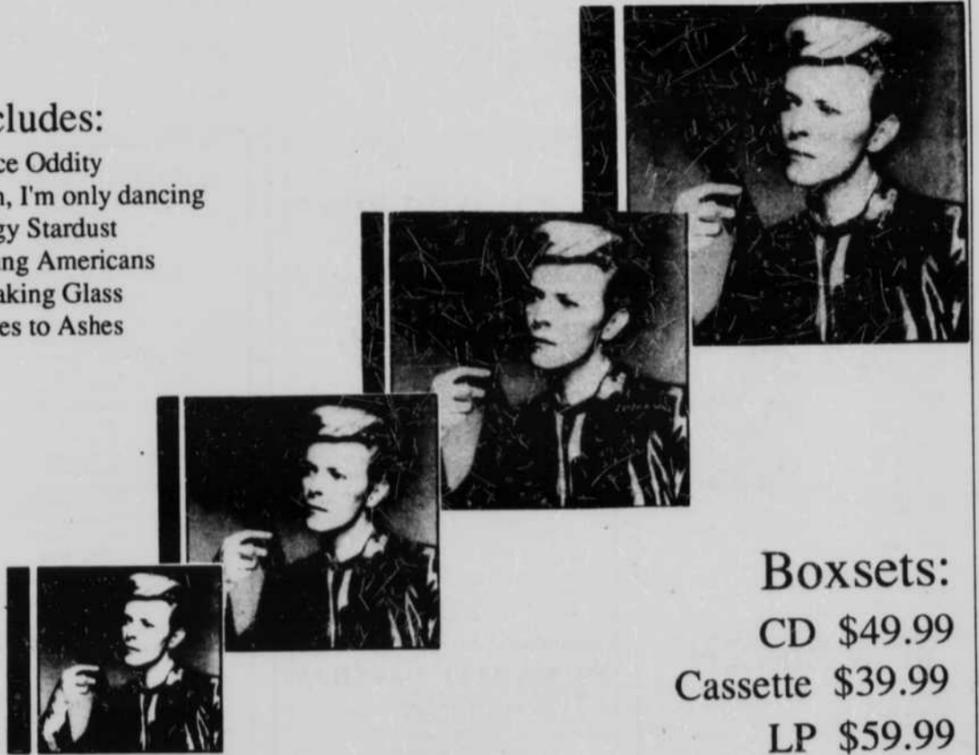
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