

Half-Asskin applauded

Rape, journalistic humor concern readers

Victims prefer reporting rapes to female officers

I am not one who generally likes to make a fuss; however, I must admit that sometimes even I feel compelled to speak out.

April 21, I attended a meeting about rape at which a university police officer was asked to attend and comment.

Although I found this man very informative — and I was glad to see a man so concerned about this subject — I was somewhat dismayed at the policy our university police department apparently follows.

I asked the officer if he thought women would prefer to report a rape to a woman. His reply was that it was more a matter of training. I accepted his response, but after talking with my wife, my instructor and several friends, I realized that if we aren't

providing rape victims with what they prefer in reporting a rape, aren't we as a university — as a police department — part of the problem?

My question evolved because of my question and because he said "most of the time" women would have to report a rape to a male. Now as a male, if such an act did happen to me, (although I do know chances are three billion to one) I would want to talk to a male. What about you women? If my guess is right, I think you'd rather talk to trained women than to men.

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Graduate student should get sense of humor

Geewiz, I hope by the time I

become a graduate student like Steve R. Sandoval I will be "educated" and "intellectual" enough not to find humor in such "juvenile" things as the Daily Half-Asskin. Steve, if you will "never find anything funny as long as it oppresses a particular group," what will you ever find funny?

Someone or something has to be the butt of a joke or else there is no joke. So how do you laugh at all, Mr. Sandoval? The Daily Half-Asskin had something in it to offend almost everyone, if they let it; it was not picking on any individual group. To compare all of this to the intentional hatred of cross burning by the KKK is ridiculous. The articles in the Daily Half-Asskin were not, at least in my opinion, hateful but just a little bit of teasing for fun. Now surely by the time someone has reached college, they should be able to deal with a bit of teasing . . . or maybe just we "uneducated" "non-intellectual"

"juveniles" are the only ones who can still withstand a little joking around.

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Students welcome return of Half-Asskin

In response to the negative attitudes towards the Daily Half-Asskin — simply don't read it. If the issue

offended anyone, it was all in journalistic humor. Its comparisons to sexual or racial oppression and to UNL as an institution of no credibility were remarks from students whose humor is compared to reruns of "Hee-Haw."

It's been two years since they published the last issue of the Half-Asskin and it has been long awaited. I, and MANY other fellow students applaud the creativity and hours of thought.

Lighten up. It's Dead Week!!

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Professor: Faculty group will tackle gender inequalities

By Alan Phelps
Staff Reporter

Inequality between the education of men and women at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will be the focus of a new faculty study group, UNL English professor Barbara DiBernard said.

"The premise is that women and men do not necessarily receive an equal education," DiBernard said.

She said the group, called "Creating an Equal Climate for Women's Studies," will meet weekly to collect and discuss literature on the subject. Through discussion, she said, members will try to find ways to educate others

about how to make women's education more equal.

"We will be educating ourselves," she said. "A broader goal will be to change department and university policy."

DiBernard said she also hopes members will be able to convince organizations with money to hold workshops on the subject.

Some studies suggest that the male-oriented culture of America makes women, although they sit in the same classrooms as men, receive poorer educations than men because of conscious or unconscious teacher-or textbook biases, DiBernard said.

She said the studies are generalizations, but

some bias does exist at UNL and a study group is needed to look into the problem.

"It's not so much that there are policies detrimental to women. It's more like a lack. A person could teach a history course and not include women," she said. "There shouldn't be rules. It's more of an awareness thing."

DiBernard said the premise of the group comes from an essay by Adrienne Rich, a contemporary poet and writer.

The essay contains three major points regarding women's education, she said. The first is the prevalent use of the generic "he" in classrooms, which DiBernard argues makes

women feel less important.

The second is the women-deficient content of college curricula, she said.

"We don't hear equally about men's and women's achievements in virtually everything," she said. "Women aren't learning about their own past; it's mostly what men have done."

DiBernard said the third point concerns the "climate of fear" in which women must live. She said some of her female students have told her they don't go to the library to study at night because they are afraid.

"Even when we don't let that stop us, part of our energy is taken up by fear," she said. "In the long term, it gets in the way of equal education."

Housing summer storage policy surprises Selleck Hall resident

By Michelle Wing
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A University of Nebraska-Lincoln housing department policy has taken at least one resident of Selleck Hall by surprise.

Joseph Spenner said he didn't understand the reasons behind the policy, which does not allow students to keep their belongings in their rooms if they are not taking pre-session classes.

"I see no problem with leaving my things here. I guess (the university) does," he said.

The UNL housing department will empty the residence halls after finals week, hoping to generate as much revenue as possible this summer. That means residents who will live in Selleck Hall during summer session, but not during the three-week pre-session, will have to move out in the meantime, even if their rooms won't be used during that time.

Sue Gildersleeve, assistant director of housing, said the reasons for the move-out policy are valid.

"We can't let someone keep a room occupied if we have an opportunity to make money on that room," Gildersleeve said. "We can't just let someone leave their things for free."

The housing department will make sure all unoccupied rooms in Selleck Residence Hall, which is open for summer student housing, are vacant. Those rooms then may be rented out for such events as summer camps.

After emptying their rooms for the pre-session, students will be able to move back into their rooms for the first and second five-week sessions.

Spenner said he was unaware that he would have to move his things out of his room if he did not take a pre-session class.

"We ought to be informed," he said. "I was kind of left in the dark."

Gildersleeve said there is nothing implied in the housing contract that would lead residents to believe they could leave their belongings in their rooms for the summer.

"There should be no one who isn't aware of (the policy)," she said.

Tracy Wiseman, Selleck residence director, said most students will not be affected by the move-out policy. She said those who are should already be aware of the policy.

As an alternative to moving everything out of the halls, UNL housing provides storage for returning residents' belongings.

If students want to leave their rooms as they are, they can arrange to pay a room-only rate for the time they are gone. The door then is locked so the student can't get into the room in the meantime.

"Just as if you have an apartment, you pay even when you're not there," said Michele Cole, assistant director of housing for administration.

She said exceptions are made for physically disabled students living in Selleck, who are able to leave some of their belongings in the hall even if they do not live there over the summer.

Cole said the university provides one room free of charge for all disabled students on campus to store special equipment such as hospital-type beds.

Athletic

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Farmer and Ramos apparently met Peery last year while Farmer was employed by Misle Chevrolet and Imports, now under the name Park Place Chevrolet and Imports.

When Nee learned Farmer and Ramos had purchased the cars — a 1985 BMW and a 1987 Blazer — with loans from Peery, Nee said he and Nebraska officials decided to self-report the incident to the NCAA. The NCAA reviewed the case and determined that Farmer and Ramos were ineligible for play.

The university appealed the decision and Farmer was reinstated the day of the first round of the NCAA tournament. Ramos left the team during the Big Eight tournament and rejoined

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UNL basketball coach

at the end of the season.

Nee said precautions will be taken to ensure that another such incident doesn't occur.

Classes, programs and reviews on NCAA rules will be strengthened, he said.

"We need to educate our athletes on what can and can't be done," Nee said.

Bryant agreed that education is the key to prevention.

Then, "you hope that the people involved do the right thing."

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