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## No secrets

### Hearings determine Clinton re-election

As President Clinton addressed the Republican Congress and the nation in his fourth State of the Union speech, his wife sat in the audience undoubtedly preparing to address questions looming around the Whitewater investigation.

Hillary Rodham Clinton was subpoenaed Tuesday to testify before a grand jury about whether she or anyone else inside the White House tried to hide records requested by investigators two years ago. The records, which turned up in the White House, detail Mrs. Clinton's involvement in a failing Arkansas savings and loan owned by Whitewater business partners of the Clintons.



Aaron Steckelberg/DN

Mrs. Clinton is the only first lady to ever be summoned by a grand jury. And she will have much to answer in U.S. District Court on Friday. Not only questions about the records, but questions about the integrity of the White House.

Prosecutors sent a serious message to the White House in summoning Mrs. Clinton — political leaders must be held accountable in the eyes of the law.

At a time when Americans distrust their elected representatives more than ever, holding leaders accountable has become an all-important issue. Mrs. Clinton must confront and tackle these questions to restore faith in the president and the people around him.

Politics will undoubtedly be tied to Mrs. Clinton's testimony. Beyond what is learned about the records, the image of the Clintons is on trial.

Throughout the Whitewater investigation, the Clintons have not been exactly upfront about their involvement. There have been lingering questions about their honesty in this matter.

Politically, if Mrs. Clinton and the president don't cooperate with the investigation at this point, Americans could sink the Clinton ship this fall.

Even the way Mrs. Clinton approaches her court appearance on Friday will say something to the American public.

Associated Press writer Pete Yost summed up the delicate tight-rope Mrs. Clinton is walking when he wrote Tuesday: "She (Mrs. Clinton) can greet the throng of reporters and television cameras at the front door in an attempt to demonstrate she has nothing to hide. Or she can be whisked by a car into an underground garage and up to the grand jury room, making no public show."

When Mrs. Clinton has finished her testimony about the records, the image of her honesty that Americans come away with could determine whether her husband will again sit in the Oval Office after this fall's election or in a square room back in Arkansas.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Enjoy his talent

In response to the letter Thursday, Jan. 18, "Toons" by Mark Byars:

I feel it is important that someone speak up for Mr. Mehsling and all that he has accomplished in his tenure as cartoonist for the DN. I attended high school with Mehsling, and worked on the school newspaper with him when he was experimenting with a comic strip called "Kroger." Though he was inexperienced, Mehsling won several awards for his cartoons, including best cartoonist in the state. He was, in fact, the pride of our school's newspaper.

Mehsling is equally impressive in his work at the DN. His editorial cartoons, which he has had the most practice with, have matured greatly.

I believe, given a bit of time, Mr. Mehsling's cartoons could become what his editorial cartoons are fast becoming: entertaining, thought-provoking and fresh. So rare it is to see a man of talent maturing in his field. Let's enjoy it while we have him.

Bryan Herek  
senior  
English/philosophy

### Ray rebutted

Let's see, the best reason Bob Ray can come up with for opposing Bob Dole for President is: "The last thing we need is another old fart reading from a cue card and smothering the public with promises and statistics" (Jan. 19).

Kudos to Mr. Ray for smothering his valued readers with such articulate and eloquent arguments.

There are many good reasons for folks to either support or not support this year's Presidential candidates. Mr. Ray's, however, are not

numbered among them.

For Bob's next column, may I suggest an intellectual consideration of the candidates and their policy positions? May I also suggest that he avoid opposing candidates based on their age or generational status? That only serves to elucidate a severely narrow-minded view of politics and the world.

Thomas K. Eads  
senior  
political science/ English  
via e-mail



James Mehsling/DN

### Not surprised

I find it interesting that the pro-abortion activist in Tuesday's DN feels that we pro-life people are being "unfair" in successfully educating people about abortion. It is enlightening to note that she, as president of the Nebraska Pro-Choice Coalition, feels that the democratic process is "unfair" when she doesn't get her way. But, I guess I shouldn't be surprised. Pro-

abortion people feel that they have the right to choose life or death for unborn humans. It is only natural for them to get upset when they cannot dictate the attitudes and beliefs of those of us living outside the womb.

Mike Sanchez  
graduate student  
classics/Greek  
via e-mail

### Grateful Jerry's dead

Bury Jerry! I'm tired of hearing about Jerry Garcia. Kelly Johnson (Jan. 18) actually had the gall to mention his name in the same sentence as Einstein (not to mention the Cookie Monster). Yeah, that's right, I have no respect for Garcia or his drug-hazed following. In my opinion, Garcia was a large, doped-out hack whose time (if ever there was a time for that trash) passed 30 years ago. And although I know it will drive the tie-dyed scum that worship him nuts, I have to say: "Jerry, I'm glad you're dead."

Brent Hawkins  
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### On-line = in touch

As a recent graduate from UNL, I have been reading the campus paper via the Internet from my home just outside of Omaha. This is a nice service plus it is a way that alumni, as well as anyone else, can keep in touch with the news from Lincoln. Keep up the good work!

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