



BARB CHURCHILL

I'm a graduate student in saxophone performance. I'm also a writer and composer, and I read everything I can on almost every subject under the sun.

I like writing. I like it a lot. And, since I'm strongly considering staying here at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for a second master's degree in journalism (and, since I don't have a bachelor's in it, it might

be a tough row to hoe), I'd like to get some practical experience before I make up my mind.

For those of you who haven't read my previous columns, I hope you'll give them a try. UNL students desperately need people who aren't exactly in the mainstream. Since I'm more than 30 years old and divorced, I am NOT a traditional graduate student as UNL seems to define it.

Yet, in a lot of ways, I'm not all that different from most of you. I am rather conservative morally, but I'm a strong and unabashed social liberal who believes anyone, regardless of race, sexuality or creed, deserves a chance to state his or her opinion in peace. I am also a nonmaterialist nonconformist who believes, like the "X-Files," "the truth is out there."



CLIFF HICKS

Cliff Hicks was raised in the upper middle class, his parents both Republican. Ironically, he ended up rather Democratic. He is pro-abortion rights, pro-earth, pro-death penalty, anti-censorship, anti-government and somewhat of an anarchist.

He is almost never seen without his leather jacket. Attempting to major in news-editorial journalism, focusing on design and

layout, he hopes to be out of college before Armageddon. Beyond that, he wants to retire from journalism as quickly as possible to become a full-time fiction writer.

He loves feedback.

Hicks detests fashion, trends, popularity, the "in crowd" and anything else too superficial to be worthwhile. He cites as his major influences Mark Twain, Groucho Marx, William Shakespeare, Raymond Chandler, Steven Brust, Douglas Adams and Monty Python. His hobbies include photography, graphic art, fiction writing, guitars and cats. He, like any artist, isn't very normal (if you cannot tell), since he tends to refer to himself in the third person.

His label of preference is "cynic."



MALCOLM KASS

Well, well, well. The student body - and what a HOT student body you are - is finally going to know what makes Malcolm John Kass tick.

I guess I can't hide forever. I'm 22, balding, Portuguese, usually insulting someone or something, and a lover of booze and soft porn. I've had nicknames such as balls, moo

cow, moo, sack, sackor and Balki, but most of all, I am a hypocrite. I'm also single and, since my social skills come from an engineering background, I feel I will still be single for a long time.

My columns will contort your thinking, and you will believe I am the Antichrist. I know you are going to cry and whine about my columns, but I am a Cubs fan. I have gotten the shaft since 1907, so I can handle all the abuse you can deliver.

There are three ideas my columns will demonstrate this semester:

- 1) Why the issues of today are much more black-and-white than everyone believes.
- 2) My transition from a rural background to college life to my part in society.
- 3) Why people within the entertainment industry are morons and you should quit worshipping them like gods, you fickle and pathetic liberal arts majors. Liberal Arts, Prepare For War.

To be honest, the underlying reason I write this column is to remove myself from my roommate's chronic explanation of masturbation troubleshooting.



KLAUS MARRE

Hi there. My name is Klaus Marre and I'm a senior in broadcasting. My hobbies are ... just kidding. I'm supposed to write about myself and my columns. Well, first of all, I'm German. In Nebraska this seems to be my most important quality because I am introduced as "my German friend" or "he is from Germany." Sometimes it is really annoying to be "the German," but it has

some benefits. I can act totally strange while pretending my behavior is a German custom. It works - try it in Colorado some time.

Some of you might know me from certain Daily Nebraskan articles last semester or from my work on KRNU's "Three Men and a German." If you do, then you probably have an idea of what I'm about.

I want to use the opportunity to write in the Daily Nebraskan to bring a different viewpoint to this university (or the three to five people who will actually read my column). I realize many students have not gotten out of the country or Lancaster County and I want to compare a few things between living here and in Europe. Some of you will find that interesting; others will get pissed off, send me nasty letters and threaten to report me to Immigration. Great!!!



SHAWN MEYSENBURG

I was born in Lincoln in May 1973. After a few years, my family moved, and I grew up in a small town in Pennsylvania. The summer before my junior year in high school, my family uprooted once again and moved back to Nebraska. I graduated from Morrill High School in 1991.

Shortly after graduation, I enlisted in the U.S. Navy. I managed to survive boot camp, and reported to a foreign language school on the coast of central California. While there, I studied Russian. After completing this training, I was sent overseas and spent four years abroad in Japan, Scotland and Germany.

When my enlistment came to an end, I left the military and moved to Lincoln to begin college. I don't really care for college (mostly because I don't like studying or being flat broke all of the time), but I do enjoy writing. That's why I applied to be a columnist.



JOSH MOENNING

Hello there, my name is Josh Moenning, and I will be the guy those of you suffering under the mostly irrational liberal ideology will love to hate this semester. For the rest of you with sound mind, body and soul, it should be a fun ride.

On a more personal note, I hail from the sleepy little village of Battle Creek. I am currently a sophomore political science and advertising major. As far as my interests go, I enjoy watching "Welcome Back, Kotter" and "Three's Company" reruns as well as maintaining my own Biz Markie album collection.



TODD MUNSON

SWM, 22, 6'1", 175, raised by mother, is well groomed and potty trained. He always leaves the toilet seat down, ladies. Enjoys reruns of "MacGyver," rainy days, long walks in the park and the occasional 7 Layer Burrito. He lives one day at a time by the philosophy of Homer - Simpson that is.

Todd seeks an audience to entertain, enlighten and, if all goes well, offend. This cat's a live one, so send him plenty of hate mail.



DANIEL MUNKSGAARD

God, I hate introductions. Say a little something about myself? All right. I grew up in a medium-sized town in Iowa, went to high school in Lincoln and am in the process of switching over to a combination English and religious studies major. And the most important thing I learn every single year is that everything I assumed last year is wrong (or a little off-base).

Some of you may have read my columns last semester. If so, expect more of the same. And for those of you who don't know, "the same" usually involves some combination of religion, sex, liberalism and a general feeling of, "It's going to be OK. Not great, but OK."



LORI ROBISON

I am a 30-year-old senior news-editorial major at UNL. My minors are art, economics and sociology. I like to read (I'm partial to Anne Rice right now), do crossword puzzles and go dancing.

Originally from Baltimore, I am a single parent of a 10-year-old daughter and have lived in Lincoln for almost nine years. I have had plenty of different kinds of jobs,

including short-order cook, factory worker and groundskeeper for a carnival (that was strange!).

Politically, I consider myself to be an independent with liberal tendencies. I am pro-abortion rights and a feminist who believes women need not "become" men to succeed and flourish.



KATIA OVCHARENKO

Kateryna Ovcharenko is my name, and if you take a phonetics course, you may be able to pronounce it. I'm an exchange student from Ukraine; it's quite a large European country by the Black Sea.

I'm a freshman English major, though I could have been a junior if I were a transfer student. I'm also a Christian; don't ask me about my denomination - I'm the one who

follows Christ. That's it.

As for my personal traits, I have a good sense of humor (well, maybe not, but the hope never dies). I like traveling and meeting new, interesting people. I love my family, friends, people in general, Mother Nature, books, dogs, bags, flags - I love life!



JIM VANCE

I am a senior physical and health education major and have spent three years as a student athlete for the cross country and track teams here at UNL.

I am crazy, sane, funny, serious, emotional, stoic, stubborn, open-minded, egotistical, modest and self-contradicting. But I am strong in my convictions.

No one knows what to expect from me, including me. My least favorite letters are A and J.

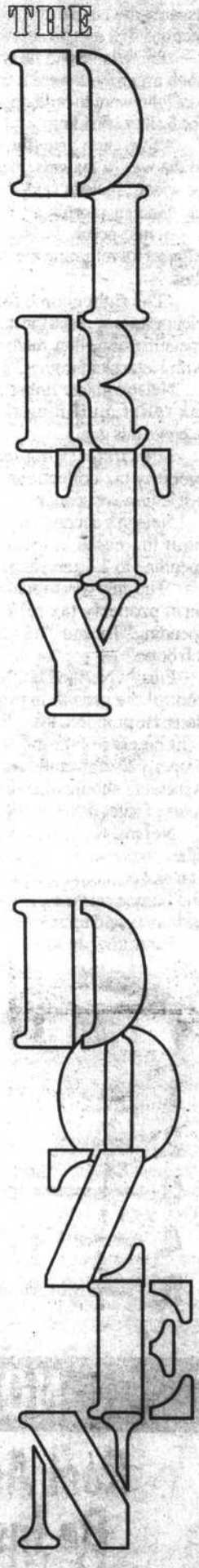


MARK ZMARZLY

I am an honest person. Abrasively honest. If you walk into a bar dressed like a clown, I'm going to tell you. If you ask me to critique a paper and it sucks, I'm going to tell you. If you ask me how I feel about my friends and family, I'm going to tell you I love them to death. I'm a very opinionated person, and I'm also very passionate about my beliefs. I guess that's what qualifies me to be an opinion writer.

I can rarely keep my mouth shut in a discussion, another columnist qualification. The most important qualification, and the one that drew me to the Daily Nebraskan, is that I'm a typical student.

I'm a fifth-year senior who is scared of graduation. I work a lot to pay my bills and, combined with school, I often feel my family and friends get neglected. I have experienced extreme highs while in college, but I've also hit extreme lows. My life is probably a lot like yours, and that is what I want you to draw from my columns - our common experiences and feelings.



Columnists share ideas, goals for new semester