

## is there smoke?

Hats off to the Huskers, Bob Devaney and staff for their three fine victories.

Now that Nebraska has played three games and the rest of the teams of the Big Eight have all played at least two, some interesting observations can be ventured.

First of all, I would like to clarify that I am no stranger to the "heil Devaney-Huskers" club. After watching Devaney, his staff and methods during spring practice last year, yours truly predicted, in printing, great things to come.

To offer a short recapitulation of my previously printed views of Rapid Robert and crew, I think that Devaney is well equipped both personally and ability wise to be a head coach.

One group of men that isn't getting their fair share of the credit is his staff, they complement Devaney well and are a valuable asset to him. Put them all together and you have a group of men that have a history of winning, which can be infectious in a team.

As a result, the players, who have always been adequate, are really enjoying the game (winning) and are really hustling and "putting out".

As far as this season is concerned, Nebraska has continued to make great progress every week. The Husker blocking in the South Dakota game was powerful but not particularly efficient.

Against Michigan, I think that Nebraska's determined blocking helped spell the difference between the two teams.

The timing of the backs has improved every week, as has the coordination between passer and receiver. Against Iowa State the backs seemed so confident in their timing that they were concentrating, instead, on really running hard, which paid off in extra yards gained.

One area in which improvement has been lacking is in pass defense. Michigan passed with relative ease against the Husker secondary and so did Iowa State. The Cyclones completed too many passes

to derive much peace of mind from Brown's and Toogood's interceptions.

The factor that may be forboding ill omens for the future is that Nebraska couldn't stop the passes late in the game, WHEN THEY KNEW THAT THE CYCLONES HAD TO PASS! Don't think for a minute that the North Carolina State scouts didn't notice that. The entire defensive picture must improve if more Big Eight victories are to come. (Remember when all we had was a defense?)

Nebraska is indeed fortunate in having two lines that are equal or close to it. They are big and have been quite aggressive, but their desire far outshines their over-all speed. This may or may not catch up with them.

I really doubt if Nebraska will meet a team that will have a better collection of backs. The versatility, including devastating power up the middle, dangerous speed to the outside, increasingly accurate passing all combine to guarantee an honest defense, another stranger to Husker fans.

If and when Nebraska meets a line just as determined but better equipped in the speed department, Devaney will need the services of a healthy Thunder, Stewe and Theisen. The health aspect in the backfield will take on increasing importance as the adversaries grow stronger.

One thing is for sure, Nebraska will make a more than respectable showing this year. But bear in mind that this is Devaney's first year with a group of new boys who are using a new offense. The road to the Orange Bowl is long and steep.

A once-tied, defensive minded Missouri, a potent Kansas and an ever dangerous Oklahoma are going to have to be reckoned with, if the Huskers make it that far in the race undefeated.

Nebraska can do it, but many chips must fall exactly into place. The weekly improvement must continue, the Husker's spirit and determination must take over and be able to do the job where their ability leaves off and the loss of key personnel due to injuries must cease.

Here's my wish that Lady Luck (with an Orange Blossom in her hair) will smile on the determined Huskers who are so rapidly earning the support of their fans and the respect of their contemporaries.

by Mike Maclean



## Gyre and Gimble . . .

ROTC knows how to go about correcting things like the problem that faces us now.

Was it only last year that the Daily Nebraskan shed tears over the fact that there was to be a mass youth exodus from the state? Ah, ha! Somewhere along the line, they must have made either an illegal U turn on the interstate or we are getting the products of a mass exodus from Indigestion, Arizona . . . at any rate we've got this whole mass of people gumming up the arterial sidewalks of the University and something should be done.

Consequently, herewith follows an "Estimate of the Situation."

(1) MISSION. In this case, it would seem to be finding some way to get these moronic little beanie wearers out of the best booths in the crib, off the sidewalks into Burnett and Soc and back where they belong.

(2) SITUATION AND COURSES OF ACTION. The situation is that we have all these optimistic little beasts overtaking the pessimistic watering-holes of the upperclassmen. In order to rout this high school crusade we will take the word COCOA to work the magic of Nestles Instant: Cover, Obstacles, Critical Terrain, Observation and fields of fire and Avenue of approach. Having blithely estimat-

ed the situation, the one factor that would appear to be on the side of the suffering upperclassman is the weather. Due to a survey taken last week it appears that the only way to keep the hordes away from classes is to have it rain; ergo, we must find out if the local rain-maker is a freshman.

If it rains, we can assert ourselves. Rain brings mud, mud brings the still babyish freshman still making mud pies, and that brings us back to the haven of professional guidance for another year.

However, if force need be used, there is another alternative — germ warfare. Why doesn't someone cause a mass infection of mono in the INFANTRY.

The only other course of action is to teach them how to cut classes, which is the most entertaining and involved. Certainly administration would agree that all students A-ACK could skip nine o'clocks on MWF, and ACK-ALR could skip ten o'clocks, and so on.

Please realize, this is not in jest. In these times when columnists keep aiming slings and arrows of misfortune, it is time that a few positive suggestions be made. The preceding is a quote from the new "Beneath the Dignity" award being offered on this campus. —M.S.

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### CAMPUS FORUM

#### Question of Rights Verses Privileges

To the Editor:

After reading Moore's letter (Oct. 11), "NU Discrimination: Is It Not Serious?", and the "Editor's Note" immediately following it, I feel that it is about time that Moore had a long talk with his advisor — before he becomes known as the "cry baby of the campus."

Someone has asked Moore whether he tans and this to Moore is sign of prejudice. This only demonstrates to me that Moore was more conscientious of his skin color than his questioner.

What if the question had nothing to do with color? "Do you ever bite your tongue when you crack nuts with your teeth?" Would this have upset Moore? I've heard it said, many times, that greater mutual understanding will help to bridge the gap between the races. Logic tells me that it would depend upon how dark he is, but in all honesty I must admit

that I couldn't have answered the question of whether a Negro's skin is darkened by exposure to the sun.

Every person on this campus both has personal prejudices and, at the same time, is discriminated against. Discrimination is basically freedom of choice, and is our one of our most fundamental freedoms.

Moore indicates that his social life is limited, but he does not say specifically why. He insinuates that it is only because of his color. Possibly it is. He has not stated what social activities have been barred to him. Perhaps he means social fraternities.

I am not a fraternity member; however, I feel that a fraternity or any other social organization has the right to determine the composition of its own membership. I do not approve of any organization that excludes persons because of the color of their skin, but I would fight for their right to do so, just as I would fight

for a Negro to attend this University.

Has Moore attempted to join one of the honorary fraternities on campus? He could find stimulating social contact there. But let me warn him that he will find discrimination there also — they insist on certain minimum scholastic achievements!

Has Moore felt socially excluded because he has trouble finding dates on campus? Suppose a Catholic girl refuses to date a Protestant boy. So what! She is free to do so. And if she is looking for a mate, then she has demonstrated intelligent concern for her future happiness.

Let us establish in the minds of the students on this campus that there is a difference between a "right" and a "privilege." "Rights" can be demanded, as in the case of Meredith, but "privileges" must be earned. Friendship and fellowship fall in the latter category.

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