

Campus Opinion

# A Retort On Race Issue

Dear Editor:  
We would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Jane Tenhulzen for her objective, unemotional retort to our column of a few days ago.  
We are very sorry that our remarks seemed stupid and elusive to her, especially since her comments formed a journalistic masterpiece. In fact, if it were not for several emotional

statements concerning topics about which we made no statements and a hasty generalization of an incorrect conclusion, we might recommend it for an award. It was stirring.  
It is only too bad that no one wrote an article to which this retort could pertain.  
We did not say that "we

should not worry about problems confronting other areas," Miss Tenhulzen, and we sincerely wonder how you could seriously arrive at this conclusion. Is this the way you interpret our question: "Is there no other way for the civil rights problem to work itself out than the Alabama way?"  
As a matter of fact, the main point of our column

was merely to ask the Nebraskan why it was necessary to highlight racial problems of other campuses, using as a primary example the lead story in Thursday's paper which was found beneath a seven column headline.  
We were not asking the Nebraskan to refrain from covering racial matter, as you imply, but rather asking that any particular subject not be allowed to fill quite as much space in any single issue.

At any rate, some of your remarks were well taken. Your hazy comparison of the situation in Alabama before the race riots began and the situation anywhere else in the country at the present time may certainly be termed intelligent — unless you know what the situation was in the deep south at that time.  
You seem more certain that racial discrimination exists at the University of Nebraska than do a few Negroes with whom we have talked.  
Yes, we have problems here in Nebraska, but they are most certainly not the same type of "problems" confronting other areas. It might well be better to investigate some solutions to our own problems than it would be to investigate others.  
Lynn Coreoran,  
Steve Sydow  
NU Undergraduates

PARADOX:

## Fun To Flunk

Today is another election day at the University, and elections are usually miserable failures — at least as far as the fraternities and independents are concerned.  
Sorority members generally turn out "en masse" and if they don't they receive the well-known weekend campus.

The University should be proud of its students. They have devised a monster which contributes directly to the flunk-out rate. Good way to rid itself of students who take up space where, at present, there is none to be had.

Most freshmen, including the weather beaten Sigma Alpha Mu Pledges, have spent many hard hours slaving on displays which often burn to the ground (EXAMPLE: Sigma Nu's display last year.) and if they don't burn down, they are rained on, or at least scoffed at.

The human symbol of all this work and sweat is the homecoming queen. She reigns supreme.

The problem: Who votes?  
My plea: Vote for homecoming queen. First, as a tribute to a usually beautiful corn-fed Nebraska girl, and second as a tribute to those freshmen (and upper classmen) who make homecoming fun, but in the process terminate their college careers.  
GARY LACEY

TEST BAN:

## Barry's Gap

In a recent speech, Senator Goldwater, the leading candidate for the Republican nomination, warned against a "fatal gap" in American defense resulting from the nuclear test ban. Going still further, the Senator offered the view that the mere prospect of the test ban has already caused the President to abandon "defense projects which offer real not paper protection to the people." The projects the Senator had in mind are those leading to the development of the anti-missile.

The President, however, merely expressed the doubt of the experts who work on the problem that any absolute success will be attained. The Secretary of Defense has testified that the work goes forward under a \$450 million budget. This is a far cry from Senator Goldwater's view that the President "seemingly" has sentenced to death a vital portion of the defense of this Nation. The Senator's qualification of "seemingly" only served to expose his syntactical juggling for what it is, a word game designed to make something out of nothing.

Along with the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission have endorsed the test ban. There were reservations from the military, but they were in general agreement that the ban will serve the best interests of the United States.

The reservations of the Chiefs and indeed the factual base of Senator Goldwater's own objections are essentially of a piece with the reserved optimism of the President's original announcement. It is perfectly clear that no one in the administration approaches the treaty with utopian expectations. As everyone in support has said, it is but a "first step." Still without a first step no journey is ever made.

The only "fatal gap" we see at the moment is the one between Senator Goldwater's facts and his conclusions. If this is a fair sample of his concept of intelligent opposition, a fatal gap may soon appear between the Senator and the Republican nomination.  
Washington Evening Star



The Right Way

## Can Kennedy Win?

By Steve Stastny

Today, more and more, people are asking, "Can John F. Kennedy win in 1964?"

"If he keeps on doing what he is doing, he'll probably beat himself," says Senator Barry Goldwater. If the nation's weekly news magazines are accurate, Goldwater's prophecy is correct. The voters' growing discontent with Kennedy's continuing irresponsible and reactionary "leadership," is becoming evident in the following public attitudes.

In Ohio — a controversial Democrat state — Goldwater is favored over Kennedy because of an eccentric, weak, and divided Democrat Party. By the way, it appears that the NU Young Democrats closely resemble their Big Brothers in Ohio.

According to Georgia's Democratic Senator Richard Russell, Goldwater could carry Georgia against Kennedy. This is significant in that Georgia has never gone for a Republican Presidential candidate in her entire history.  
In the industrial state of

Illinois, a revolt against Chicago's corrupt Democrat machine, and the solid Republican downstate vote will spell defeat for Kennedy.

However, in the Far West, the populous state of Nevada will probably, as in the past, cast its critical three electoral votes for JFK. The thirteen electoral votes of Oregon, Alaska, and Hawaii with these three of Nevada, give Kennedy a grand total of sixteen out of the possible eighty-eight electoral votes in the Far West.

Our boy JFK's fortunes look no brighter in the Middle West than in the Far West, as the electoral votes of Minnesota and Michigan give him thirty-one votes out of a possible 137.  
In the Eastern and Border States, Kennedy has 150

electoral votes to Goldwater's twenty-eight.

The South will be solid again, but this time casting its 128 electoral votes for Goldwater. In the past, the Democratic Party needed only about 1-3 of the electoral votes outside the South in order to win the Presidency. Today it appears that Kennedy has lost this Democratic stronghold to the Republicans.

With the help of massive vote-buying projects (National Youth Service Corps, etc.) and "nonpolitical" tours, our "hero" controls 197 electoral votes out of 270 needed to win. In comparison, Goldwater has only 301 electoral votes. Can Kennedy win?

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