



Backfield in motion

Some state senators decided Wednesday to drag the Nebraska football program, team, coaches and winning tradition through political muck on the floor of the Legislature again.

It's nothing new. Senators and the governor have done it before and most likely will do it again for nothing more than publicity and political gain.

It all started, as one might expect, on the very first day of this Legislative session. A very complimentary Legislative Resolution (1) was introduced Jan. 4 and enacted that day.

That resolution, passed on a 43-0 vote, congratulated the Nebraska football team and coaching staff on "another undefeated season and

tremendous triumph in the Orange Bowl." It was a very fitting tribute to the national champion Huskers. But it didn't end there.

With the announcement that Head Football Coach Bob Devaney was considering retirement, Nebraska Gov. J. James Exon jumped into the show.

Several news releases came from the governor's office saying that the governor had met with Devaney concerning the coach's "future." Another release told of Exon's plans to have the team and coach over to the mansion for a shrimp dinner, courtesy of the governor of Alabama.

That's all well and good, but the signs seemed to indicate the governor saw a good cause to campaign for.

Devaney made his decision and about that time a state senator decided he would get in on the action. Scottsbluff Sen. Terry Carpenter introduced Legislative Resolution 22. Carpenter is a candidate for the Democratic nomination to the U.S. Senate.

The resolution passed Jan. 19 on a 39-1 vote. Only Lincoln Sen. Wally Barnett stood up and said the provisions in the resolution were absurd and designed for the benefit of state senators, not the Nebraska football program.

Carpenter's resolution would have had the state senators meet in the coliseum and honor Devaney, his coaching staff and players by their mere presence there.

Devaney saw through the move and politely backed out of the invitation saying he and his staff were busy recruiting.

Carpenter says he's a good politician. In fact he admits he plays politics 24 hours a day. His outburst yesterday was totally uncalled for as a state senator and his comments did nothing but damage the shiny No. 1 image NU football has in the eyes of Nebraskans.

Bob Devaney owes this state nothing. This state owes Bob Devaney a pile of unpayable debts—regardless of your opinion on college football.

The comment by Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers should be seriously considered by senators. It's about time state legislators found something besides football and Bob Devaney to talk about.

The least they could do for Devaney is stop making political hay out of his job and dragging the fine winning tradition he has brought to Nebraska through the political gutter.

Steve Arvanette

Dear editor:

I do not see how "inserts" like the Pabst advertisement in the Feb. 17 Daily Nebraskan have any purpose. The buildings of the campus are only more littered by them and they cannot be recycled.

Since we as young Americans are trying to set standards for the improvement of our society, I feel we shouldn't distribute this functionless trash.

Connie Jones

Dear editor:

One can only agree with John Vihstadt's depiction of the Muskie campaign. His campaign slickly evades the issues.

Youth today want no more "hemming and hawing," no more burning buildings, but a blueprint laid before them defining how the country can be bettered.

As for George McGovern, Muskie isn't to the left, but way out in left field. For when Muskie says what he would like to do, McGovern states how he will accomplish goals like cutting defense spending and removing tax loopholes for the rich. With the new voters this is one year when the candidates won't be able to evade their way into the White House.

Jim Balters

Dear editor:

In the interest of ecology and the preservation of the natural beauty in the city of Lincoln, the majority of girls living in Burr East would like to express our strong opposition to the destruction of 34 Austrian pine trees from 45th to 48th Streets on Holdrege. This proposed project would not only add more concrete and asphalt to the area, but in the process would destroy these landmarks of growth and time.

To us, these trees represent a refreshing bit of rustic atmosphere within a large city of industry, slabs of concrete and soaring buildings. We are sure many Lincolmites and visitors to the city feel the same way. The widening of Holdrege would be an improvement to accommodate rush hour traffic, but it shouldn't be done at the expense of nature. Surely some other alternate plan could be arranged.

Suzanne Von Seggern
President, Burr East
and the concerned girls
of Burr East Hall

Dear editor:

How much prose could a prokop cop If a prokop could cop prose?

Doug Beckwith

Dear editor:

In regard to the controversy now erupting over coed visitation: Because the poll of parents indicated their deep concern and the Regents have indicated their willingness to follow public opinion in this case, I wish to make the following modest proposal. It is a solution that goes beyond the present halfway measures the University has taken. If my idea is adopted our coeds will have 24 hour a day, seven day a week protection from the temptation to evil that abounds on this wicked campus.

I propose that we equip every full-time registered female student with a coin-operated chastity belt. Thus every coed will be subject to traditional morality and the workings of our free enterprise system. I suggest that the belts be made of aluminum, because this metal is lightweight, durable and rustproof; hence, a girl may shower with no discomfort.

The subject of coed visitation is a matter of such gravity that I trust that my modest proposal will receive the serious attention it merits.

Richard Recker

to the
editor