



## Endorsement raises eyebrows

Opinion by Larry Stunkel.

While a national television audience listened to UNL Athletic Director Bob Devaney express his expertise on ABC's college football Game of the Week last Saturday, people in his home state were listening to reports that Devaney had written political letters of endorsement for Paul Douglas, Republican candidate for Nebraska attorney general.

According to reports, Devaney wrote the letters, to former Husker athletes living in Omaha on University stationery. Such use of NU stationery is contrary to Board of Regents policy, according to NU President D.B. Varner.

The report said Devaney said in the letters that Douglas had been very fair to the Athletic Dept. while he has been county attorney.

In addition to giving Douglas' opposi-

tion some fresh mud to throw, Devaney's letters have been considered to be in bad taste by some people. Perhaps Devaney will be happy with just writing athletic letters in the future.

Devaney, in a statement from Knoxville, Tenn. denied the football team has received special treatment from Douglas' office.

Most people would counter with the 1972 Johnny Rodgers incident, where Rodgers, who went on to win the Heisman trophy his senior season at UNL, was prosecuted by Douglas' office and received what a number of people thought was special treatment.

It's difficult to judge whether the Rodgers incident was handled fairly, or whether the Athletic Dept. has received any special treatment.

## First women managers

By Larry Stunkel

Some people might think the first women student managers for the UNL football team are victims of tokenism.

But the two women who have broken the sex barrier, Mary Ziemba and Gail Greenberg, are expected to do the same work as the male managers, according to Paul Schneider, head athletic trainer for the Huskers.

Ziemba, a sophomore from Omaha, said that except for occasional teasing from the coaches, she and Greenberg are being treated like anyone else.

In fact Ziemba, who was a manager for the University of Oklahoma (OU) wrestling team last year, said that UNL is less discriminatory than OU, and that people here are nicer.

Both women said they work well with the other managers—and also get yelled at if they do something wrong.

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**on record**

"A lot of people think we're here just because we wanted to be around the football players," Greenberg said, "but our reasons are that we like football and wanted to become more involved with the program."

Greenberg, a sophomore from Hastings, said she applied for the job at the suggestion of a friend who was a ball boy for the Huskers last year. She said she's learned more about football since becoming a manager.

Schneider said the athletic department has considered hiring women managers in the past.

"We've had other women apply but hired these two because we felt they'd be right for the job and would be accepted," Schneider said.

Both women said they have no complaints about their treatment.

Ziemba said she had managed a year of football and two years of wrestling at Central High School in Omaha and that there, too, she was the first female manager in their program.

Greenberg said she had worked for the wrestling team at Hastings High.

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