

editorial/opinion

Game tug of war for Husker/Sooner

For a person who was born in Norman, Okla., but reared mostly in Nebraska, the annual end-of-season meeting between the irresistible force and the immovable object—the Cornhuskers and Sooners—is a time of conflicting loyalties.

(We mean, of course, a certain student newspaper editor who persists in using the first person plural for editorials. It is all very awkward.)

Imagine, then, the agony of that editor's father, who, reared in Tulsa and educated at the University of Oklahoma, has been the most faithful of Husker fans for 16 years—always excepting that end-of-season struggle.

For 16 years, this man has braved the fury of his hitherto-fellow Cornhusker fans to sit in the Nebraska stands and root for his first home team.

(It must be admitted that this exercise in fidelity affords him a certain amount of enjoyment. It must also be said that he stands well over six feet and weighs... well, over 200 pounds.

The old man (we use the term only figuratively,

and with great affection) is on his way to Norman today for a football game that we know will play tug of war with his loyalties more than any since the 1971 "Game of the Century."

He really loves the Huskers, you see, and he wants very much for Nebraska to go to the Orange Bowl with a good bid at the national championship.

But Robert N. Brite will be yelling for the Sooners Saturday. We would bet on it.

As a matter of fact, Bob Brite's eldest child herself has a small wager (not monetary, of course) on the team of her home town (which she hasn't visited since she was 6 years old). She cannot help

it. Privately, she is sure her school, Nebraska, will win. But she is her father's daughter.

Readers who caught Robert Thurber's review Thursday of the Studio Theatre's *Tango* may have thought Thurber was slandering the playwrights of all time, when he said *Tango's* "excess of self-indulgence on the writer's part" was "as it is with most plays."

It should have read, "As it is with most absurd plays. . . ." The word "absurd" was omitted in typesetting.

Rebecca Brite

the word unheard



UN's racist definitions vary

By Del Gustafson

Last week the United Nations General Assembly (soon to be annexed by Egypt, so the rumor goes) passed a resolution condemning Zionism as racist.

The vote demonstrated conclusively the increasingly apparent proposition that any connection between a General Assembly resolution and the idealistic principles found in the NU character is purely coincidental.

Zionism, or the movement to form a Jewish state in Palestine, is in large part a reaction to racism. After enduring a few centuries of real old-fashioned anti-Semitism, a few Jewish leaders of the late 19th century came to the not very startling conclusion that the Jewish people might be more secure in their own state than languishing in European ghettos.

It seems those reformers were overly optimistic. Anti-Semitism lives; the UN resolution attests to its survival.

The UN has always defined racism in a tricky manner. If a state such as South Africa oppresses blacks, the UN condemns that state as racist. If, however, a state such as Uganda or Tanzania systematically denies whites elemental human freedoms, the UN is silent.

The Soviet Union cracks the oppressor's whip upon the backs of Christians and Jews regularly, but the UN says little.

However, let Israel limit the rights of a people with whom they are at war—war which has elevated terrorism to a fine art—and the nations of the Third World controlling the General Assembly, will rise under the leadership of diplomat Baroody of Saudi Arabia (whose fellow citizens

would not recognize a human right if they were hit over the head with it) and proclaim that racism is alive and well and Jewish.

I think it fair to conclude that the UN uses two criteria to judge if a state is racist: 1) if the rulers of that state are white and oppress blacks or 2) if the state is Jewish.

The General Assembly has become a propagandizing weapon for the Third World and the sooner the United States refuses to vote, lending a certain legitimacy to the assembly's outrageous and provincial resolutions, the better.

The UN does, however, have one redeeming attribute at present: Daniel Moynihan, U.S. delegate to the UN.

Moynihan has a low Irish tolerance for crap, which would seem to disqualify him for his current position (the UN being the world's largest producer of crap). Yet it seems a deal has been struck between the U.S. State Dept. and Moynihan that, in broad terms, obliges the delegate to generally restrain himself, but allows for occasional eruptions from Mount Moynihan.

And erupt it did, after the passage of the anti-Zionist resolution. While slamming the podium, his notes and the General Assembly, Moynihan attacked the resolution as something akin to a compact with Lucifer.

In this age of detente, in which our leaders teach that we must not only love our enemies, but also refer to them in terms of affection and praise usually reserved for Shirley Temple, it is imperative that someone reawaken, on occasion, America's moral vision, and sense of moral purpose in this world. Hail Moynihan, the Grand Repristinator.

staff opinion

Too many doubts about JFK death

There is something morbid about being concerned with the veracity of the Warren Commission report on the assassination of President Kennedy.

It would be so much easier to let those volumes of testimony moulder on library shelves. Would we as a nation be remiss in forgetting one of the most tragic events in American history?

The question is moot because not one of us who can remember those days will ever forget them. Nor will we ever stop wondering if the truth is as simple as the Warren report would have it.

The Assassination Information Bureau would have us believe that the Warren report is, at best, a piecemeal declaration based on incomplete and sometimes shoddy investigating.

Although there are several popular theories variously pointing the finger of guilt at the Soviet KGB, agents of Castro's Cuba, middle-echelon CIA operatives, the American left and right wings, the immediate question is whether or not the Warren report is correct.

Anyone who has viewed the Zapruder film of the assassination can plainly see one fact. John F. Kennedy and John Connally were not both hit by the "magic bullet" that was discovered, undamaged, on a stretcher in Parkland Hospital.

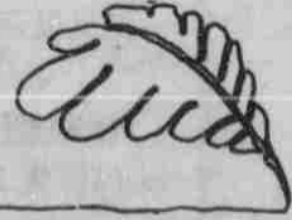
What was Lee Harvey Oswald's relationship with the FBI? If Clay Shaw was not the "Clay Bertrand" who called Dallas attorney Dean Andrews and asked him to defend Oswald, who did?

Why did Oswald's pro-Castro leaflets bear the address of a fanatically anti-Castro organization?

The proceedings and report of the Warren report enshrined in Love Memorial Library do not resolve those and many others.

Dick Piersol, Daily Nebraskan reporter

to the editor



Dear editor,

As chairman of the Committee for the Propagation of Quality Football (we consist of members from each of the Big 8 conference's six states), I am asking that anyone who would rather see quality football instead of the Sugar Bowl to put pressure on local ABC affiliate television stations to pre-empt broadcast of the Sugar Bowl and run instead (for example) this season's Big 8 highlights.

Since many of you are going home for Thanksgiving, discuss this with people in your home town and with your respective home town newspapers. It would be the most effective way to let the Sugar Bowl and ABC television officials know our feelings about their mediocrity. For further information write me at 504 Franklin, Spring Hill, Kan. 66083.

Jim Golden

Business enterprise

Dear editor,

Our thanks goes to Del Gustafson for reporting some financial figures concerning the Daily Nebraskan (Nov. 14).

As a student newspaper, the Daily Nebraskan receives monies from student fees through the Fees Allocation Board. It is considered to be a nonprofit organization, just as any student supported organization, and as such has a tax exempt status.



Due to these facts the Nebraskan has not, and never will earn a profit. Over the past four years our student newspaper has been given more money to work with than was required from their expenses.

Hence during this four year period the paper has ended up with between \$5,000 and \$16,000 in savings. This organization has accumulated some \$46,000 in retained earnings. A part of this money has been used annually to purchase new equipment in the form of desks, typewriters and type-setting items.

However, a residual amount has been retained in cash items, and a question arises as to whether this sum belongs to the paper or whether it should be returned to FAB from whence it came.

We suggest that the latter course is more equitable because the money in the Daily Nebraskan account is student money and does not represent the profits of a business enterprise.

It is very important that this matter be cleared up, since this business-type attitude has resulted in what some might consider questionable pay outs.

In at least one case during the previous year an advertising manager received a monthly salary as well as a commission on the total volume of the paper's advertising. This person's gross earnings as reported by the business manager of the Daily Nebraskan came to a little over \$12,000.

A. Frank Thompson Jr.
Dave Keegan
Ted J. Kessler
Randy Jauken

Editor's note: The Daily Nebraskan's status as a nonprofit, tax exempt organization has been in limbo for about one year. We hope the question will be resolved shortly by

the Internal Revenue Service, upon whom we are waiting for clarification.

The \$46,000 in retained earnings referred to in the letter is the Daily Nebraskan's net worth. The figure includes all office furniture, equipment and supplies.

It also includes \$17,373 in a passbook savings account at State Federal Savings and Loan, which is earning interest at a rate of five and one-quarter per cent.

This money is used for no other purpose than the student newspaper; it is an emergency fund as well as a resource for purchasing equipment to increase the paper's efficiency. It does not go into anyone's private pocket.

The Daily Nebraskan advertising manager referred to received, over a 10-month period in 1974-75, a \$400/month salary plus commission on total ad sales.

This person (whose gross earnings were precisely \$12,252) doubled the Daily Nebraskan's advertising revenue from the previous publishing year.

The paper generates more than 80 per cent of its income. Of the \$61.50 paid in fees this semester per student, 73 cents was allocated to the Daily Nebraskan. That amount to 1.2 cents per issue per student.

The Daily Nebraskan would appreciate hearing students' views about these and other matters concerning the paper.