

## U.S. foreign policy options examined

By Tam Lee

The United States must decide whether it will change its foreign policy to conform with its stand on human rights or if it will reject the idea that human rights are an important part of foreign policy.

Richard Barnet, co-director of the Institute for Policy Studies made that assessment Saturday during a symposium on citizen participation in international policy. The program was a follow-up of a symposium on American Politics and World Order sponsored by the UNL political science department.

Barnet said one choice the U.S. can make is to adopt the "lifeboat ethic"—each country looks out for itself.

"The lifeboat ethic cannot be pursued abroad without it becoming a part of our domestic policy," Barnet said.

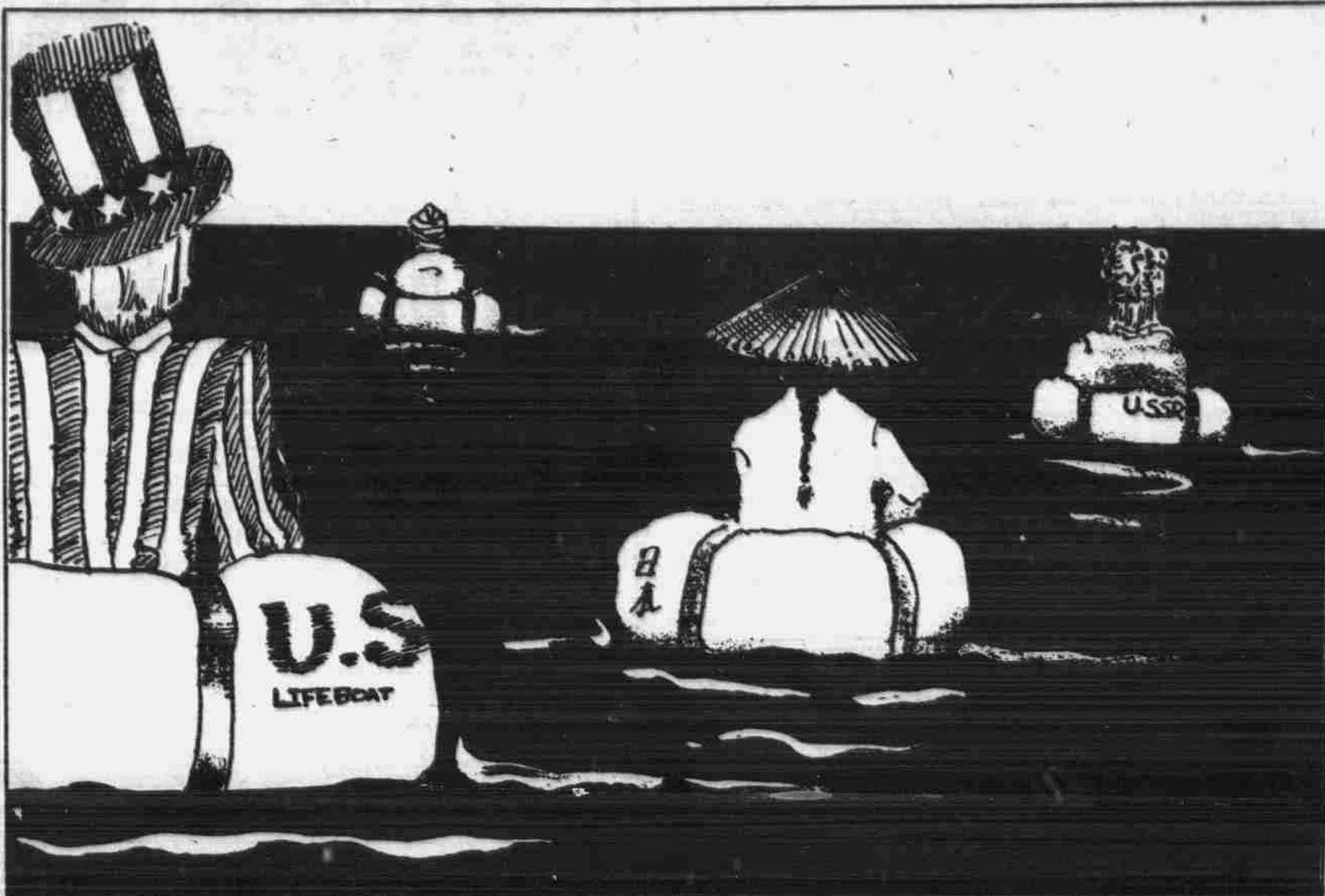
It would result in a higher military budget and abandonment of the poor with the excuse of national security, he said.

"The lifeboat ethic would continue the war of the rich against the poor," he said.

If the government chooses to give up on the underprivileged, "violence born of hopelessness will undoubtedly continue," Barnet said.

The other alternative is for the U.S. to affirm the basic beliefs on which the country was founded—human rights, democracy and justice, and to renew the goal of world community, he said.

To do this, the U.S. must start from the premise that all people are members of the community and that they have the right to a minimum standard of living. That



includes the minimum amount of calories necessary to be productive, clean drinking water, basic health services, shelter where they are protected from disease, vermin and exposure, and a basic education, he said.

The cost of providing these needs would average \$10 to 20 billion a year during a 20-year period, he said. The U.S. currently spends at least \$91 billion a year on defense, he said.

## Astronaut: shuttle's non-military

By John Ortmann

Although he enjoyed the movie *Star Wars*, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) astronaut Donald Peterson does not think the fledgling space shuttle vehicle ever will have an active military role.

At a press conference Friday, the Air Force colonel said recent suggestions to use the space shuttle to down enemy satellites fail to consider the craft's built-in limitations.

He said the suggestions have ranged from mounting laser and explosive weapons on the shuttle to carrying a giant harpoon aloft to spear enemy satellites.

In a game of orbital tag between a "live" satellite, one which can maneuver and change orbit, and the huge shuttle vehicle, Peterson said the space shuttle would be unable to follow the smaller satellite's course changes.

A manned vehicle is too vulnerable to attack from the ground, he added. Also, there will be only five shuttle craft in operation during the next 10 to 15 years, and it would be "poor strategy" to expose so small a fleet to enemy action, he said.

While admitting that the possibility of space warfare exists, Peterson said he hopes space will never become a battleground.

Peterson currently is assigned to the space shuttle design group, which is responsible for engineering support and safety assessment of the space shuttle.

Asked if the space shuttle would work, Peterson said

he hoped to ride it into orbit as soon as it becomes operational.

Peterson was in Lincoln to kick off the Lincoln Aerospace Awareness Days, running through Oct. 23. The event is co-sponsored by the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce and the Nebraska Association of Aerospace Educators (NAAE).

Florence Boring, NAAE treasurer, said many people object to the money being spent on space exploration, but are unaware of its benefits.

"This is an attempt to teach people of all ages the knowledge that is being gained, the technology that has come of it, and the benefits of space exploration," she said.

She said the Aerospace Awareness Days are financed by NASA, with the local sponsors providing the manpower.

A number of NASA displays will be on view at the Atrium 13th and N Streets, through Oct. 15 and at Gateway from Oct. 15-23.

The displays demonstrate ways in which the space program has improved life on earth. Displays include explanations of remote sensing with applications to agriculture and forestry, nonflammable materials, meteorology and ocean studies. There also is a fragment of moon rock on display.

In addition to the displays, NASA personnel will give more than 60 lectures and demonstrations to school assemblies and civic groups.

## Alternative locale sought for center

Indian Center, Inc. is considering an alternative site for the proposed Indian Center, according to Indian Center director Marshall Prichard.

Prichard said he met last week with city officials to discuss alternative sites for the center. He said the site most seriously being considered is a three and one half acre tract at 14th and Charleston streets, north of the UNL campus.

A proposed site at 23rd and M streets has run into opposition from neighborhood residents. Some residents voiced that the center would lower property values. They also said some Indians might cause property damage in the neighborhood.

Prichard said he still is working to have the center built at the 23rd and M streets site.

A \$1 million grant from the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) for the center is based on construction of the center in an EDA designated "pocket of poverty," Prichard said.

The EDA grant is for the construction of the first phase of the Indian Center, which includes a halfway house to treat alcoholism and drug problems, a health clinic and a day care center.

A site change would require an EDA review of the grant, Prichard said.

The Lincoln City Council gave conditional approval to leasing the property at 23rd and M streets to Indian Center, Inc., Prichard said. That approval could be rescinded.

Prichard said he believes the fears of the residents near 23rd and M streets are based on misinformation. He said he is planning to meet with those residents to discuss their objections to the center, hoping to calm their fears.

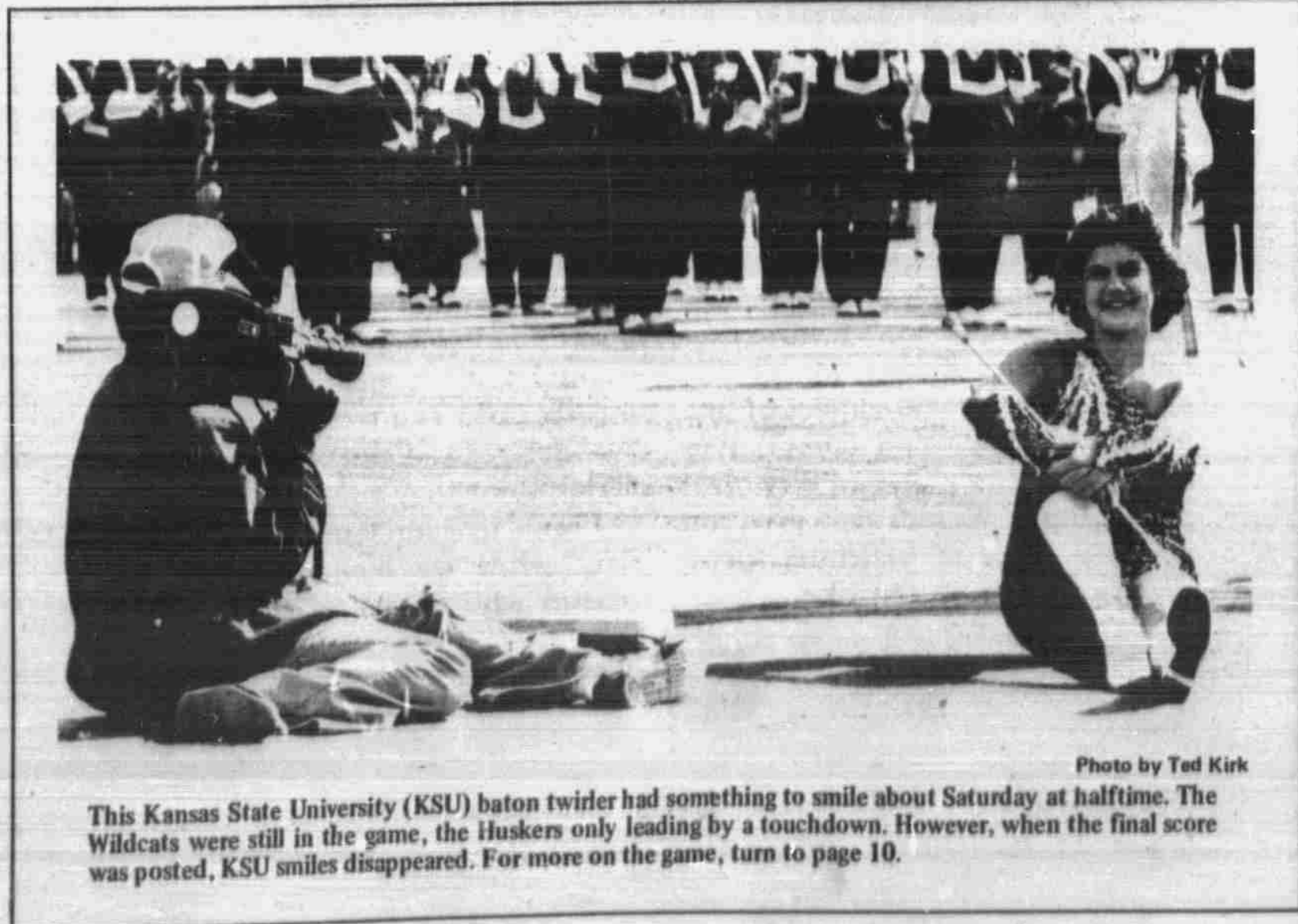


Photo by Ted Kirk

This Kansas State University (KSU) baton twirler had something to smile about Saturday at halftime. The Wildcats were still in the game, the Huskers only leading by a touchdown. However, when the final score was posted, KSU smiles disappeared. For more on the game, turn to page 10.

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