

letters to the editor

I appreciate your printing my letter to the editor; however, you published it with a misprint I would like to correct. Chimpanzees have 99 percent (not 9 percent) of human genes. A more exact way of saying that is that "the average human polypeptide is more than 99 percent identical to its chimpanzee counterpart." (King, M.C., and A.C. Wilson, 1975. Evolution at two levels in humans and chimpanzees. Science 188: 107-6)

Of course, the taxonomy of higher primates is considered clear-cut, and the differences between the chimps and us are probably due to gene order. Nonetheless, the question "What is man?" has certainly not been completely answered by science; witness recent excitement over teaching chimps sign language.

Marcia D. Elliott

Editor's note: The misprint in Elliott's previous letter was a typographical error.

Cards help kids

To quote the refrain of a song popular in the early months of 1980, there is "so much trouble in the world." War, political and social upheaval, sickness, starvation—the list is as endless as it is disheartening. It seems that each day brings reports of more strife, new disasters, and the worsening of already desperate situations.

Between the lines in this list of suffering and misfortune, however, there is hope: hope in the future, hope of a better life for ourselves and for our neighbors. And hope is what UNICEF (the United Nations Children's Fund) has offered to the world's children since its inception in 1946 following the devastation of World War II.

Today, UNICEF operates thousands of long-term assistance programs, as well as emergency relief efforts, to benefit needy children in 110 countries. To make its many health, educational, and social services programs possible, the Children's Fund in part relies on funds raised through the sales of greeting cards.

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Most important, proceeds from the sale of UNICEF greeting cards help overcome the lack of basic human services that claimed the lives of at least 12 million children in 1979. And that is why I am urging all our citizens to support this vital cause by calling UNICEF sales coordinator Irma J. Warta, 476-3527, or write to her: 1130 H St., Apt. 204, Lincoln, 68508.

UNICEF's new collection meets every greeting card and correspondence need. But there is something more important to consider: the millions of children who depend on UNICEF to provide life's basic necessities. With our help, UNICEF will continue to offer hope to those who have nowhere else to turn.

Ralph E. Garner
Chairperson, Publicity Committee
Lincoln Chapter 100, United Nations
Association/USA

School song reworded

We former Nebraskans in Ohio have looked hopefully in many of the past few years to find "an excuse" to go to Miami over New Year's to watch our team play. Sadly, our team seems to "choke" each time in recent years when they get on the field with archrival Oklahoma.

I thought a tune Tom Osborne could sing to his team to the tune of "There is no Place Like Nebraska" might spur them along in 1981. The words might go:

There is no team like Nebraska
"Cept when they meet Okla" U

Where the boys are the roughest
Until they meet the toughest
Of all the Big Eight Conference crew

There is no team like Nebraska
The trip to the Orange they blew

We'll all hope together
That '81 will be better
For dear old Nebraska U.

Perhaps Coach Osborne could negotiate for 13-minute fourth quarters!

Seriously, best of luck to the team in the "Consolation Bowl" and for the 1981 season!

Robert C. Stell '41

Akron, Ohio

Soviets won't rest

Mark Rupert has done it at last. Short of moving into the Kremlin, he has done everything possible this semester to infiltrate the minds of UNL students with the ideals of Communism.

Does he think that the red menace does not exist? Does he think that the power-hungry Soviet war machine will rest a minute in its quest for world sovereignty?

Even more important, does he think the Russians will stop at Poland? Or England? Or Mexico? Or the sandy beaches of California? As that great statesman Ronald Reagan once said, "The last domino in the domino theory is the United States."

Rupert's nauseating column has nauseated me all semester as the nauseating voice of the cushy liberal, sheltered, intellectual segment of the UNL society—exactly that segment which has been known to shelter itself from reality. Joseph McCarthy may have gone a bit overboard—might have—but he had the right idea.

What further incensed me, and spurred me to action on this letter, was his criticism of Sen. Charles Percy for the manner in which he dealt with the Soviets. Doesn't he realize that the only error Percy made was in not going far enough? Richard Nixon realized that the only way to deal with the creeping menace is on its own terms—sly, underhanded and with no regard for human life. Percy's mistake was that he warned the Soviets, instead of keeping quiet and giving the CIA a chance to undermine the aggression effort.

Frank Hassler
Syracuse, Neb.



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