

Letters

Continue the fight

Bill Allen is wrong (Daily Nebraskan, Nov. 3). The Faith Christian School supporters should not stop their opposition of the state of Nebraska. Whether they are wrong or right is unimportant. As long as they believe they are right, they have a moral obligation to continue to oppose the law and its efforts to stop them.

We admire Polish resisters and Soviet dissidents for their courage and continued determination. We should show the same admiration to American citizens who oppose our government. We should respect the courage of those who would rather go to jail than yield in their beliefs.

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Allen perpetuates myth

In response to Bill Allen's column, "Chauvinistic Talk Serves a Purpose" (Daily Nebraskan, Dec. 5), may I only respond to the obvious. Indeed, this is a country where a woman can only be president "if she is qualified and where a man can be president. The only purpose your column serves it to perpetuate that myth.

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No celebration in 'borrowed' victories

More than 3,000 Nebraskans clad in a variety of hideous red polyester garments gathered in Pershing Auditorium Friday night to bloat themselves with beef and borrowed winning.

They came to congratulate Nebraska football coaches Bob Devaney and Tom Osborne for their combined winning of more than 200 games, express their pride in the football team's accomplishments and listen to pseudo-comedian Bob Hope probe the depths of non-humor.

Christopher Burbach

NU Foundation President Woody Varner, wearing the most gruesome red polyester blazer of all, said the banquet was the largest of its kind in Nebraska history. "That's appropriate," he averred.

Doctor Tom told a little joke about aliens' perception of Nebraska football fans as dumb hayseeds, carefully pointing out the falseness of such a perception.

A false perception it is; farmers aren't dumb, they just know different things than city folk.

However, all the evidence at Friday's fiasco seemed to support a dim view of Nebraska and its people.

Three thousand people sat reveling in the red glow of robust football deities while less than a mile away a state university rots.

Three-thousand teary-eyed, swell-chested Nebraskans emptying themselves at the feet of the gridiron gods while state legislators and a governor, unimpeded, home their axes and prepare to dismember Nebraska academia.

The football team and its coaches deserve congratulation. They've done well, and should be proud. However, pride in victory belongs to them — not to their fans.

Perhaps the sight of 76,000 screaming red people convinced a star recruit or two to volunteer for the Red Army, perhaps pecuniary donations purchased a new weight machine which made an offensive guard stronger or maybe the roar of the crowd inspired a running back to run just a little harder.

Is wearing ugly red clothes and yelling loudly anything to be proud of?

Teaching a child to read, walking without a misstep on a railroad tie all the way from 21st to 17th street, learning everything an instructor can teach in a semester; these are things to be proud of, victories one can claim as one's own.

Such victories will in time seem vastly more important than any football game or season, than any borrowed win.

The people of Nebraska have much to be proud of, both as individuals and as Nebraskans. We would do well to cultivate those sources of pride which are rightfully ours, and claim victories of our own rather than continuing to waste energy borrowing the accomplishments of a football team.

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