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Editorial

Foundation leader deserves thanks

tudents and faculty members can thank D.B. Varner, chairman of the NU Foundation's board of directors, for suggesting that the American Stores Co. plant in Lincoln be donated to the foundation.

Tim Thietje, spokesman for the foundation, said Varner knew the meat-packing plant had been closed since Dec. 2, 1982, so he sent a letter to American Stores Co. officials in Salt Lake City to suggest the plant be donated to the foundation.

The foundation received the plant — the largest such gift it has ever received - primarily because of Varner's efforts and the generosity of American Stores, Thietje said.

The foundation now hopes to find a new tenant for for \$10 million plant and put it back into the packing business.

At its peak, the plant employed 700 to 900 people. The foundation cannot sell the plant for three years, but can sell or lease the equipment, valued at about \$1.5 million.

Varner's work should benefit the state and the university. The plant could provide jobs for Nebraskans and generate money for NU.

With the NU budget still on the chopping block, projects like this are needed more than ever.

Thank you, D.B. Varner.

Final push needed

s the amendment reducing the NU budget cut from 3 percent to 2 percent nears final approval, students and parents must begin one final push to eliminate or further reduce the cut.

NU students, faculty and administrators are on the right track — they succeeded in lowering the cut from 3 percent to 2 percent.

Joe Rowson, NU director of public affairs, said UNL, UNO and NU Medical Center students have helped turn things around for the university and have influenced public opinion.

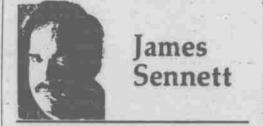


AND HOW LONG WERE YOU KIDNAPPED AND DRUGGED BY THE CIA BEFORE YOU COULD MAKE IT BACK TO FREEDOM?

Of Diapers and weapons Two proposals for U.S.-U.S.S.R. summit

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, speculations are legion as to the which bring out the human being in all its winning ways. results we can expect and the hopes we of us. rightfully can harbor.

The rhetorical wars and media blitzes leading up to this occasion have, to my knowledge, been unprecedented. Everyone has a lot to gain; everyone has a lot to lose. And everyone is trying to make darn sure he gets the former, while his "distinguished colleague" gets the latter. Sounds like a real promising setup for progress to me.



tween President Reagan and each other is needed. There just seem the incredible University of Kansas to be universally appealing situations football team, which knows no end to

> The greatest thing that could happen at the summit is for the chief moderator, or whatever they call him, to come in on the first day with a new-born baby in his arms. You know and I know that no two human beings can find anything to disagree about when they are googooing and purring over nine pounds of pink wrinkles. The most important subjects in the world at that time are the brand of disposable diapers being used championship. Of course, to make the and the always-hot debate over formula feeding versus God's way Let's play dirty - bring out the grandpa in these two rock-hard world leaders. And, while they are oozing with "gitchi-gitchi's" and "look at those little hands," let's hit them with Star Wars and medium-range warheads. I can just hear them now; "What? Oh, sure - that sounds great to me. Do whatever you want; would you just look at those tiny feet? Oh you are a precious little snookums, aren't you?"

ith the upcoming summit be- nation of what puts people at ease with charts, etc. Then let's tell him all about

In the interest of sport, we will be willing to wager all of our most precious summit agenda items on the huge chance that Kansas will be upset by the pitiful Nebraska Cornhuskers (Mikhail has seen pictures of Nebraska it won't be hard to convince him). All the Soviet Union has to do to get its way is be willing to bet all its proposals on the fierce Jayhawks taking one more in their relentless march to a national matter palatable to those in the White

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But they shouldn't stop. Students and parents can have more influence on senators' thinking than NU officials, who already have made their case. Still, NU officials must continue to speak out for the university and emphasize its contributions to the state to draw support from all Nebraskans.

University supporters should make it clear to senators that they appreciate the 1 percent reduction of proposed cuts, but more is needed.

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The art of diplomacy baffles me. Such matters as diplomatic etiquette, proper representation and the like simply leave me cold. When I have a problem with someone, I go talk it out until we reach a solution that is equitable and liveable. There is no fanfare or hoopla. We don't know any better than to think we can solve our difficulties by talking about them. Apparently that doesn't work with the big boys. I guess I've got a lot to learn about communication and problem-solving.

Or maybe we could appeal to the gambling spirit latent in the most pious of us. Let's bring Gorbachev over and let him experience the thrill of anticipation and the exhilaration of utter helplessness as one exercises his could get more cooperation on the I do have some suggestions about right to complete desolation through setting the summit atmosphere for through the great U.S. institution of the state. maximum efficiency (atmosphere is The Wager. Give him a quick run-down Sennett is a UNL graduate student in another important diplomatic notion). on the intricacies involved in a good It seems to me that a thorough exami- bet - the point spreads, the injury

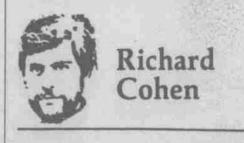
House less inticed by the games of chance, we will have to be given 24 points. Who wouldn't jump at such a deal? The whole business could be settled in one enjoyable afternoon at Memorial Stadium. I'll even buy the hotdogs.

I just don't know what all the fuss is about. We ordinary folks don't go through all this irrational nonsense to make decisions. But, then again, we don't have billion-dollar budgets to back up our delusions of grandeur. If my suggestions are taken to heart, I humbly request that all money saved in the transaction be forwarded to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, earmarked "Survival Fund." Maybe we national level than we've gotten from

philosophy and a campus minister of the College-Career Christian Fellowship.

Truth exists despite politics

ccasionally, we all join in a vast though he twice tried to escape, even arms-control agreement.



not as a victim. So complete was this fiction that hardly a murmur of dissent was heard when Sen Alphonse D'Amato, using Klinghoffer one more time for political purposes, recommended him home on another ship. for a Congressional medal.

conspiracy in which a lie is though he had prepared for his swim by accepted as a truth. For com- wearing shorts, even though he apparpletely understandable reasons, that ently tried to slash his wrists after happened when the murdered Leon being returned to his ship and even Klinghoffer was treated as a hero and though a Ukrainian translator said Medvid was seeking asylum, most of us have chosen to decide otherwise. This is a conspiracy of cynicism.

> It also is, of course, a conspiracy driven by political values. In this case, the value is to avoid a showdown with the Soviet Union over the fate of a single sailor. Given conflicting statements, most of us would prefer to think that something aside from a lust for freedom prompted Medvid to twice plunge into the Mississippi. Maybe, someone suggested, he was just seeking to go

This is understandable. It would be Now we have an example of an even tragic if a single incident could derail greater conspiracy. It concerns the plans for the upcoming summit confercase of Miroslav Medvid, the Soviet sai- ence at Geneva. There is much at stake, lor who jumped ship Oct. 24. Even including the promise of an eventual

Medvid apparently forgot that in life, timing is everything. Had he chosen to jump ship just one year earlier when the president was seeking re-election, he would have been jetted, dripping wet if necessary, to a Rose Garden meeting with the Gipper-in-Chief. But the president's eye now is on the judgment of history, not re-election, and history, alas, cares nothing about the fate of a single sailor.

Political values also play a role in what little criticism the administration initially received for its handling the Medvid incident. Most of that came from the political right. For instance, the ultra-conservative Washington Times, which believes no good can ever come of a summit meeting, consistently has featured the Medvid story as a front-page human-rights drama. In comparison, the Washington Post and

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