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EDITORIAL

Campaign '94 Daily Nebraskan Endorsements

Easy choice

Only Nelson offers voters a clear stance

Next Tuesday, voters will have to decide whether to take a chance in the gubernatorial election with Gene Spence or to go with Gov. Ben Nelson's record.

At this late date, voters still know little about Spence. The only thing that can be said for certain about the Republican candidate is that he will lose in the upcoming election. He has stated his winning would be close to a miracle.

But the fault for that is his own.

Spence has failed to make a clear agenda or offer voters a clear choice.

At least Nelson has a record that voters can judge. He has been a strong supporter of education, leading the National Education Goals Panel. He has been pro-active on researching viable health care solutions for the state and has begun to battle the problem of escalating youth violence.

He also has worked to find markets for Nebraska products, to bring industry to the state and to revitalize rural Nebraska.

While we haven't agreed with everything Nelson has done, including his actions on the death penalty, he at least has offered a clear stance on most issues.

And in this case, a clear stance is better than no stance at all.

Out of spotlight

Scherr over Stenberg for Attorney General

In his campaign commercials, Hastings County Attorney Steve Scherr aptly characterizes incumbent Attorney General Don Stenberg as an annoying barking dog.

Stenberg has spent his term in office as an outspoken reactionary on many issues, barking most loudly for the death penalty. Stenberg often seems to bask in the spotlight created by his office.

Scherr maintains he is better qualified for the position because he has experience as a criminal prosecutor, which Stenberg did not have previous to his election as state attorney general. Scherr has 22 years experience in criminal law.

And while his views are similar to those of Stenberg's — both are pro-death penalty, pro-life and believe senators' telephone records should be subject to a state audit — Scherr is more willing to work toward his views of justice than to flail them as if he were delivering a drama centerstage.

Furthermore, Scherr's criticism of Stenberg is on target.

He believes Stenberg has politicized the office, letting his political views get in the way of adequately advising the governor and the Legislature.

Stenberg would be well replaced by this qualified challenger on Nov. 8. The Daily Nebraskan endorses Steve Scherr for Attorney General.

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PIN THE CLINTON ON THE DONKEY

MICHAEL JUSTICE

Kudos to our super Huskers

We came, we saw, and we kicked some Buff, er, butt.

Nebraska now owns the dubious honor of controlling its destiny — at least more so than Penn State.

By thoroughly thumping the Colorado Chokealoes, the Huskers proved they are for real, in a serious way. Make no doubt about it, folks — Nebraska owned Colorado in every aspect on Saturday.

Being ranked No. 1 was a foregone conclusion, regardless of what Penn State did to spiritless Ohio State. (Rolling up the score on a team that had given up before halftime is not that impressive.)

In all likelihood, the Huskers will face a top-ranked team in the Orange Bowl — probably Miami, although that could change this weekend. Penn State will be stuck with Oregon or Washington State in the Rose Bowl. Although those teams are having good seasons, they are not in the same league as Nebraska's potential opponent.

But enough of this. Speculation will continue until the end of the season. Let those idiots at ESPN babble on about who is the best.

By the way, who is Lee Corso, and where did they find this guy? I'm beginning to think that ESPN lost a bet, because he doesn't know what he's talking about — ever. Or they have a lot of sympathy, knowing if they fire him, he'll never get another job and starve to death.

Speaking of commentators, ABC's Keith Jackson is actually entertaining — when he's not on the air.

While I nursed a hangover with Arizona iced tea and steaks from Bum Steer inside the Eagle radio party tent, I watched the game on big screen via satellite hookup. The beauty of this is that, because it was a direct linkup, we, the viewers, didn't have to endure commercials. Instead, we got to listen to Keith and Bob Griese make candid comments on the



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game.

For instance, after Nebraska was stopped on a third-and-one play at the goal line, the Huskers had to kick a field goal. While ABC went to a break, Keith inquired about that third-down play.

"Why the hell would you run the option on that play? I don't understand that at all, do you?"

Bob didn't answer, and if he did I couldn't hear him from the laughter in the tent.

A short time later, Keith and Bob were discussing players on which the camera crew should focus. They mentioned virtually the entire Nebraska offensive line, among others. But Keith wanted to know about a CU defensive lineman in particular.

"Let's check on Hicks. Last time we saw him, he was on his butt."

I was choking on my coleslaw for 10 minutes. I have to get a satellite dish.

As for CU's missed field goal, Keith kept it simple:

"It was close. But this ain't horseshoes."

That's right, baby! Too bad Cornell Stewart and Rationed Salami couldn't figure that out. They played like scared little squirrels, always running in circles, eyes filled with fear, never really getting anywhere.

"Secret? Secret Squirrel? This is Morocco Mole. I have a secret for you Secret. We're getting killed!"

I spent way too much time watching cartoons as a kid.

So the 200th consecutive sellout was a success, but there are more

impressive numbers in relation to this game. For instance, CU went 0 for 15 on third- and fourth-down conversions. The Nebraska defense was in question before this game, specifically by the national media, but any speculation regarding their abilities has been virtually eliminated.

Now the most important thing for NU to remember is history. Read: Iowa State.

There are still three games left to be played, and you can bet that Kansas, ISU and Oklahoma will view Nebraska as their Orange Bowl. We better be ready to play. If we are, then I'm buying my ticket to Miami.

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And one more thing. This Tom Osborne fella is a darn good coach.

Before I came to NU, I didn't watch much college football, but I knew about Dr. Tom. I thought it was just a rumor that he was a football genius. Well, I was right. He's not a genius; he's genii — two geniuses.

It's just like Tommie said when ESPN interviewed him before Saturday's game. When we're prepared, "we'll win easily."

"Easily?"

"Easily."

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