

Tell us, O King

Osborne should tell public if he will run for office and what his issues are

He has three national championships.

He has a football field and an expressway named after him. The sheer mention of his name brings silence and bows from fans across the state.

What more could Tom Osborne want?

Apparently he wants to go to Washington. But does he have the competency to serve the state well?

Bill Barrett is quitting in the third Congressional district; Bob Kerrey possibly is leaving for Jersey; and Doug Bereuter is contemplating a Senate run.

T.O.'s name is being thrown around for a House seat, the Omaha World-Herald reported Sunday.

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Whether he was to run in the first or third district, Osborne would probably win with 70 percent of the vote.

Nebraskans have honored Dr. Tom beyond the point of glory and honor. He has been deified to the point that he can do whatever he wants, whenever he wants to. He is the Michael Jordan of Nebraska.

The question of Osborne's candidacy has nothing to do with character.

After being in the spotlight for 25 years as the University of Nebraska football coach, Osborne showed his integrity and honor are as lofty as the records he set. (Minus one Lawrence Phillips incident.)

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If he is seriously thinking about running, he needs to define his conservatism for Nebraska, and quickly.

Where does he stand on changing the tax code and saving Social Security?

How would he stand for Nebraska's farmers in Washington?

Is he a NAFTA man or a Keyes-type isolationist?

No one knows, but people need to hear some answers soon. Until he makes up his mind, the whole Republican party is playing the waiting game.

No other candidate, incumbent or newbie, wants to waste time running against T.O. All of the political insiders realize that he has any nomination he desires.

If his election is automatic, he might as well start telling us what he stands for before we vote for him.

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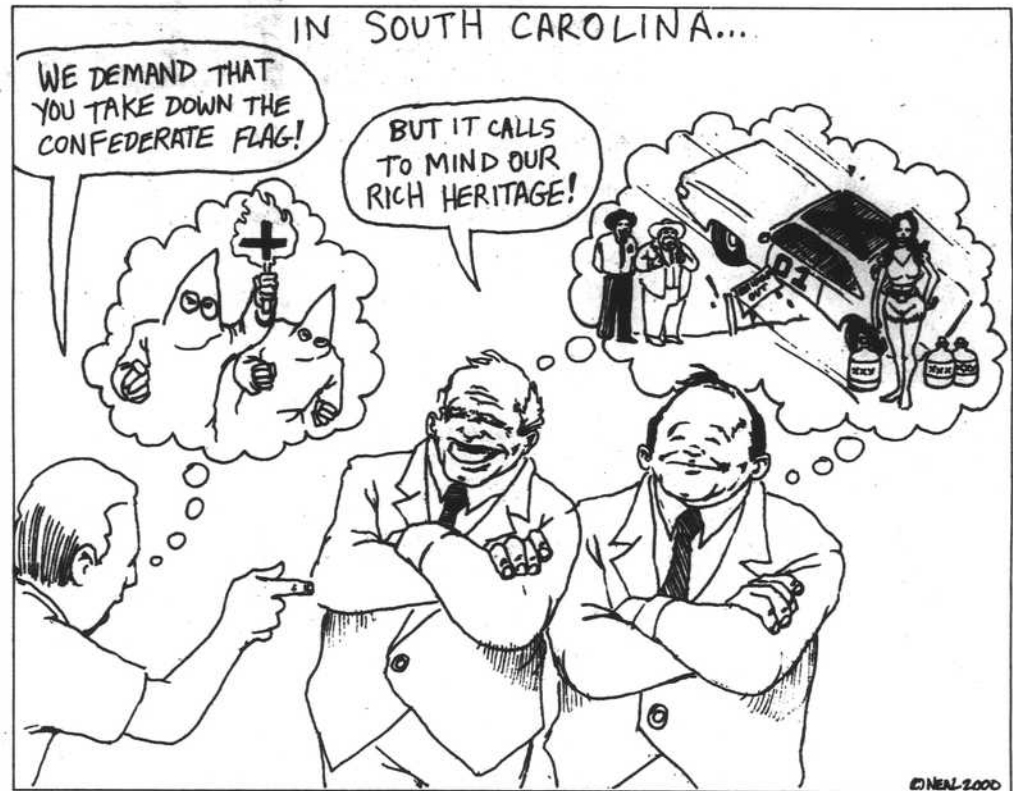
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Obermeyer's VIEW



Letters to the EDITOR

Homosexual Assault

As I opened the Daily Nebraskan on Tuesday, I was shocked to see THREE articles relating to homosexuality. Perhaps as a mere freshman at this university, I'm ignorant, but I find it amazing that I'm a minority around here.

I realize, although I have no major proof, that I sit among the few who feel that homosexuality is messed up. Because I feel this, I'm labeled a narrow-minded, heterosexual hatemonger, or some name like that - basically a homophobe.

If a homophobe is someone who thinks that homosexuality is wrong, then I am one.

Why? I simply realize that when I wake in the morning that I'm a male. I do my daily routine, having no doubt that my interest in relationships is with women. I understand that genetics will side with me, and apparently, so will God.

So I find myself quite happy not having to worry about becoming a genetic freak. Now, before any of you go to your pencils to assault me and attempt to make me feel wrong, guess what?

This is my OPINION, and no matter what you say, I will stand for my choices. I will not be assaulted by those who are confused about their genetics or whatever is wrong with them.

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White Man's Burden

I found the article "Reparations top faculty panel's talk" by Margaret Behm in the January 18 edition to be both interesting and a little troubling.

The topic of reparations to injured peoples is very important and should be discussed. The problem I had with the article was the demonization of "white people."

The generalization that "white people" are out to destroy American

Indians economically is preposterous.

Neither I, nor any of my family or friends, have had the conversation, "How do we destroy the American Indians economically?"

But since it seems we are so fond of generalization, I am willing to say that most "white people" haven't had this conversation.

And with only 30 percent of the American population voting for our governing class, I wouldn't draw such close associations with what the "white people" want.

While we are here, which "white people" are we referring to? Are we referring to those whose background is German, English, Irish, Polish, etc.?

Or was the term "white people" just meant to refer to the one percent who rule this "white supremacist" nation?

I in no way deny the terrible deeds that our nation is responsible for. I just do not want to be categorized with the bloody tyrants on Capitol Hill.

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Sorority Shaft

To all sorority members: Who am I? Well, I'm not the stereotypical sorority girl, but two years ago, I thought I'd give it a try. I enjoyed it most of the time. I so desired to believe that we actually stood for what we preached: friendship, sisterhood and love. (Let us strive for that which is beautiful, honorable and highest.)

I thought I should make the best out of it and try to see the benefits - and there are some. Soon, I started to like it, and I felt as if I were supported

and respected by my sisters.

However, this semester, two of us in the house were forced to resign our memberships because we could no longer afford to live there.

When the executive officers in the house vote not to let me live out of the sorority house, thus forcing me to resign, how can I not take it personally?

I can no longer go to the house or even claim that I am a Kappa Delta - all because I can't pay them \$500 a month.

Something that has been a major part of my life for two years has left me high and dry. So I ask myself, "Who are my real friends, and what is being a sorority member really all about?"

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