

THE IDLE AMERICAN **Mort's Football Dilemma...**

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If my ancient Uncle Mort could somehow “saddle up” the University of Texas’ mascot, and then lean forward, he’d literally be close to the center of BEVO’s horns.

As it is, this simple “what if” only figuratively describes his dilemma concerning the outcome of the upcoming Longhorn-Ohio State football game. Whichever team wins will reach the Holy Grail--the NCAA, major college, gold-plated championship football game.

You’d think he’d be a hands-down fan of the burnt orange team. Instead, he’s sitting on his hands....

My uncle has nothing against UT. What he vehemently opposes is the Southeastern Athletic Conference. He’ll always believe that the SEC’s multi-year plan was to “woo” the old Southwest Conference’s marquee teams.

“I’m not talking about the current Big 12 league,” Mort wheezed. “If the SEC tentacles hadn’t started creeping in years ago, there’d still be a powerful Southwest Conference.”

He said the whole shebang reminds him of his devout preacher uncle who once said: “Where I grew up, everybody was Baptist unless someone had been messin’ with ‘em.’....”
