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## That Farce Called Football.

feetly obvious, that football is advertising for resents a consummation of the ideals for which vertising, and that the university needs such struggled and for which they stand. To fucreased because of the good advertising that mirror of the future-and even mirrors, conthe university gets, all of which is true, and trary to the old maxim, sometimes lie. merely goes to prove our point. But why universities must be highly advertised and why they must compete with each other just to see usually large number of derbies this year. who graduates the most students, is something People must be going to pass the hat. that we do not comprehend. Such practices are contrary to the best principles of education

Besides this, if students are attracted to this university by the football team, it is doubtful whether they understand fully just what the university is for. If students come here to see football games or play football they certainly get what they are after, but still we do not fans and athletic associations can gratify their own desires.

If the athletic association was interested primarily in the physical development of the students who attended this university, they certainly could find a much better sport than football with which to do their developing. But football is spectacular, and the sport fans of the country get a big kick out of it, so the athletic associations of the universities in this country take advantage of this fact and use the so-called educational institutions as a

source from which to draw the crowd. The students are fed a lot of hokum about the spirit of the school being closely related to attendance at football games. The parents of these students are urged to come down to the universities and visit with their sons and daughters. Incidentally, of course, they are reminded that the best way to spend the day is to attend the football game for two and a half dollars a seat. The students have their tickets so the parents, if they want to spend the day with their children, must buy tickets also and go to the game.

At this university we have a Dad's day which ter together for all kinds of good reasons, but means. But that isn't logical because sport nevertheless, it is a remarkable coincidence that Dad's day always happens to fall on the day of a football game. If the university and daughter, it would not be necessary to have a football game on the same day; in fact, the football game cuts in on most of the time You may be wrong. Mr. Editor, but there

people whose images were carved in stone to a height of 465 feet? The changing world-it has left us material evidences of the past in geological specimens particularly. From these specimens, the scientists among us have reconstructed for us an imaginary picture of the early days of the world, its peoples, customs, and habitation. Will the people of tomorrow, records being lost, look back upon the images

of Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson and Roosevelt and wonder even as we do today? But, we are living in the present we may say,

and in so saying, we are forced to believe that the Rushmore project is to us as well, a material symbol of accomplishment of a great country aided by great men. Unlimited imagination and unexceeded skill are being employed toward the crection of a memorial to A few of the more liberal minded sport au- the "founding, expansion, preservation, and thorities are willing to concede what is per- unification of the United States." To us it repthe school. But they say that it is good ad- the people of these United States have advertising. The enrollment, they say is in- ture peoples-but we can only look into the NEW

Clothiers say that they have sold an un-

MORNING MAIL

# Ah! a Supporter.

TO THE EDITOR:

It appears, from the comment which your recent editorials on football have drawn, that must maintain a university so that football college editors must. like Caesar's wife, be above reproach. For a number of years editors of The Daily Nebraskan have been under fire for one cause or another-but then, as one grownup writer says, "they are only boys." In the university here we have a course known as Philosophy 30 which deals with rea-

soning. They deal with true and fallacious thought in this course and one fallacy which they recognize is the one in which opponents ignore the question at hand. It appears to an innocent bystander as the that were what the state papers and radio speakers are doing.

None of them, not one, has yet refuted the logic of your reasoning. Not one has even so much as denied that your statements were true. To the contrary, almost every one is assailing you as a boy editor, characterless, Regardless of the fact of whether your are characterless or not-that does not deny the truth of your argument-or an 1 wrong? ] may be.

What do they expect here in college ? Methuselahs! They may remember that Charlie Lindbergh was only a young fellow when he flew over the ocean. And, altho the sport writers won't like this, the boys who play on the football teams are not old men by any

The real kick behind the whole thing is the fact that the athletic board of control, altho refusing to dignify your editorial with a statewanted to give Dad a chance to visit his some ment, did dignify it greatly by calling a hur-

are a lot of people in the kindergarten who

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what strange ideas will the people reconstruct the mere expression of opinion of an individual concerning the physique and appearance of the who has a perfect right to so express himself. The athletic department does not wish "to dignify" Mr. Von Seggern's arguments by replying to them officially and yet their unusual senstiveness to being spoken of even in a general way argues that they are suspiciously touchy upon the subject.

The athletic officials must be getting worried that students and the public in general are getting wise to the commercial manner in which college sports are being handled. Obviously the thing these numerous highly paid coaches, assistant coaches, directors of athletics (which is another name for commercial promoters) and sports writers, are worried about is that the public will begin to cease to attend and pay for the sports, football in general, from which they get their fat salaries.

This is not a particular attack upon athletic coaches and officials, but the fact remains that few professors or administrative officials in any university in the country are receiving the salaries that are paid to coaches. Is this because the coaches are superior in learning or

INFIRMARY OPENED

Lyman Announces Additional

Health Unit Ready for

Patients.

Dean R. A. Lyman, of the col-

lege of pharmacy, who is in charge of the student health service at

the University of Nebraska, announces that a new infirmary lo-

cated at 410 No. 13th street is now

epidemics have been recorded and

fewer people have been treated in

the infirmary so far this year,

than has been the case in any pre-

attended but one contagious dis-

ease this year, and that was a mild

case of diphtheria," he added. "The

siege of chicken pox, measies,

scarlet fever and colds always

comes on us after Christmas, and

this year with our new infirmary

we will be ready for it."

"The student health service has

because they work harder or perform more WEAVER PUBLISHES difficult functions? I hardly think so and I hardly think that such salaries would long be paid if there were not an intense public interest in football and winning teams, and commerest in football and winning teams, and commer-cial advantages which result from winning Who Among the Prairie Grasses,"

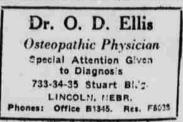
this system if it is what the public wants but it merely indicates why, Mr. Editor, any state-ment which tends to reduce interest in foot-tion. ball, and consequently might start a movement to diminish "school spirit" and hence attend-ance at football games, and hence decreased ince at football games, and hence for ath-my food backwards." gate receipts and hence lower salaries for athletic officials scratches the sensitive skins of those who are living from the system as is. It accounts for why such arguments are at-tributed to "boy editors." There is always a vested interest which opposes anyone who thinks that the "status quo" in the field in which they are interested is not the perfect status.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1931.

# ECOLOGY ARTICLE

Ecology, the official publication of the Ecological Society of Amerteams, and finally in coaches who can produce winning teams. There is nothing particularly wrong with There is nothing teams the public wants but

"What makes you eat your ice



Select Your Gifts

For your friends at the store where they buy for themselves ... Magee's ...

S. O. L.

Make this Christmas a giving of practical gifts-personal gifts which are sure to please. Shop early and choose from a splendid assortment of quality merchandise. Gifts for Him

Suggestions for Her

**Bias Effect in Scarfs** 

If she's the kind of a person

who has a natty way of tying

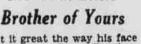
other people's scarfs-give her

\$1 - \$1.95 - \$2.95

Third Floor

one for herself.

For That Little



# Brother of Yours

Isn't it great the way his face lights up in a big smile when you bring him home some-thing to wear? Here are a number of things that will gladden his heart.

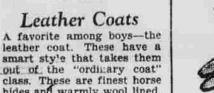
**Bath Robes** 

Just like Dad's—the very thing to wear when he brushes his teeth in the morning—or after his bath—or when he does his home work in the evening. Moderstely priced at

\$2.95 Others at \$4.95

Leather Helmets Don't forget the goggles-they're the thing that gives the final touch-that makes it an aviator's helmet and not just a hat. You won't have to worry about his losing it.

> \$1.00 and \$1.50



**Broadcloth Shirts** Particularly noteworthy is the

a solid color ground set cff by neat contrasting stripts and spaced figures --proof and shrink-proof. - fadt-\$1.95

Others \$1.50 and \$2.59



smart sty'e that takes them out of the "ordinary coat" class. These are finest horse hides and warmly wool lined.



After all, it's a Townsend's photograph that you want .-- Adv. UNITARIAN CHURCH

ceding year.

12th & H Streets Arthur L. Weatherly, Minister The Church Without a Creed Not the Truth but the Search for Truth Sunday, Dec. 13: "Must We Lose Our Ideal of Freedom."



### open and ready for use. With this added equipment, stated Dr. Lyman, hospital capacity for student health service is doubled. According to Dr. Lyman, fewer

As far as the Dads getting their money's worth out of the game, some of them may, but certainly not all of them. In fact a good percent of the people who attend these football games do not get two and a half dollars worth of entertainment. Of course, they do not have TO THE EDITOR to come, but they have been humbugged into believing that they will see something at a football game. If crowds are diminishing in size, and if interest in football lags, then credit the public with coming to its senses.

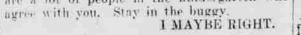
universities have been hornswoggled, the pub- Can they determine how much there is when lie has been hoodwinked into believing that But, fortunately the public is gradually comto worry those whose living depends upon the spirit then I'm glad I'm lacking in it. I atpopularity of football. People do not get so enthusiastic as they used to over seeing some big, husky chap hit his head against a goal post, or watching fellows get walked on with Besides what can outsiders know of our spirit" spiked shoes, even if it is for the glory of their alma mater. That stuff dates back to the time when the Romans threw the gladiators into winners. You are right also when you say gets fun out of that, he can have it.

So we shall again say that football is advertising for the university. But the university should have no need for such advertising: it has no one to compete with and should have no profits to make. The athletic association uses the institution as a means of making their football game a paying proposition. The students are exploited. They are fed full of football from the time they enter school until they leave. They are preached loyalty, spirit, patriotism, all because the athletic association needs financial support for their football team. This football foolishness which the students partment. Why not face the facts? You did, have swallowed and have induced the general public to swallow is causing a stomach ache. so unless the athletic heads themselves administer a bromo-seltzer, the public is going to juit eating the stuff that caused the pain. And the sooner they learn this the better off they will be.

### Looking Into the Mirror of the Future.

Last evening Gutzon Borglum, noted sclupthis artist speak of the tremendous ideal he has the person who advances the argument. undertaken to effect, one is impressed with the more appreciated.

And, one is forced to probe his imagination organizations who have been attacked. concerning the future. In the years to come consider so advanced is as prehistoric to our readiness with which these individuals hurry descendants as is that of the Aztecs to us now, to defend themselves from what after all is t



### A Freshie Speaks.

Now that the football season is over, 1 am going to emit a blast toward those distinguished gentlemen from out of town known as rally speakers. What right have they to come here and deplore our lack of school spirit ! How The students at this university and other do they know that it ... sed to be more evident ? they have been away from the campus? What this almighty god, football, is really something. do they want us to do? Jump up and down and yelp like a bunch of hyenas? Why do we ing out of its stupor, and this fact is beginning have to be fanatic about it? If that's school tended most of the rallies this fall and the students cheered and sang and I was glad that they didn't act like inmates of the asylum. Virtually nothing. Do you agree?

You are right when you say students want the arena to butcher each other. If anybody a disinterested student is considered an infidel. Your answer to the critics in Friday's issue was entirely correct. I am a sport enthusiast and it hurts to admit it, but football is over emphasized and is used for advertising. The outstate students don't come here because we have a good law school, or a swell French teacher. No, sir, they come because Nebraska has a good football team, therefore it is a great school.

The action of the athletic board isn't in the elast surprising. They were merely looking out for themselves. If they admitted it there would be some vacancies in the athletic dedear Editor, and congratulations.

PUZZLED FRESHIE. P. S. Your critics are responsible for keeping me puzzled.

### Light on the Subect.

#### TO THE EDITOR:

It appears that the favorite argument against any subject which a student editor of The Daily Nebraskan is bold enough to express a really decided opinion upon is subject to what tor, appeared at Morrill hall speaking on his is known to logicians as the falacy "ad homipresent project at Mount Rushmore in the num." In English this fallacy is the fallacy Black Hills, South Dakota. Somehow, hearing of arguing against a question by scoffing at

Thus does John Bentley dismiss the argugreat strides civilization is taking in applying ment of Mr. Von Seggern by pointing to him mechanical and artistic forces to utilizing the as merely a "boy editor." Thus have the araspects of the physical world so that they are guments of many another editor of The Daily Nebraskan been discounted by individuals and

The peculiar feature of this situation as of when this civilization of ours which we now similar occurrences in former times is the



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