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That Farce Called Football.

A few of the more liberal minded sport authorities are willing to concede what is perfectly obvious, that football is advertising for the school. But they say that it is good advertising, and that the university needs such advertising.

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 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.

At this university we have a Dad's day which brings father and son and father and daughter together for all kinds of good reasons.

As far as the Dads getting their money's worth out of the game, some of them may, but certainly not all of them.

The students at this university and other universities have been hornswoggled, the public has been hoodwinked into believing that this almighty god, football, is really something.

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.

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Looking Into the Mirror of the Future.

Last evening Gutzon Borglum, noted sculptor, appeared at Morrill hall speaking on his present project at Mount Rushmore in the Black Hills, South Dakota.

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what strange ideas will the people reconstruct concerning the physique and appearance of the 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.

But, we at a 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.

Clothiers say that they have sold an unusually large number of derbies this year. People must be going to pass the hat.

MORNING MAIL

Ah! a Supporter.

TO THE EDITOR: It appears, from the comment which your recent editorials on football have drawn, that college editors must, like Caesar's wife, be above reproach.

In the university here we have a course known as Philosophy 30 which deals with reasoning. 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.

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.

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.

The real kick behind the whole thing is the fact that the athletic board of control, also refusing to dignify your editorial with a statement, did dignify it greatly by calling a hurried meeting of the group to discuss the situation.

You may be wrong, Mr. Editor, but there are a lot of people in the kindergarten who agree with you. Stay in the buggy.

I MAYBE RIGHT.

A Freshie Speaks.

TO THE EDITOR: Now that the football season is over, I am going to emit a blast toward those distinguished gentlemen from out of town known as rally speakers.

You are right when you say students want winners. You are right also when you say a disinterested student is considered an infidel.

The action of the athletic board isn't in the least surprising. They were merely looking out for themselves.

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

Light on the Subject.

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 is known to logicians as the fallacy "ad hominum."

Thus does John Bentley dismiss the argument of Mr. Von Seggern by pointing to him as merely a "boy editor."

The peculiar feature of this situation as of similar occurrences in former times is the readiness with which these individuals hurry to defend themselves from what after all is

the mere expression of opinion of an individual 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 sensitiveness 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.

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.

because they work harder or perform more 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 commercial advantages which result from winning teams, and finally in coaches who can produce winning teams.

There is nothing particularly wrong with this system if it is what the public wants but it merely indicates why, Mr. Editor, any statement which tends to reduce interest in football, and consequently might start a movement to diminish "school spirit" and hence attendance at football games, and hence decreased gate receipts and hence lower salaries for athletic officials scratches the sensitive skins of those who are living from the system as it is.

S. O. L.

WEAVER PUBLISHES ECOLOGY ARTICLE

Ecology, the official publication of the Ecological Society of America, recently published "Who's Who Among the Prairie Grasses," and article by Dr. J. E. Weaver, professor of plantecology, who was president of the society during 1930.

"What makes you eat your ice cream first and your soup last?" "My stomach's upset, so I eat my food backwards."

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Lyman Announces Additional Health Unit Ready for Patients.

Dean R. A. Lyman, of the college of pharmacy, who is in charge of the student health service at the University of Nebraska, announces that a new infirmary located at 410 No. 13th street is now open and ready for use.

According to Dr. Lyman, fever epidemics have been recorded and fewer people have been treated in the infirmary so far this year, than has been the case in any preceding year.

"The student health service has attended but one contagious disease this year, and that was a mild case of diphtheria," he added. "The siege of chicken pox, measles, scarlet fever and colds always comes on us after Christmas, and this year with our new infirmary we will be ready for it."

After all, it's a Townsend's photograph that you want.—Adv.

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