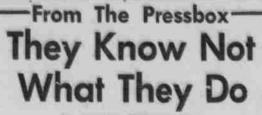
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By BRUCE BRUGMANN Sports Staff Writer

It's sure fun to read the sports pages these days. Not only do they reflect the ultimate in objectivity, sober judgment and judicious criticism, but they also provide harmless amusement for 44 members of the University of Nebraska football squad. Let's refresh our memory for a moment:

before . . .

Before the Hawaii game the sports scribes thundered, "Hawaii has been tossed into the schedule for laughs. . . . Only Bill Glassford can hold down the score. . . . Let's hope the Nebraska coach is feeling charitable."

After this one game, played in miserable conditions, against a psychologically inspired opponent, before a home crowd that quickly deserted the Huskers, everyone jumped on the "Goodbye, Bill ... Too bad, Huskers" bandwagon and we heard:

"NU building boom a bust . . . building foreman Bill Glassford caught short again . . . What's

Wrong With Nebraska Football? (in a banner headline) . . . sending Nebraska against Ohio State is like sentencing them to the electric chair , , the Nebraska vs. Ohio State game is a contest between two poorly matched teams. . . . Nebraska will have to be higher than weather ballons to beat the Buckeyes."

### after . . .

After Saturday's game, in which the Huskers did everything but stir Bill Glassford's ulcer lotion, we find:

"The Cornhuskers came back, Desire, Spirit, Blocking, Tackling, They had them all. . . . A far cry from the gridders handed a 6-0 defeat at the hands of Hawaii. , , determined youngsters . . . stunned the Buckeye partisans . . , fiercely contested game . . . The players did a fine job against Ohio State, that's all there is to it."

One might think for a moment he was looking at a group of freshman ROTC students practicing the about face on the Coliseum mall.

This chameleon effect that has crept into the printer's ink of so many of our sports writers (not to be confused with sportsmen) provides, at best, an amusing diversion between Saturday afternoons.

However, to the people outstate, who can know only what they read in the newspapers, and to the football players themselves, who ask only that they be given a fair chance to prove themselves, it's a downright shame.

### criticism . . .

This is not to say that I am against criticism. Criticism, sound, constructive criticism, is useful, but it has its place.

Its place is not heaped indiscriminately about Coach Glassford. Glassford cannot nor will not be removed until the end of the year. And even then he can stay five more years if he likes.

Criticism directed ad hominem now can only do harm to the players on the team and their chances during the remainder of the season

Abusive criticism also has no place leveled against a team for losing its first game of the season. Neither is it very fair nor very logical to assume that, because of an unfortunate initial defeat, the rest of the season will fall into the same pattern.

#### the positive side . . .

But the important point about dishing out big chunks of criticism is that you can so easily forget the positive side of the score card.

Everyone seemed to forget in the humiliation of defeat that, possibly, the best thing that could have happened to the Cornhuskers was that they get beaten their first game. If they had won, even by a small margin, they would have taken it in stride and breathed easily.

No one seemed to think that this defeat would be just the tonic the Huskers needed to weld them together into a scrapping squad that would almost knock the pins out from under last year's number one League. Fraternity A League dict the outcome of a game in adfootball power.

**Husker Improvement Startles Buckeyes** As Rose Bowl Champs Pressed 28-20

THE NEBRASKAN

By MAX KREITMAN back to tally once again as t Staff Sports Writer As the final gun sounded last Sat- Buckeyes.

halftime read 14-13 in favor of the Acrials were potent

urday at Columbus, Ohio, 80,000 The Huskers wrapped up the people were left awed by a Nescoring in the third period when braska eleven, who one week ago, Erway found McWilliams wide were humiliated by Hawaii and open in the end zone. Nebraska then came back against a 28 point passed up another scoring opporfavorite only to bow to the power-ful Ohio State Buckeye squad 28-20. Even in losing the Buckeye Even in losing, the Huskers Fisher found Leroy Butherus open proved to their followers that they on the Ohio State five. The aerial knew the meaning of the word found its mark, but Butherus in fight. The Buckeyes, who were trying to elude the final Buckeye playing their opening contest of the defender slipped on the turf, and new season, were ranked sixth na- the Huskers were halted in four tionally, and were considered four attempts from the five. On a touchdowns better than the Big 7 fourth down attempt from the one, Erway pitched wide of Fisher, visitors. who got his signals crossed and

Nip And Tuck The 1954 Big 10 and Rose Bowl Rex could get no farther than the

champs received the opening kick- two. off and marched 57 yards, with In singling out the outstanding All-American Howard (Hopalong) player for Nebraska, would be a Cassady going the final 18 for the a difficult task. Don Erway, who first of his three tallies. The con. played the whole contest, and version was good and with less Fisher could be praised for their

than five minutes gone, the hosts work in the backfield. On the line had jumped out in front 7-0. But Jim Murphy played a creditable NU wasn't going to fold that easily, game although outweighed, but It took the Huskers only nine plays the whole Husker line, spotting 10 to hit paydirt, with Don Erway pounds per man, played excellent going the final nine. The confer. football.

Next week, the Nebraskans open sion try was blocked and the first period ended with hte Buckeyes their conference season against Kansas State at Manhattan. They leading 7-6.

return home the following Satur-As the second period got under way, State moved down to Neday in a non-conference go against the Texas A&M Aggies. braska's nine yard line. Then came

the play of the game. Frank Elwood, OS quarterback pitched out to his halfback Cassady, But John Edwards, senior fullback became johnny-on-the-spot and grabbed the pigskin out of the air and rambled

90 yards to give the Huskers their

only lead of the day. O-State came

IM Play Opens

supposedly better men. The entire backfield looked good almost the By WALT BLORE Staff Sports Writer

How much change can occur in one week is the question running through the minds of Nebraska fans after the first two weeks of Cornhusker football. a touchdown.

After getting off on the wrong foot in their opener with Hawaii, The intramural touch football the Big Red played 60 minutes of gets underway Wednesday with a hard football against Ohio State. full schedule of eight games be-Last year's mythical champs had ginning at 5 p.m. Defending All- to rally twice to overcome the in-University champion Delta Tau spired Cornhuskers. The Buckeyes Delta goes into action the first had to thank their lucky star in the day, meeting Sigma Chi on the personage of All-american "Hopanortheast Ag field. Last year's long" Cassady that they won that Selleck Quadrangle champ, Gus- game, Cassady scored three touchtavson II, also will be active early downs and set up another with an as it tangles with Canfield House electrifying run to the two-yard on the city campus northwest field. line, Without "Hopalong" it would Other city campus games slated have been a long day for the Scarfor Wednesday are Andrews vs. let and Gray from Columbus, Ohio. Bessey - NE field. Avery vs. As far as the change goes Coach Boucher-SE, and Seaton I vs. Sel- Bill Glassford summed it up with

leck-SW, all in the Selleck Quad this statement: "If I could pregames, all on the Ag fields, are vance or diagnose the results of a



The Fairer Side

# Luther College Set As WAA Convention Site

By SAROL WILTSE Staff Snorts Writer

The Davy Crockett craze has finally added WAA to its list of ardent admirers. A number of the braver board members are plan- elections. ning to attend a WAA convention held at Luther College Oct. 2 and 3. Each person is to come equipped with flashlight, sweat suits, sleeping bags, and cold pills! The WAA organizations throughout the state will participate and help formulate participate in a game. ideas which will aid the organizations in the coming year. October 4 is the eventful day membership.

baseball, Sandy Kadlacek.

#### credit in WAA has been changed in a few places. Here are the rules that govern voting

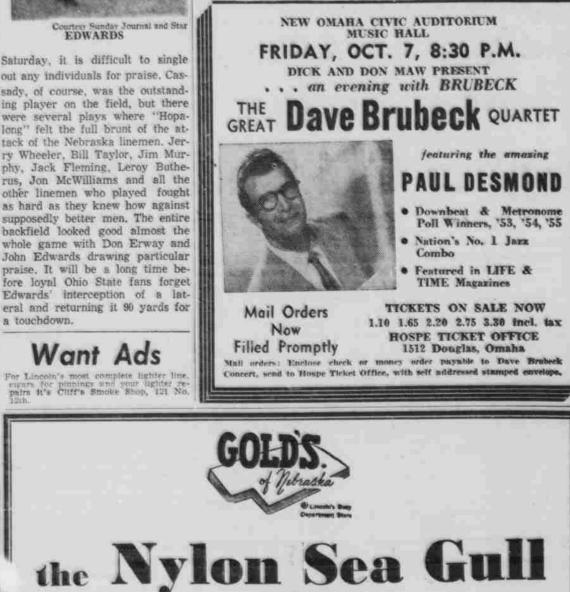
I. A total of eight points must be earned before a member will be eligible to vote in the spring

2. Freshmen and transfer students are given a bonus of two points at the beginning of the year. 3. One point is given to every member of a team each time they

4. Members of orchesis and aquaquettes earn two points for their

when the first tournaments will 5. Girls gain a point every time swing into full force. The heads they officiate, but no more than a of the three tournaments are: total of four points will be given. archery, Shirley Swanson; tennis 6, Girls who are unable physidoubles, Jeanne Craig; and soccer cally to be members of a team may obtain all their eight points

The point system for voting by officiating.



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### the job ahead . . .

No one suspected that this anemic performance at the beginning, rather than at the end or in the middle, would awaken the Huskers, as probably nothing else would, to the big job abead.

No one, not even the ubiquitous sports writers busily thinking up clever invectives, imagined Nebraska would come roaring back this tennis and golf will be posted in playing tough, hard football for 60 weekend

Give the scribes two or three more weeks. Perhaps by then they cording to intramural director Ed nation has to offer can see that what they're putting down on copy paper is far inferior Higgenbotham. to what the players are putting forth on the football field.

If they don't win another game this season, our team deserves consistent, fair-minded sports coverage.

Let's hope they start getting it.

## IM Water Basketball, Free **Throw Tourneys Scheduled**

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October 1st

Teams entered may use the coli- to compete.

organization may enter one The swimming permits must be team in deep water and one in on file in the equipment cage beshallow water. These entries will fore contestants may enter the be made in Room 102 P.E. build- pool. This rule will be adhered to ing not later than noon, Saturday, without exception. Varsity swimming squad members are eligible

Kappa Psi vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon doubt that the Huskers made a good showing in Saturday's game. They Schedules for intramural fall have proven they are capable of

the PE building by mid-week, ac- long minutes against the best the

Beta Theta Pi vs. Ph. Gamma game after it had been played, I

Delta-NW, Phi Delta Theta vs. would get a job as a consultant to Sigma Alpha Epsilon-SE, and Phi football coaches." There is little

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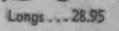
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