Editorial Comment

Football and Reality

No matter how often a person is told the are many students who look with scorn on reasons why the Cornhuskers are not doing as well this season as they have done in the past, following a loss the old shout comes rising up, "What's the matter with the team?"

But the shouting is born somewhat out of the fear that people are laughing at Nebraska as a football school.

We would like to aid in the dispelling of this fear. We would like to re-establish the case for the Cornhuskers and the future of football

First of all, the general spirit for football which dominated the universities of America has died down to say the least over the past eight years. Life Magazine has an interesting article concerning the general attitude toward football in its issue this week. It is well worth recommending to the folks who think that we Nebraskans are a strange lot who just don't give a hoot about the team.

Those of you who have taken the time to read the article know in general, all over America, collegians are taking a more vehement interest in scholarship and have left football to the big fellows who are looking for a job.

Nebraska isn't a victim of the national trendentirely.

But it is caught in a situation which very

On the other hand we have a University which relishes being in a position of honor among men.

football and who don't generate the enthusiasm

which the folks of the past days have generated.

At this University there are no charges that the football team is being paid extravagant sums of money and given special privileges, Football players are eligible for scholarships, but they have to work hard to get through school.

So the Cornhuskers are playing teams which believe that good football, good sport, depends on how much a player is paid. And that's not really our bowl of soup.

There is another problem. The team which is playing for Nebraska today is the product of recruiting by Pete Elliott and Bill Glassford. Bill Jennings' boys haven't come around yet. It is hard to work with a bunch who have been directed toward another school of football and produce what the alums like to call

Cornhuskers can be proud, we believe, that they still maintain football as a sport rather than as a business. Students here should be proud that they still want to attend games, win or lose. We should be proud that Nebraska shouts, either for or against the football team, haven't been stifled by the general apathy which much resembles a vice. On the one hand there is evident in America concerning football today.

"Roundup"

Recommended reading:

"Roundup: A Nebraska Reader" edited by Virginia Faulkner and printed by the University of Nebraska Press is entering its second print-

The book contains articles about Nebraska and Nebraskans and is compiled from the works of those who have lived in the Cornhusker State or who have passed through and been touched with the fresh vitality of our state. It's always a tribute to any book when the second printing comes around.

This collection of Nebraskana is worth having in any library. But it is particularly worth having in the libraries of people closely associated with Nebraska and her culture. Therefore, perhaps it would not be premature to recommend that the reader be purchased by students to take home as a Christmas gift.

But before the snows and jingle bells come falling down on Nebraska, it might prove to be

reader and lose yourself in the stories of the state gathered therein.

Miss Emily Shossberger, University Editor, had this to say about the Reader, "We were happy to see the reception the book received. The second printing was necessary for we wanted to have sufficient stock for the stories both here in Nebraska and over the nation.

. . .

"This is a book which sells not only once but at many times. We believe it is a prize to have on one's bookshelf. The book plays up the state's good points and is, therefore, wonderful for Nebraskans who are usually apologetic about our

Miss Shossberger added, "The reader points out to those away from Nebraska that the state is much more than it hand been before the war. It illustrates the cultural and scientific growth in Nebraska which go to make this a wonderful state."

That sums up the reader: an inspiration for those who believe in the future of Nebraska a pleasurable notion to pick up a copy of the and look to the past for a great pioneer heritage.

The State's Taxes

. The following is another in the series of newspapers and presented here for consid-This editorial is reprinted from The Lincoln

Sen. Terry Carpenter's Legislative Council Herrington also suggested that taxes on house-Investigating Committee has not been too peaceful an organization but it has been getting things

It has already found out, as it fully expected to do, that personal tax forms are a far cry from the truth.

The evidence shows that in both the tangible and intangible field, the state is hardly scratching the surface with the revenue derived from this form of tax. In simple language, the committee has found that people either don't turn in all they own or greatly depreciate what they

It is a little difficult to understand the reasoning by Carpenter and State Tax Commis-

sioner Fred Herrington which seems to absolve editorials which are culled from the nation's county tax assessors for the pitiful state of the personal property tax situation. Certainly, eration by the population of the University. an assessor must be expected to have sense enough to know that farmers with cattle have to have grain to feed them or that a man in business must have an inventory to stay there.

> hold furnishings might be abolished because of the great amount of work involved in collecting them as compared to the total income derived from this source. With Nebraska pinched hard already for tax income, it seems a little odd to advocating removal of any tax at this time.

> What is needed on household furnishing taxes is a stiff law and rigid enforcement. People aren't paying personal property taxes because nobody else is paying them and because the state and the counties are doing nothing to make anybody pay them. Trust in man's basic honesty and other principles is fine as a rule but doesn't work on taxes. People don't pay taxes unless they get in trouble by refusing to do so.

from the editor-

First Things First...

by Jack Pollock

The hallowed reputation of the Arts & Sciences honorary, Phi Beta Kappa, received a severe jolt at the University of North Carolina last week. A letter was sent to the honorary's "rush chairman" recommending consideration of a certain boy for membership.

Kansas State offered the students a holiday added to their Thanksgiving vacation if K-State won the football game with Kansas University last weekend. They didn't get their holiday but the idea could be transplanted here. A win over Colorado or the Oklahoma Sooners probably would be met with a holiday anyway . . .

Staff Reporter Tom Lee of the Creightonian at Omaha provided a bit of comic relief on Creighton's parking crisis with a few tidbits on the different types of autos and their occupants

First mentioned was the "gravel-thrower." He's the type who runs out of class, jumps into his Belchfire Eight and roars out of the parking lot leaving a lethal barrage of flying

Then there's the exit crasher and the space hog. The latter glides into a parking spot meant

for three cars at an 85-degree angle to the next car and ambles to the class. It stops others from parking but it gives sightseers a better view of the skull and bones painted on the side of the vehicle.

All in all, Lee reported, the situation "is worth a chuckle or two-which is just what is needed by the guy who is looking for a parking spot within five miles of his next class."

For a broader coverage of the University's other half, the faculty, the Daily Nebraskan will soon start a series of articles dealing with instructors, teachers and professors and significance of their research or publications, past

The feature articles will carry a short biographical sketch of the instructor concerned.

In addition to providing information on some of the more noteworthy projects (past or present) of the faculty members, it will give students and outsiders a better outlook on the stature of University faculty.

The series will start with those in the sciences-geology, physics, chemistry, zoology, etc. If it meets with any success, the program will be expanded to cover other departments.

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Convention time is here again!

It seems as though every year there are more conventions being held at more distant places than the year before. Don't get the wrong idea here! I'm a red-blooded college man, as college men go, and I love conventions. But I'm certain there is a difference between enjoying the ride to and from the site and the extra-curricular activities that go on at most national get-togethers and attending with a real desire to gain something significant from your fellow members.

I trust that the latter will prevail when a small delegation from the Independents at Nebraska attends the annual national convention of Tomahawk this weeked at Iowa State. The delegation is small, but they will be able to gather many of the ideas which result from the

A couple years ago the idea was initiated on this campus, a constitution was drawn up patterned after the national constitution, but we lacked complete co-ordination with the national headquarters and more important with other Independent organizations right here at

There are conflicting ideas running around campus as to what Tomahawk actually is, and until a few weeks ago, I was confused myself. However, after a bit of research I've been able to straighten out my own ideas, and as a result, I want to clarify the false

impressions that I know a lot of people must have.

Tomahawk is a national organization designed to give official recognition to Independent students "who have been outstanding in their contributions to the University through their service, loyalty, and co-operation. . . in all campus organizations."

Its purposes are basically threefold. First, membership in the organization is a form of recognition to those Independent students who have shown outstanding work in activities and scholarship during their freshman and sophomore years. Secondly, Tomahawk is designed to stimulate interest in student organizations and activities among freshmen, specifically Independents. And thirdly, it will serve as a co-ordinating body for all Independent students and for those activities which operate in the interest of the Independent students specifically.

Perhaps this third point is one of the most significant items contained in the whole idea. This group could become the basis for more closely-knit Independent association. This will give every Independent organization an opportunity to become a part of a group which is real and not just a skeleton on paper,

In attending the conference, we hope to gain a new approach to the problem of bringing the Independents closer together, and of making them feel that their help is needed and wanted in more of the campus organizations.

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Jim Cole

Walk downtown and go through some of the stores, even if you don't want to buy anything. Look at the window displays. Read the ads in the Journal and Star.

For big business think they've seen Santa Claus acoming, and they're shoving out the merchandise for gift buyers. They're trying to draw you up to their counters by ringing holiday bells. Not as loud as they'll get later on, but they're ringing, nevertheless. They were last month in October, too.

If you'd ask me, I'd tell you the merchants are starting the festivities too early. I like to be old fashioned about a few things; and it seems that when the toylands go up two or three months ahead of time, I don't get a very big bang from looking at the toys. And I like to havet hat kind of fun once in a while. After all.

is getting excited over what pres- you don't or not. ents he's going to get this soon. Anyway, people will buy what and when they want regardless of advertising tones.

So I wish the Christmas shop-

ping season would get back some of its old charm, for those of us who like to be sentimental. Not that it has much to do with the significance of Christmas, for it doesn't; and that's a different

Emanual Wishnow's observation that an orchestral interest in the public schools is dwindling seems rather interesting, and may hint at something else about Americana. For if science has got its hat on, and art is near the closet, perhaps humanities will be next. Oh! Steve Schultz.

I'm trying to improve, you'll not particularly be interested to hear, whether it looks that way ot not. I really haven't been as cocky as you would charge, and I think you were a bit too harsh on me, if I can say that. And I doubt whether you really are so abnormal, you know, as to never get just plain And I really don't think anyone sick of anything, whether you think

But anyway I will try to profit from your advice and foster an attitude similar to yours. Thanks. Young Jim.

Oh, the folly of youth!

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Joe: I can't understand why we have to put up with all this military baloney at R.O.T.C. After all a polished button isn't going to win a wor.

Charley: Joe, a polished button will win a war.

Joe: You're pulling my leg. Char: Have you been badly scared at any time?

Joe: Yes. Once I was nearly run over by a cattle truck.

Char: What did you do? How did you react when you thought that you were going to be run

over by that cattle truck? Jee: I jumped out of the way of

Char: How did you know to jump out of the way. Where did you learn to jump out of the way of a cattle truck?

Joe: What do you mean? I just jumped out of the way like anyone else would. It was a reflexive action, I guess. har: In other words, you didn't

think or figure out what to do, you just did it. Some people would call it instinctive. Joe: Yes. Char: Have there been any

other times when you have acted on a reflex or instinctively so to speak? Joe: Yes, I should think there have been many times that I have

Char: Now, Joe, if you were out on a battlefield and death was near and there was the whine of bullets and the cries of men in

pain, would you be calm or tense?

Joe: I would probably get killed. Char: Now then, let us say that you were captured and taken to a Communist prison camp. Let us say that it was cold and that you were without heat and food enough to do little more than survive. Let us say that the guards were brutal to you as well. Would you be calm and in a stable frame of mind or would you be upset and somewhat unstable.

Joe: I would be under a great stress no doubt.

Char: And how would you face that situation, Joe? Joe: I would face that situation

the only way I knew how. Char: And how would that be. Joe: I don't really know. I should suppose I would react to the situation in a way which would be a

manner. I don't really know as I said before. Char: If you had been used to a strong authority being over you, then you would look for a strong

result of my background in some

authority again. Joe: Yes. Char: If you had been used to exercising authority, then wouldn't

you naturally take over? Joe: Yes. Char: And if you had been used

to thinking of your unit or outfit as being for the birds and of little consequence, then wouldn't it be reasonable to assume that you might revert to this attitude of every man for himself? Joe: Yes, it could be assumed

fairly. Char: Now, Joe, isn't that precisely what DID happen, and isn't

it an important reason why some men succumbed to the brain washing? There are other reasons as well, but wasn't it found that this lack of discipline and lack of group spirit was a substantial contributing factor? Joe: Yes.

Char: Can you see now that polishing a button is important after all.

Joe: Yes. I see it now. Char: Do you see the importance of training and discipline as it might be applied to other things in life as well. Cannot it be applied to everything you do?

Joe: (silence). Char: Throw me that towel on the back of the door, will you please.

Joe: Here. Char: Thanks.

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