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BUSINESS OR SPORT?

Football! Is it a business? Or is it a sport?
Unthinking adherents cry that it is football,
football, football as if that were a magic word
glorifying, explaining, and even justifying its every
word, its every thought, its every action.
If football is merely a sport, if its expenditures
are solely for the pleasure of the limited number of
students who participate in the game and the thousand
who watch the games, The Daily Nebraskan can
see no justification for it. Mammoth stadia,
high-salaried coaching and athletic administrative
staffs, expensive equipment. These are not the accom-
paniments of sport for sport's sake. As a sport,
football can no more justify such expenditures than
could any activity.
If football is entirely a business, if it is de-
signed solely to furnish outdoor entertainment to
massing thousands, positions to coaches and admin-
istrators, work to makers of athletic equipment, its
position in collegiate life could hardly be justified.
Only as football combines the qualities of sport
and business with the addition of the unifying force
of a university consciousness can its present large
scale be justified.

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The Daily Nebraskan believes that football is
more than just a sport. It believes that in it lies
the basis for substantial training in moral caliber
for both participants and spectators. The Daily
Nebraskan believes that it is more than just a busi-
ness. It believes that financial arrangements in-
volved in the handling of the game should be made,
not solely from a commercial standpoint but from
a larger view of the development of such interests
as will best develop a finer university.
Unthinking adherents of football call madly for
support for the team, as if it were a divine right
of football to receive support. Pep, support, spirit,
are not justified for the sake of football as such.
These qualities of student enthusiasm which
have played a major part in the victory of many a
frigid aggregation justify themselves, not in foot-
ball, not in victory, but in themselves. The enthu-
siasm, the spirit that knits a student body together,
that makes students conscious of themselves and
their fellows, that brings a fuller realization of the
existence of the University in which they are stu-
dents and the University's place in the life of the
state, that spirit justifies itself. And it provides
one of the major justifications of the present foot-
ball program.

.....
The Daily Nebraskan has opposed the removal
of the program concession from the hands of the
Corn Cobs because it believes that football is not
entirely a business here. It believes that the Corn
Cobs have been an integral part of the football
scene. It believes that commercialization of co-eds
to such an extent as would be necessary to handle
all stadium concessions is undesirable. It believes
that the university student body is opposed to an
entire commercialization of the game.

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The Daily Nebraskan points to the program of
raffles planned for the football season, not as cen-
ters for the demonstration of duty, and of unques-
tioned loyalty. It points to the raffles as an in-
tegral part of university life, the touchstone to the
consciousness of the reality of the university as a
university rather than as a conglomerate mass of
students. On such a basis The Daily Nebraskan
calls attention to the opening pre-game rally Friday
evening in the Coliseum.

PREPARING FOR WORK

The end of a battering ram receives the hardest
knocks. It is the agent which performs the im-
mediate task at hand. Even though greater strain
is levied upon it than upon the remaining portions
of the instrument it does not break down sooner
because harder stuff enters into its composition.
Those who go to college may be likened to the
end of a ram. They do work others less well edu-
cated are not capable of doing, yet do not falter
sooner than others. They have been trained for such
tasks.
College students may expect to take harder
knocks in the world after graduation because they
will do work carrying with it greater responsibility
and requiring greater efforts to accomplish. Their
preference is for this and their choice is deliberate.
They do not complain. To train to withstand these
knocks is out purpose in school. It is not an un-
pleasant task in itself and the joy of accomplishing
bigger things afterward will reward any sacri-
fices that may be made at the present in order to
become among those few at the head of the machi-
nery of accomplishment.

STUDENTS AND DOORS

In the past three years, the center of student
population has moved to the district between R and
Vine streets, from Fourteenth to Seventeenth
streets. The majority of the students who live in
that section use S street when going to the campus,
because it is the handiest and most central way.
The use of libraries for study has greatly in-
creased in the past few years, especially the library
in Social Sciences building. But in order to get
into that building in the evening, it is necessary for

students to walk around to the south door, just off
of R street.

The custom of keeping the south door unlocked
was sensible when the bulk of the students would
naturally use that door. But now that the center of
population has shifted, both doors could well be left
open in the evenings.

THE BAND

With horns bright and shining and streamers
fluttering, Nebraska's ninety piece R. O. T. C. band
will make its first real appearance Saturday when
it parades on the stadium field for the Montana
game. This year's band is the largest in the history
of the University, and its director, William T.
Quick, believes it will be one of the best.

The Corn Cobs are the official pep makers
among university men. The Tassels hold the same
place among the co-eds. Not detracting in the least
from the spirited work of either group, it is true
that the band has been the nucleus of school spirit
at most athletic events. It could not have accom-
plished what it has without the support of the Tas-
sels and Corn Cobs, but neither could they have
carried on effectively had it not been for the band.

That is history. The school at present faces a
formidable football schedule both at home and away
from home. No team can hope to win without the
genuine support of the student body behind it. And
it is this support, this spirit that the band must
generate at the games. Spirit and determination
to win has tipped the dope bucket many times in
Nebraska's favor. It is a factor with which statis-
ticians and prophets cannot reckon. It is the factor
that has won for the Cornhuskers in face of un-
beaten Notre Dame teams.

For the past two years R. O. T. C. inspectors
have spoken enthusiastically of the Nebraska band
and rated it as one of the best in the corps area.
At athletic events, the band has been called upon
and has always responded. Its members and its
leader have promised that this same loyalty will
continue. With the bigger band Nebraska should
have an even better football team.

THE RAGGER: Maybe it won't be quite as cool
at the Coliseum Saturday night as at the park, but
there is this much about it—shoe shines will still
be good for Sunday.

Collegiate mob scene: Half a hundred fresh-
men milling around trying to get freshman lecture
papers.

The straw vote for Hoover and Smith Tuesday
had one advantage. It gave students a chance to
discover who was running for president.

"IN MY OPINION— Open the Library"

It seems that the library staff has taken per-
sonal offense at a suggestion that the writer ad-
vanced a few days ago. This was, briefly stated,
a suggestion that the library be opened on Friday
and Saturday evenings, and, more particularly on
Sunday afternoons. The suggestion was about to
die the usual death accorded all ideas on this cam-
pus when it was given a new lease on life by E. H.
in his Opinion in The Nebraskan for October 9.
It appears that E. H. considers that the writer's
intention in his former article was to criticize the
library staff. Let it be understood at the outset
that such is not the case. Indeed, the writer has
nothing but admiration for the efficient way in
which the library functions when it is open.

The suggestion made was that in view of the
current crowded conditions, and the lack of text
books that are placed on reserve, that it would be
a considerable aid to many students if, instead of
being closed, the library should be open on week-
end evenings, and Sundays from 2 until 8 o'clock.
The writer previously affirmed his belief that this
effort is worthwhile even if only a few students take
advantage of the opportunity thus offered. After
all those "so-called intellectuals" are more worth
while saving than all the rest of the so-called
students.

If the staff feels that this proposition will place
an undue burden upon them, the writer wishes to
call attention to the fact that it was proposed also
to increase the staff with this very end in view.
This could be done very easily, and at very little
expense. Ben Hur.

CORRUPTION CHARGED

To the Editor:
The excessive corruption of the national polit-
ical organizations threatens to choke the spirit of
our elections. Just recently the House of Repre-
sentatives found it necessary to refuse seats to
two would be representatives on account of corrupt
elections, the specific charge being the flagrant
misuse of money.

On our own campus the council has retained
the results of the election held on Tuesday last
because the candidates had money used to their
benefit. Though we realize that "politics is polit-
ics," Article IV of the constitution states, "Nor
shall any money be spent on behalf of any candi-
date. Any candidate violating this rule either in
person or through his supporters shall hereby be-
come ineligible." The Student Council is to be
highly commended for upholding the spirit of the
campus elections.

That the candidates of the "Yellow Jackets" are
guilty is certain. The names of Art Easter, Morris
Fisher, and Howard Gardner were printed on var-
colored circulars generally distributed about the
campus. The fact that money was spent is testified
to at the foot of the circulars. Since the withdraw-
ing candidates are members of the same faction
and the bills were printed by them we may readily
suppose that the action had the support of the
"Yellow Jacket" political organization.

Likewise, there is no doubt but that the candi-
dates of the "Blue Shirts" are guilty to the viola-
tion of the same article. Fortunately this system
of campaigning was stopped dead in its tracks,
through the wisdom of the Council's action. Other-
wise there would be no hindrance to the continua-
tion of the practice. The amount, astonishingly
generous, subscribed by the Alpha Tau Omega frat-
ernity of the "Blue Shirt" faction indicates how
rapidly the system would spread.

The logical outcome of the situation is appar-
ent. The offending candidates' names should be
struck from the list and the votes cast for them
declared void, such candidates as are remaining con-
tinuing the election with the valid ballots cast. To
hold a re-election would be to mitigate the offense
—offering the opposing factions new opportunities
after the failure of their first tactics. Let us elimi-
nate this brand of politics from the University of
Nebraska from the very beginning.

A Modern Publius.

FROM OUT THE DUST.

Amid the rush of act cities, social
and curricular, I repair to my room
and from the dust covered bookshelf
I draw a volume, scarcely noticed
before. Here I find success from
the momentous deeds of the days
which seem to stumble upon the heels
of those preceding.
Interpreted by Phil Blake
and LaSalle Gilman.

Some say that when university
professors publish books they are
not best sellers and are only of
interest to other professors and
the scholastically minded. Prof.
L. C. Wimberly has just published
a collection of folklore which
would prove interesting to anyone.
Entitled "Folklore in English and
Scottish Ballads," it is an exhaus-
tive survey of those customs and
beliefs that in the English and
Scottish popular ballads center
about religion and magic. It in-
cludes ballads of the Otherworld
along with fairies and witches,
dealing with death and burial as
related to ghostlore.

"Folklore," Joseph Jacobs has
remarked, "has somewhat the ver-
satility of the elephant's trunk. In
that it can deal with the most triv-
ial of children's rhymes, while at
the same time laying hands upon
the very secrets of man's being
and inmost thoughts."

Perhaps it is a little late to com-
ment upon the University Players
last week, for if anyone were in-
spired to see "The Spider" after
reading this, (egotistic thought!)
.....
Townsend portrait photographer-Ad

It would be useless, now. How-
ever, the Players' first production
was a dramatic success, and we
would tend to disagree with the
criticism read which stated that it
was not as a play should be. Per-
haps it was not of the ordinary
type; it was not meant to be, and
it was the element of unusualness
and mystery which packed the
auditorium at every show. Ray
Ramsay seems to have developed
marvelous skill as a magician, sud-
denly, while the university thought
he was instructing students in
dramatics, and Mr. O. J. Fee un-
doubtedly made a grave mistake
in going into business instead of
Scotland Yard.

In our humble and ignorant
opinion, we offer one criticism.
The element of reality was care-
fully held through the entire per-
formance, from first to last, except
when they digressed to show
scenes from the dressing room and
the manager's office. For some
reason, that broke the trance.

Article on Chemistry Written by Dr. Avery

Dr. Samuel Avery is the author
of an article which appeared in
the September issue of the Journal
of the American Chemical society,
"The Action of Sodium Benzyl Cy-
anide with Cinnamic Ester, II."

This article was also read at the
meeting of the division of organic
chemistry, American Chemical so-
ciety, at St. Louis. Dr. Avery has
recently received a number of re-
prints of the article in pamphlet
form.

ARCHITECTURAL GROUP ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Ionique Society Is Revived After Having Lapsed Since 1925

The reorganized Ionique society
an organization for the promotion
of architectural engineering, held
its second meeting Wednesday eve-
ning.

The society, under the sponsor-
ship of Professor Smay, elected Al-
bert J. Richter, president; Henry
Ohlsen, vice president; and Henry
Kleinkauf, secretary and treasurer.

The Ionique society was organ-
ized in 1925, lapsed for a period,
and is now being rebuilt with un-
usual interest.

During the course of the year the
group plans to sponsor exhibitions
from the Beaux-Arts Institute of
Design in New York. It will also
sponsor other exhibitions of archi-
tectural work.

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