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The Faculty Scores Again.

NEBRASKA students and Cornhusker rooters indulged in a brief bit of dreaming early this week as rumors persisted that Nebraska's Cornhuskers were to be extended an invitation to play in the Sugar bowl against Louisiana State university on New Year's day. The dreams appeared near realization, then suddenly broke as Wednesday's morning paper carried the news that Texas Christian had been selected to play against the Louisiana team.

Some sport columnists were quick to point out that Husker rooters and students had permitted their imagination to run riot with them, and conjured up all sorts of excuses why Nebraska either was not asked or could not accept. Athletic department officials denied that an official invitation had been received by Nebraska, the only thing they could do and still do justice to whatever team would be next in line.

But all this beating around the bush accomplishes its purpose poorly. Anyone who talked with Nebraska players after their meeting Tuesday afternoon, anyone who saw Coach Bible hurry to a special meeting of the board of control with smiles all over his face and come out in the opposite mood knows that no amount of official denying can get around the fact that the Sugar bowl bid officially came to Nebraska with the sincere hope that the Cornhuskers would accept. And had the Cornhuskers had their way, Nebraska would have played in the Sugar bowl on New Year's day.

It appears, however, that there is a little matter of faculty approval connected with post-season games as well as with regular schedules. It seems that the faculty is very averse to football, especially such games as will put Nebraska on the map and bring some recognition to this university and state. So

Nebraska is forced to turn down the Sugar bowl bid while about 6,000 students and thousands of Husker fans over the middlewest are still wondering why.

Of course, no official statement that such is the case can be divulged from the powers that be, but this is not without precedent. It is not commonly known on the campus that a Nebraska-Army series in football came close to becoming a reality last year but for this same obstinate faculty sentiment which is keeping Nebraska at home New Year's day. But then a lot of things that would open student eyes are kept similarly hidden or an attempt is made to do so. After all, isn't the university for the faculty?

The Nebraskan anticipates a reply to the effect that a number of Nebraska varsity men are ineligible, thus precluding acceptance of the bid. In the face of a recent statement by Coach Bible during the NYA controversy, that all varsity men were up in their hours, this is indeed a sudden development. And were the former true, it is highly probable that whatever scholastic deficiencies may have existed could be cleared up by Christmas. Furthermore, there are but eleven men on a team and Nebraska has a quantity of reserves whom the experience would not harm in preparation for next year. Ineligibility seems shaky ground on which to base the refusal.

No doubt it will also be said that athletics are already overemphasized here, to which the Nebraskan is inclined to voice its assent. In a school in which so many ties that bind student and alumni to university are sadly lacking, however, in a school where student requests and needs in other fields are so badly and shamefully neglected, athletics, and for the most part, football, are the one thing which helps build up interest in the university. It is one of the few things that engenders a feeling of pride in and close relationship to this school.

Nebraska fares poorly at the hands of the state each biennium. But what would be its fate were it not for those attracted to the university's cause because of football or other sports? Football is the one thing that has brought some degree of fame to Nebraska. It is a regrettable fact but the reality, for such it is, must be faced. And it need not necessarily be faced with a feeling of shame or disgrace.

Here stands the University of Nebraska, poorly equipped, poorly housed, its faculty underpaid, its facilities and equipment inadequate, its curriculum and teaching methods in need of revitalization. Here we stand, too, in disfavor with much of the state.

Before we can achieve an improvement in intellectual and cultural sentiment and thought among the faculty and students we must fare better at the hands of the state. We must pay our faculty more, we must enlarge and improve its membership. We must build new buildings, secure needed equipment, and improve our extra-curricular educational program. But before we can do this we must secure the wholehearted backing of the state which is grudgingly given when given at all.

Now it seems that one of the few things the state is proud of about the university, in fact almost the only thing, is its football team. When that team invades a foreign gridiron, the hearts of Nebraska citizens follow that team with every play. When it conquers mighty foes Nebraska rejoices; when it loses, it is still proud and waits for the next chance. The football team makes the university look pretty good around the state, and people get

out and try to put in a few good words for the school as a result.

Maybe this makes the faculty jealous because they have done little to make the people of Nebraska very enthusiastic about them. Anyway, the faculty pops up with a big anti-football sentiment. And so when the Army game seems probable and now when the team gets a chance to put the school and the state on the map, (and, incidentally, to put in a few good ticks for the university about the state), the faculty see its chance and throws the monkey wrench in the works. And the general result is very highly successful from their point of view, for Nebraska gets a "no go" order both times.

A lot more could be said about the incident but what's the use? It's the same old

story told over and over again, as demonstrated by the union building, bookstore, activity tax, and other requests. But then the faculty and administration are zealously guarding the interests of the student body and while doing a right nice job of it they succeed every once in a while in gumming up the works where it really counts.

We grant that something besides athletics should hold the student, alumni, and friends of the university to its cause but that something happens to be lacking. Until it is found, or developed, it would be a good idea to take advantage of what we have to better the school's fate. Think what a boost the university would receive around the state from playing in the Sugar bowl. Perhaps the faculty cut off its nose to spite its face.

Benjamin Lippincott, political economist at Minnesota, has been threatened for "anti-Nazi" activities.

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Off the Campus
 by Lynn Leonard

Munitions Manufacturers
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even promote war. Munition manufacturers are usually powerful and wealthy. That fact should not interfere with enforcement of the neutrality act, and Hull's action indicates that it will not.

Mussolini Is Reported
 to be worrying no longer about an oil embargo that may be imposed against Italy soon by the league. He feels assured of an adequate supply of oil because of a gentlemen's agreement that is supposed to exist between the Italian government and the Societa Italo-Americana del Petrolio, a subsidiary of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey. It would supply Italy with oil from Rumania and other sources outside the United States upon application of the oil embargo. The agreement was denied, however, by the president of the New Jersey company, but the story was thoroughly investigated before being released by the United Press. The fact that a previous agreement was denied and then later admitted by the company gives this one possibilities.

Educators Here to Discuss Civic Leadership Play
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 and over the state are expected to attend.

Conference opens with a dinner Friday evening at 6:30 when Rall Grigsby, director of the nationally known public forum at Des Moines, Ia., will deliver an address on "The Public Forum as an Experiment in Adult Civic Education." At 9:45 a. m. Saturday Prof. G. W. Rutherford of Iowa State college will speak on "Radio and Political Education" which will be followed by a discussion of the subject "Youth and Civic Training as Viewed by Uncle Sam" by Miss Gladys J. Shamp, of Lincoln, state director of the national youth administration.

"The Newspaper in Relation to Political Education or Civic Training" will be the topic of an address by James E. Lawrence, editor of the Lincoln Star and journalism instructor here. There will be a luncheon at noon with two addresses following. Prof. Harold P. Gosnell of the University of Chicago, will talk on "The Meaning of Free Inquiry in a Democracy" and Rowland Haynes, president of Omaha Municipal university, will speak on another topic of civic importance.

Delegates will be asked to join in a discussion of the questions

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Politicians Seek Program to Replace AAA—McKelvie

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 obtaining equality for agriculture have always been impractical, according to his belief, or else they have been offset by something more that was done for those with whom the farmer was made equal.

Cash impresses Farmers.
 McKelvie writes that the late Washington move has been more popular than the others because it "lays the cash on the barrel head every so often in amounts large enough to be seen, and appreciated." The recipients are "engrossed with Thanksgiving" to such an extent that they have no time to look into the origin of the gifts that they are receiving.

The articles states many of the things which it is said the thoughtful farmer will admit regarding the AAA and the underlying theory of "planned economy." Among these are the following: "It presumed the omnipotence of man over nature," it gives rise to so-called ever-normal abundance, "it aggravates unemployment," "it encourages marginal acres," and "it looses export markets."

Realize Deficiencies.
 "Farmers admit these as well as other things to be true," the article continues. They realize that they are paying in reduced selling prices or in increased cost of products they buy.

"Temporarily, the farmer's income has been enhanced, but it has been done thru the law of diminishing returns. Fewer hogs, less use for corn, more idle acres, and so on, down the descending spiral to mediocrity."

"The simplest and most basic laws of nature invite, or actually compel arbitrary shifts in farm products under the AAA. "These," McKelvie says, "will be bound to seal its doom in the end."

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