

If . . .

Today is our own little if-ing day. We're joining the ranks of the self-styled Sunday morning T specialists and their colleague the drugstore cowboy. In other words we're going out on the proverbial limb with our own inflated two cents worth.

We'll begin by reiterating one of the 'ifs' that is making the rounds far more rapidly than the others. IF Cletus Fisher and Ralph Damkroger could have avoided colliding with the turf after snatching their respective pay dirt passes they might have tallied that long awaited six points. Sound reasoning but why not go even further and say . . .

IF they could have tucked the ball under one arm and walked on the other hand . . . six points anyway. It's a hard trick to develop but we know they'll work hard to perfect it just for dear ol' John Q. who really found the going tough against Indiana.

So it's easy to throw the 'ifs' around and hurl charges against players and coaches, but take a look in the stadium mirror . . . how did you stack up as a sideline player? This writer included . . . the student body at U of N is infamous as a damn poor sideline supporter.

IF the student body would learn the yells, the songs, and, in general get behind the team, the latter's job might be easier.

The student body and every Cornhusker fan is the true champion-maker. Supporting a winner is easy but supporting a team that has lost is the real test tube of eventual success. IF you back your team you'll have a winner regardless of the scoreboard . . . IF not, then learn the Gopher yells, hold a Sunday morning critique for them, because the Cornhuskers will be better off by themselves.

IF you want to be part of the team show it or shut up and let the real players alone!

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The Eyes Have It

By Jeanne Kerrigan

Open house blues . . . after football game open houses last Saturday, some unfortunate individuals were wondering what that bitter taste was . . . seems the Betas ordered thirty gallons of apple cider for their after-game party and had served a good many guests before discovering the tragic mistake . . . vinegar had mysteriously replaced the cider.

Reddest face of the week belongs to one of the Levine brothers . . . don't ask me which . . . who called Bee Smith for a date only to find that she has been pinned since last spring.

Then there is little Julie Buchfinck, who was overheard remarking that she couldn't go coking at a certain hour last week because she had to attend a WCTU meeting . . . must have been confusing when she found herself at a YWCA gathering.

Deploring the amount of "temporary barracks" sprinkled on the campus, red-headed Ed Weisenreder commented that "They could make room for lots more classrooms if they'd just move all those old bones out of that one building . . . a sophomore, too."

Duke Novotny amazed Prof. Lancaster the other day by swishing into his 10:00 class a few minutes before the period ended just to "sit down and wait for his 11:00 . . . didn't know Duke was such a beaver."

Mystery of the week . . . Bill Baxter, supposedly still happily single . . . receiving mail addressed to Mr. and Mrs. William Baxter . . . Farm House brothers are demanding an explanation or a tubbing in order.

Controversy of the week involves a dinner table matter . . . When one asks for the salt or pepper, should one pass him the salt OR pepper or should one pass him the salt AND pepper . . . we left after 45 minutes of heated argument.

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Union Head, Duane Lake, Has Big Plans for Future

BY SAM WARREN.

A man of theory and plans, with practical experience behind his ideas, that's Duane Lake, new director of the Union. His theory? That the ideal student union should offer something for everyone on campus. His plans? To put the new student "sponsored system" of Union on its feet, and one day—say in 1952—when the present bond issue is retired—to un-

cover behind his book case the blue prints for a new wing to the Union building.

To recount the newcomer's union experience, however, takes a little more time. It was in 1937 as a student at the University of Minnesota that Lake first became acquainted with typical union activities. Under the system of student committees (which goes into effect here this year) Lake



DUANE LAKE
New Union Director.

worked at Minnesota on such union projects as an all-university stag parties, band and orchestra concerts, student-faculty programs, and a student talent bureau.

Later he chaired committees on union social affairs and outdoor activities. He served two years as an elected member of the Memorial Union's board of governors. "In fact," he confided in an interview yesterday, "I majored in activities."

These activities were not confined to his union projects, either. Something of a sportsman, Lake

took part in five minor sports, and was a member of boxing, swimming, hockey, golf and touchball teams. He had his fingers in bowling and billiards, too. "Women," he mentioned incidentally, "I think are more adaptable to billiards than men, mainly because they have more patience."

Confirming the opinion UN students have held for a long time that their union is one of the nation's finest, Lake pointed out that "the one thing we're short on here is adequate recreational facilities." Apparently added housing space alone can remedy that.

In the meantime, he hopes to increase other facilities, for example, along the handcraft line. "In unions all over the country, the number one need is for art and handcraft workshops," he said. "Art meets a definite need, entirely different from any other that the Union offers."

During the last two summers, the Union has opened a handcraft shop in a room used for other purposes in the regular term. This year, tho, plans are underway for such a room. "Hand work—whether it's water color or painting or wood carving—offers an outlet not otherwise provided. You can feel you've accomplished something after you've given your time."

Coming to Nebraska from South Dakota State College where he was the college's first Union director, Lake had one reaction to UN students. "There's a certain indefinable spirit here that you feel right away—an attitude of interest, of getting something done. A number of students already have already come into the office to get the Union's cooperation on one thing or another, and always it's "Let's get the show on the road!"

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