

-EDITORIAL OPINION-

# Era Ends: Jennings Fired

The boss man of the up and down but mostly down football era extending from 1957 to the present is gone.

Coach Bill Jennings was fired yesterday in a statement issued by Chancellor Clifford Hardin in order to hand the yet-to-be named athletic director a clean slate on the athletic scene.

Now that the coliseum, location of the coaches' offices, responds with an echo to the slightest noise, there is no better time to make a few final observations on the athletic scene. Nebraska is now without a football coach, an athletic director and an athletic business manager. One quit, one passed away and one was fired. Planned or not, the sports scene is clear of the old and anticipating the new.

As we (among a multitude of others) recently noted, the athletic set up needs a new start. Now we have essentials—vacancies in three top administrative spots. Step one has been taken. Now for the rugged road ahead.

The NU athletic program is somewhat like a dazed fullback. He has batted his head against the wall for five seasons with little yardage gained. In fact, he has lost more than he has picked up. Now he is a little confused with it all but not ready to give up. Perhaps the fullback now realizes his error and at the same time has more respect for the opponent—the ultra-competitive intercollegiate society. He knows if he expects to enter the select circle he must have better credentials. Instead of hitting the middle he will try an end run.

Coach Jennings gave it a good try but he failed. Through his efforts we may see what his successor must have. It was a long educational experience but the lesson is none the less valuable for it. The coach is only a part of the whole. It is our hope that the new coach will fill the bill. However, the fact still remains unaltered—the players still do the playing. (N.B.)

# Tax Institute Criticism Invalid

There once was a man who was of the doubting kind. He trusted nothing and no one. He doubted everything except his good friend who had proven himself to be a loyal companion. In fact, his friend was always doing things for everyone. Nice things. The doubter, however, soon became suspicious of his friends. (He couldn't believe anyone could be so dedicated and worthwhile.) Finally the mistrusting man openly attacked his friend in an attempt to stop all of the good things his friend was doing.

Fiction? Of course. Then why print it? For a good reason. This little fairy tale is not so fictitious in the state of Nebraska today. The only change we must make is in cast. The doubter is actually a group of Nebraska citizens, a section of which forms a group known as the Think and Act, Inc. The good friend is, of course, our own state University.

This newly formed group has taken on a self-appointed duty of stopping the University's newest educational program—the series of tax institutes to be conducted across the state next spring. Why would any group be opposed to a program designed to further educate the adults of the state on the complex subject of taxation? The group has stated that the program is, in the first place, illegal since the University is an arm of the state. Secondly, the group announced that the only reason the University is initiating such an extravaganza is to propagandize the Nebraska people.

This hell-bent-for-action organization has recently sent questionnaires to all state senators. They explained that their only purpose is to get an honest opinion from the senators on the merits of the institute. We find this hard to believe. The questions themselves are loaded and lead naturally to a negative answer. The two questions are:

(1) Do you feel that tax money budgeted to the University should be used to conduct public, off-campus workshops on an issue as controversial as taxes?

(2) Do you, as a legislator, feel a need for guidance on tax matters from the University faculty?

# Faculty Floors Football Fans

Ohio State's faculty council rejection of a Rose Bowl bid in favor of the academic atmosphere was indeed an unfortunate decision.

The faculty fathers commented that the west coast trip would interrupt the continuity of the curriculum.

Undoubtedly the Columbus, Ohio schoolmasters are looking at the present student demonstrations protesting the decision at that school with a smug intellectual air of superiority.

Perhaps faculty councils across the country are chewing the bit for the opportunity to get on the study hall bandwagon. The gridiron battle for a successful season climaxed with a bowl bid will soon be small compared with the fight to get the bid approved at home.

What we object to is certainly not an emphasis on education, but the irrational overemphasis and the failure of the Ohio

In our opinion, these questions give the Think and Act, Inc. an anti-University connotation. In both questions this group leaves little room for any other conclusion. Of course taxation is controversial. Why shouldn't it be? Everyone pays taxes. By the same token, if taxation is of public interest, then why not discuss it? As we have already noted, the subject of taxation is involved and complex. Certainly no single individual knows as much about taxes as he should or wants to know. If this be the case then, an educational institute aimed at the voting taxpayers is entirely validated. Then who should conduct the workshop? Who better than a group of well-versed economists logged with years of taxation and economic study and related teaching? Certainly this state can find few people as qualified.

The second question asks the senator if he feels he needs guidance on tax matters from the University faculty. The University faculty members on this traveling institute are by no means trying to instruct the legislators. They are simply doing a service by aiding the citizens of this state to better understand the taxation system they are living with in order to make intelligent decisions and comments as an all-important citizen—the backbone of this state and nation.

We are happy to see, however, that the University program is receiving much more support than dissent. Senators Kenneth Bowen, George Knight, Joe Vosoba and Richard Marvel have all gone on record as being in favor of the institute. The most recent support came from the Cozad Chamber of Commerce and the state AFL-CIO. These individuals are accepting and welcoming the program for what it is: an experience in adult education on a very pertinent subject with everyone.

The institute itself is another example of the outstanding work continuously being conducted by the University as a contribution to the state in its quest for economic and general improvement and progress. Think and Act, Inc. is asking the state senators and citizens to misconstrue their thoughts and act accordingly. We consider the senators and voters to be more intelligent. Think and Act. (N. B.)

State faculty to recognize the proper perspective of things.

In our America, football and bowl games deserve their place in the collegiate atmosphere as well as Shakespeare and the chemical properties of cobalt. The American scene has nearly lost the color and thrills of the magnificent circus. Leave us the power and excitement of football. With every bowl game, there is a parade—and what parade has ever played to anything but standing-standing room only?

Imagine this: The University of Nebraska, wheeling and dealing for the best possible in athletic director, football coach, business manager and whatever else, in an effort to produce some real Big-8 bullies, comes up with a full house of Aces and Kings, which in turn earn a chance at the pot in Miami. Then, with our lights paid off, the faculty throws down a straight flush.

It happened to Columbus. Lincoln has been shot down before, too. (N.B.)



# Paths of Life

## Rediscovering Prayer

By Dr. William Blair Gould, University Pastor, Methodist Students

There is a new interest in the meaning of prayer not only on this campus, but throughout the world. What reasons can we give for this desire to better understand prayer? Certainly the time in which we live is one reason that many are seeking a more dynamic prayer life. This has been called "an age of sustained crisis." It is also a period of disillusionment as we see hopes for peace being shattered before our eyes.

Another reason for the interest in prayer may be due to the deep searching that so many are going through on the campuses of all nations. We have been called the inquisitive generation as we have taken the crisis of our ages into our own minds and spirits. Much of our thinking is existential. We want to know not only where we are but who we are. There is a striving to recover the meaning of personality.

The sustained crisis of our age and our resultant existential experience point to a deeper reason for our desire to rediscover prayer: we are basically yearning for a relationship with God that will bring wholeness to our fragmented lives. We recall Kierkegaard, in Dostoevski's novel, *The Possessed*, saying, "All my life I have been haunted by God." Our own lives echo the poignancy of his statement.

We are beginning to realize, as men have through the ages, that prayer is essentially discovery. We discover that

prayer is the way we meet with God. Our meeting with God is often difficult, not because He is not seeking us, but because we are avoiding Him. We allow the pressures of life to rob us of the one pressure that means life: the Pressure of His Life upon ours.

In discovering prayer we soon realize that our prayer life is first a matter of response. We seek Him because He has first sought us. Jesus told the parable of the Prodigal Son for many reasons, but certainly one was to show how God as our Father seeks us as we return along the road to Him. If we can know that amid our confusion and estrangement God wants us and seeks us constantly, we will have taken the first step in our rediscovery of prayer.

A second step is to thank God for the blessings that we have received and the opportunities that He has set before us. So often we are so busy telling Him what we want we never have a chance to listen to the guidance and healing that He offers us. A thankful heart is God's opportunity to reach us and to help us.

Third, we must be honest in our prayers. The little boy who prayed that the capital of Massachusetts be Springfield because he had so answered in a school examination is typical of many of us. We want to manipulate God and then we are resentful when He does not fit into our plans. We must come to Him recognizing our evasions and rebellion. Once

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# On Films and Things

By Phil Boroff  
**THE COMANCHEROS** is 20th Century-Fox release of a George Sherman production starring John Wayne, Stuart Whitman, Ina Balin, Nehemiah Persoff, and Lee Marvin as "Grow".

John Wayne has been starring in big, commercially-successful films for over twenty years, and he has just about run the gamut of possible twists to standard western plots. "The Comancheros," like most Wayne westerns, is unpretentious, obvious, inconsistent, improbable and popular and valuable commercially.

Wayne is a Texas Ranger who hunts down Whitman, a gambler who has killed his opponent in a duel and is charged with murder. The two take a liking to each other, and Whitman is made a member of the Texas Rangers rather than sent back to Louisiana to stand trial.

Wayne and Whitman then, as Texas Rangers, become involved with the Comancheros, a renegade band of Comanches and white men fighting for the Indian cause and led by Nehemiah Persoff. And, correct for a western, Persoff's daughter, Ina Balin, loves Whitman. (It could have been Wayne, but those May-December romances seem to be fading from the main characters of the movies. Besides, Wayne has Joan O'Brien, a widow, like Wayne, in the film.)

"The Comancheros" is not a blockbuster western. There is a tremendous amount of killing for killing's sake. There are slow-moving, irrelevant scenes. There are uneven scenes, the studio and location shots not matching. However, there is colorful cinematography of the Moab, Utah, location and an exciting though familiar musical score.

"The Comancheros" does not distinguish itself, but the box-office response makes it one of the more successful films. It has mass appeal for a mass audience—the fans of John Wayne.

SUSAN SLADE, a Warn-

er Brothers release of a Delmer Daves production starring Connie Stevens, Troy Donahue, Dorothy McGuire and Lloyd Nolan.

Predictable, melodramatic soap opera of unwed motherhood has become a staple in Hollywood's yearly film output. In "Susan Slade," a cliché-ridden, trite plot is decorated with handsome players and attractive settings and costumes, but the result is still disastrous.

Poor Connie Stevens, as Susan Slade, is the innocent, virginal daughter of an travelling engineer with a boy on board ship as her family returns to the States. But her lover is killed climbing Mt. McKinley (because it is there) and Connie and parents Dorothy McGuire and Lloyd Nolan go to Guatemala so Connie can have her baby in quiet, unwed motherhood.

Mama Dorothy McGuire will say that the baby is hers. Later, after the baby is born, papa Lloyd Nolan dies of a heart attack. Connie and Mother McGuire return once

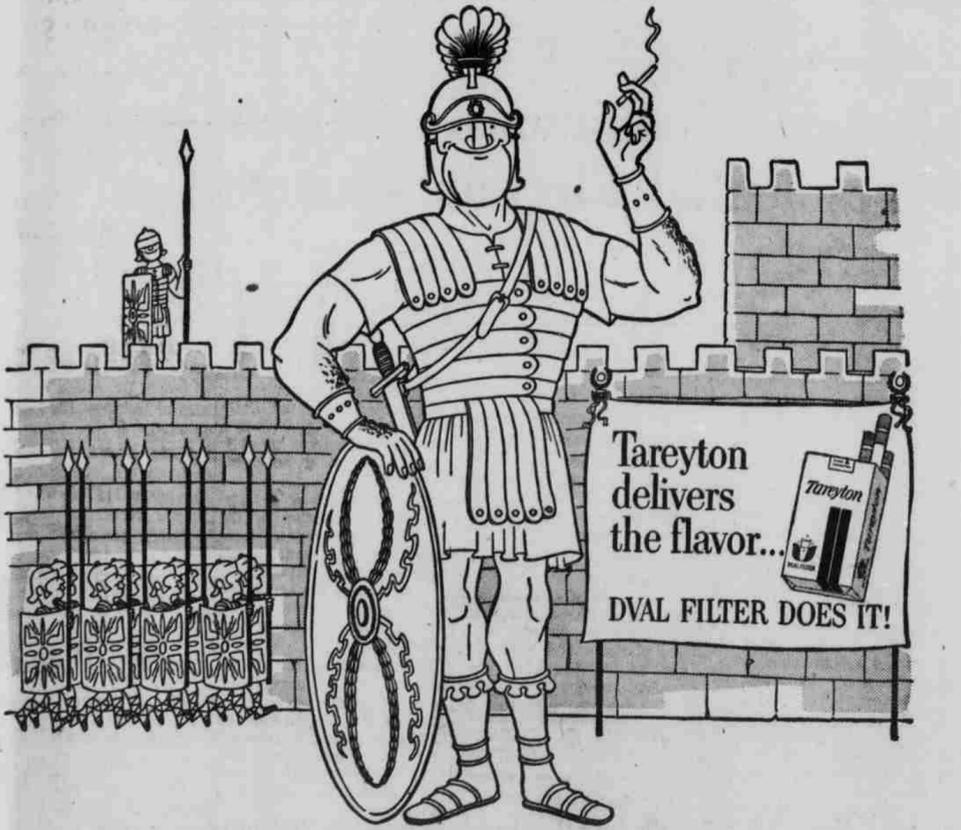
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