

The Reflecting Mirror of

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-By John Morris

Football season tickets will cost \$3 more for students next fall if the Student Council endorsement of the increase is put into effect...

In a race to catch up with five other Big Eight Conference schools in money available for the athletic department, thus bigger and better football players, students might have to pay \$10 instead of \$7, for their 1963 tickets.

The argument for the increase seems to center around the fact that Nebraska is one of three schools that is not subsidized in some way, in addition to the fact that Nebraskans do not have to pay taxes that go to the University Athletic Department.

The subsidies mentioned are reported to be in the form of waivers of fees, tuition and mandatory buying of tickets. As high as \$150,000 a year is received at some schools by these methods.

Athletic Director Tippy Dye established a relationship between grants-in-aid and scholarships and ranking in the conference in a talk before the Student Council several weeks ago. It seems that higher paid players make better football players. Dye said that if Nebraska is going to remain competitive in the conference it will have to keep grants-in-aid in the same bracket as the top two or three schools.

That is, we will have to pay as well as the top two or three to turn out football players of similar quality. And who is paying in the end, student body?

And the student body will continue to pay, whether tickets go up, whether intelligence is offered the same benefits physical ability is and whether all those football rank-raisers are hidden parts of an increased tuition that the student at school for school must pay.

Of those who return to a University prestige and honor through professional excellence, football players are in the great minority. Yet of those who get free training in order to attain professional excellence, football players are in the majority.

It has yet to be proven that funds from athletic activities benefit a University enough to make non-athletic students pay that price.

But there are many other things to consider: For instance, what ever happened to the idea of a balanced athletic program? It would be much better for students, athletes and the school if the athletic program were well-rounded.

Basketball players need a place to play and the baseball field needs a scoreboard. With appropriations to the so-called minor sports, Nebraska could be a valid leader in collegiate athletics. But the rounding out of the athletic program must wait until more seats are added to the stadium and those are paid for and the football team makes so much money that it cannot possibly spend it all on itself.

That seems like the long way around. Why not pep up the University's sports publicity?

Send out a little info on baseball, basketball, tennis, golf, wrestling, swimming, etc. Why not upgrade the whole system and boast of a real good athletic department rather than concentrate on collegiate glamour, on the gridiron? Look it up anywhere, fans, an athlete is not defined as a football player and a coach is not defined as a football teacher.

Why not pay for only top grade football talent and transfer some funds to other sports, if we are going to pay athletes? That, in addition to better promotional work, would interest people in sports other than football at the University and make it worth while for athletes, other than football players to compete.

For instance, why not make the Nebraska football fan, the "super loyal nut" pay for what he gets to see. It seems odd that students must pay more than before and get, on the whole, not as good a view of action, as the other half, the public.

If students must start paying more they should start demanding more. Why not ask for 10,000 50-yard line seats, a perfect season and an Orange Bowl contract, plus enough influence to pressure hiring and firing of coaches in the future.

And, if the student body does not get what it wants then it should throw a mass tantrum and point to Big Ten Giants, to the Southeastern Conference Giants and wail out the injustice, and this time be heard by all.

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