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it was as bad as some of the players said, but that might have been because of where I was sitting."

Dickey said she thought that the spirit generally was better than it had been in the first home games, when the spirit groups, the marching band and the cheerleading squads had difficulty coordinating their activity.

Krause contended though that from the viewpoint of the stands, "the cheerleaders don't do that much."

Dickey said that she thought the spirit groups would help only students who were sitting in close proximity to them and not fans scattered throughout the stands.

"It's not going to make any difference what the spirit groups do anyway; if it's a good game the people will yell whether there are spirit groups or not," she said.

Yell squad member John Scott concurred, "People get down on us for not getting the fans actively involved in our cheers. They simply fail to realize there is little we can do if the fans refuse to cooperate."

Dickey said one explanation was "last year we were so far ahead, I think the people just quit yelling."

She said the adjustment will take quite a while for fans who are used to seeing huge margins of victory.

Krause said Osborne has his own style and should not be compared with past coaches. "I think he is rather quietspoken for a football coach," she said.

"I think he takes more of a psychological approach. People don't realize it now, but I think it will be very

effective eventually," she said.

"It doesn't seem like the fans are getting psyched up for the games anymore, but they should, just like the team does," she continued. "I don't know, I'm just as excited about them."

Dickey said that she thinks most fans still support the team and are not thinking about its overall performance. She added that with a new coach, it is easy for fans to try to blame someone for the less-spectacular game which Nebraska is currently playing.



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