

# Tickets: you pay the price

By Jim Hunt

Student ticket scalpers look at their Nebraska student football tickets as a good source of income during the football season.

However, the UNL Athletic Dept. looks at student scalping as a violation of ticket policy.

The policy states that the privilege of using the student ticket may not be passed on to anyone except a ticket holder's spouse or children.

#### Ticket privilege

"We feel that the students have a right to go to the games, that's why they built the university," said Jim Pittenger, NU ticket manager. "We feel when a student gets a discount of 66 per cent and priority on getting tickets that this is a privilege. Along with this privilege goes responsibility, and that responsibility is to use the ticket in the way it's intended.

"If we are satisfied that a student is selling his ticket we confiscate it," he said. "We retain at the gate anywhere from 50 to 100 tickets a game."

Pittenger said 30 student football tickets were confiscated before the Louisiana State University game last Saturday.

If a student is repeatedly caught vio-

lating the rules it may result in the loss of future privilege to purchase a season ticket.

#### Depends on circumstances

"Whether the student gets his ticket back depends on the circumstances surrounding the case," he said. "Frequently the ticket is given back and the student is admonished, it all depends on the circumstances. At all times we advise the students that they have the right of appeal to student affairs.

"The policy around the conference is very similar to ours," Pittenger said. "I would guess the problem is more pronounced here and at Oklahoma due to the scarcity of tickets.

"A student who gives his student ID to his little brother is giving him the chance to go out and misrepresent him, and get into trouble with the police, he said.

"A general public ticket is a negotiable instrument, and there is no law against scalping in Nebraska," Pittenger said.

#### Never worried

"I never worry about it getting confiscated," one female student said. "People of all ages go to school here and since there is no picture on the ID I don't worry about getting caught."

"It has crossed my mind that someone might get caught with my ticket, but I

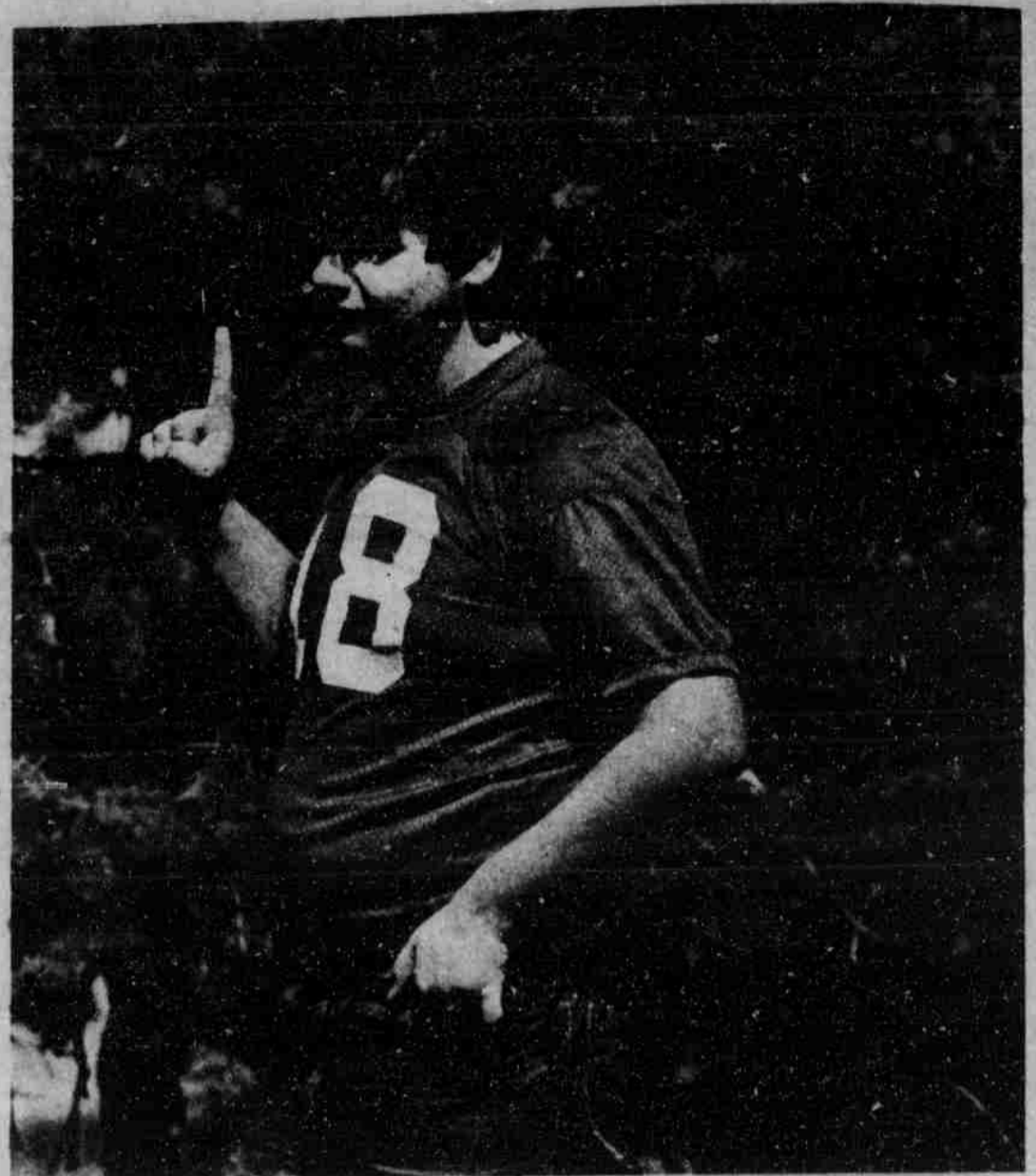


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don't worry about it too much," said one male student. "I take a deposit on the ticket and ID, and I also have them sign a contract so I make sure I don't get ripped off."

"I try to sell my ticket for every game," another female student said. "I have been selling my ticket for three years now and

never had any problem selling it. I don't trust many people with it. Mostly a friend or somebody who looks trusting."

Ticket prices for single game tickets usually run from \$5 to \$25 depending on the game's opponent. Season tickets usually bring in anywhere from \$25 to \$150 depending on the stadium location.

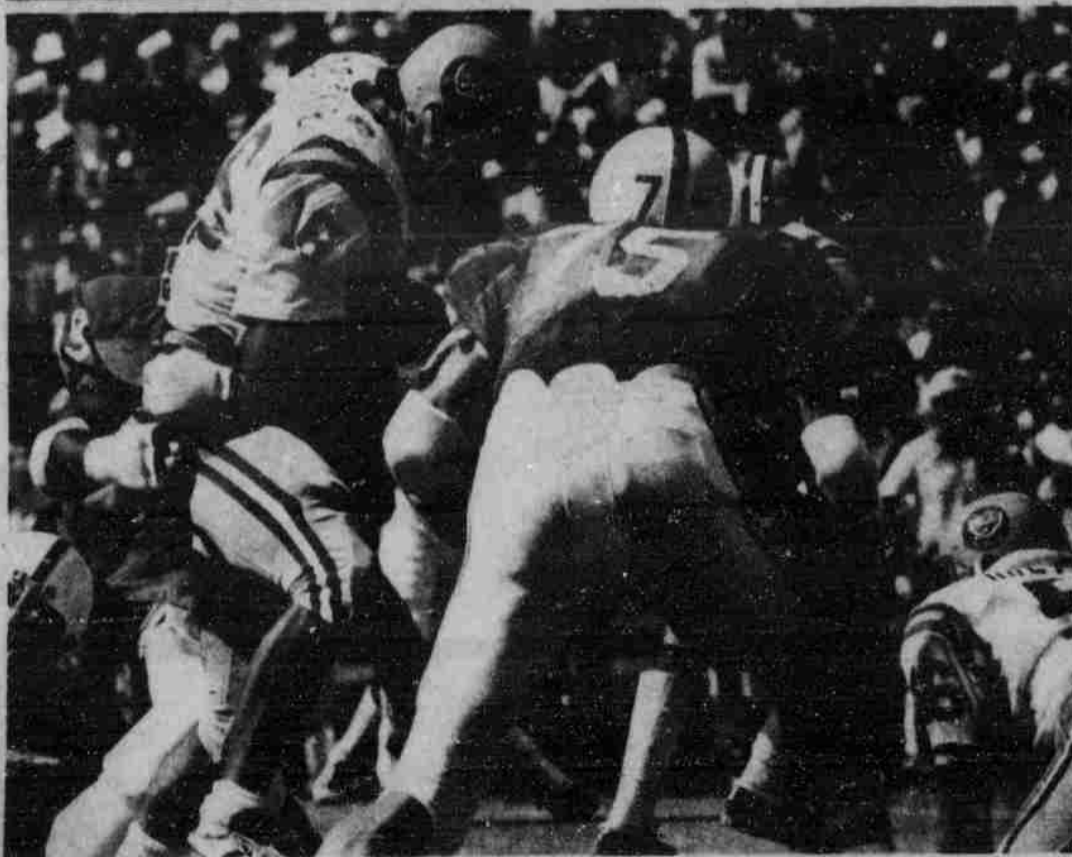


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Husker middle guard John Lee (69) puts the stop on LSU's Terry Robiskie (16) as George Mills (75) moves in. The defense held Robiskie to 43 yards rushing on 18 carries. Lee led the Huskers' linemen in tackles with nine.

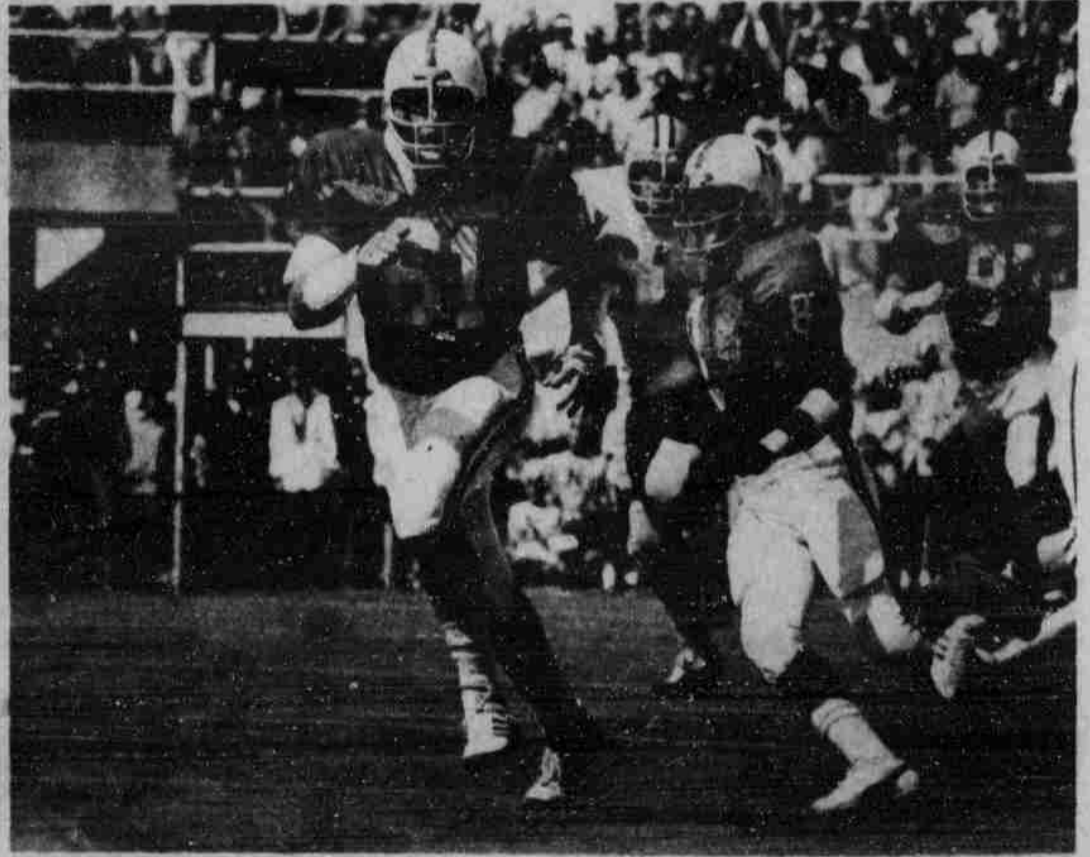


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Husker linebacker Clete Pillen (61) leads the way as Bobby Thomas (8) returns a punt as the first half ended against LSU Saturday. Husker coaches said there should have been enough time for a field goal after the run.