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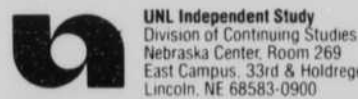
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ROTC cadets attack stadium garbage

By Henry Battistoni
Staff Reporter

After the Saturday hoopla in Memorial Stadium is over, hard realities fix themselves on the Cornhuskers' home. The 76,000 people that pour into the stadium rush out leaving two tons of trash behind.

The day after a game, the stadium looks like an abandoned inner-city lot. At 6:30 a.m. Sunday, the cleanup team takes to the field.

Cleaning the stadium falls to the ROTC. The Air Force ROTC used to have an exclusive contract with the athletic department to clean the stadium, but two years ago when the Air Force unit was going to be closed, the contract was split with the other ROTC branches. Now all branches share days during the season when they are to be garbage collectors.

Air Force ROTC Colonel Michael Carr said the unit receives \$1,000 a cleanup. He said the money is used to buy equipment, supplies, and to pay for some daily expenses and a family night where parents and their prospective officers have a meal.

Carr said it usually takes 60 cadets five hours to clean the stadium. Last Sunday there were 47 cadets, Carr and his two staff members. It took 4 1/2 hours.

Like family night, the stadium cleanup is designed to bring the cadets together.

Cadet Brec Wilshusen said the cleanup affords upperclassmen an opportunity to meet freshmen cadets. He said there are 128 people in the cadet corps, and since courses do not always put upperclassmen into contact with freshmen, the two groups do not get to see each other often.

Cadet 3rd Class Matt Joy has cleaned the stadium three times now.

"The first time I did it I thought, 'Why do I have to do this?'" he said.

Joy is happier with cleaning now that he is behind a broom and not stooping to pick up cups and hot dog wrappers. He also said the unit learns to work together as a team.

The cadets get doughnuts for a break in the ordeal. This is the break before the dreaded student

section is attacked. Cries of "Oh-no!" went around as cadets marched up the student section steps with two or three burlap sacks in hand. The student section is the most trash-filled part of the stadium. Old hands only could compare the devastation to the mess left by the Farm-Aid concert. The Oklahoma games also are called to memory when a particularly trash-thick row is waded into.

It is obvious from a quick inspection of the stadium that the no-alcohol sign over the gates is universally ignored. Liquor bottles litter the stands and bathrooms. The Cornhusker drinks of choice found by consensus among the cadets who remove the dead soldiers are schnapps and Bacardi rum. An unopened bottle of Seagrams-7

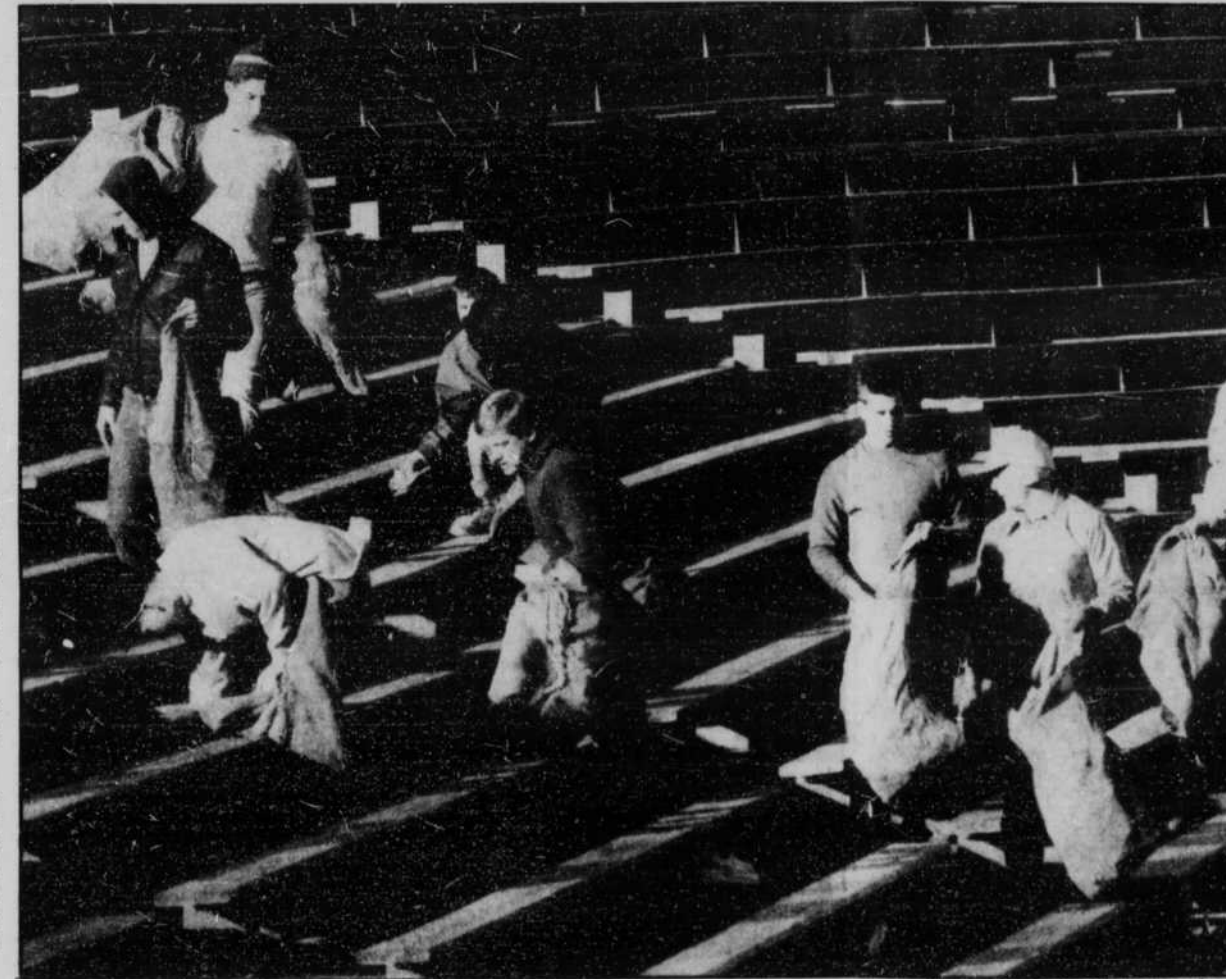
turned up Sunday.

The spoils of cleanup are usually monetary though. One cadet found \$6 last time the Air Force cleaned the stadium. With the high consumption of alcohol, it is amazing nothing more than sobriety and pocket-change is lost.

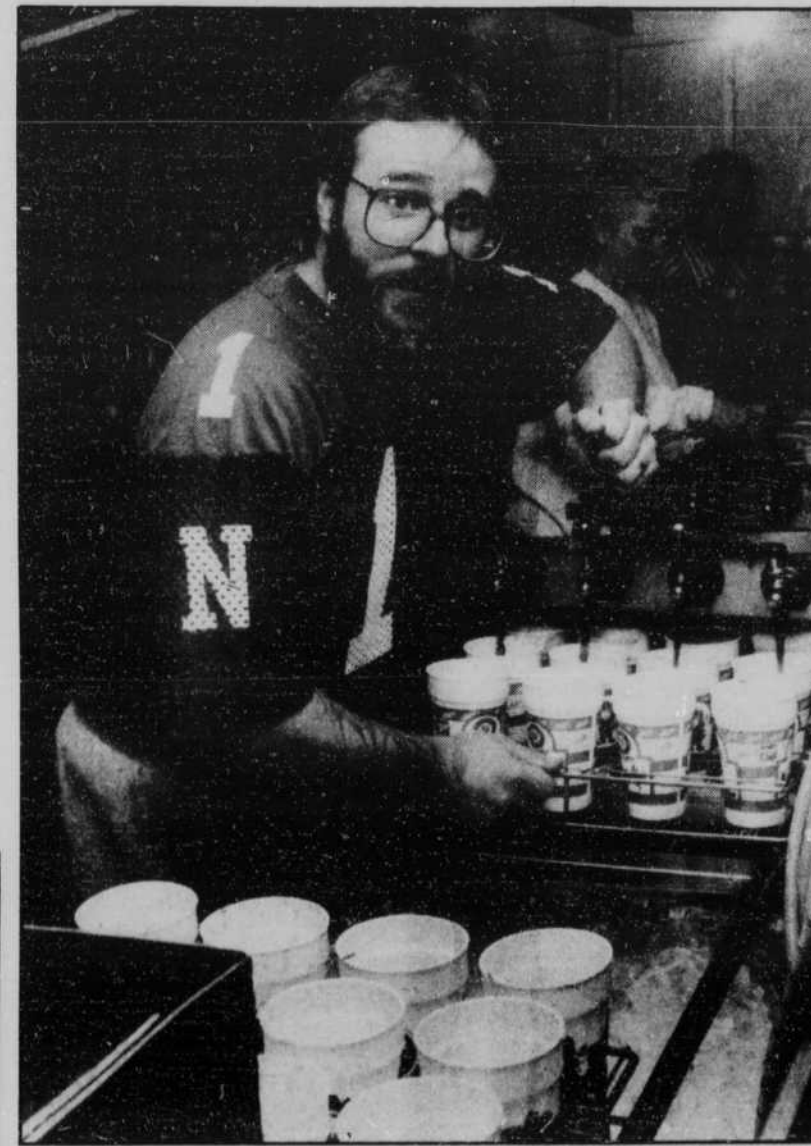
Bill Shepard, athletic department grounds director, said that on Monday after the cadets are finished he and three workers blow small trash out of the stands. This takes about three days.

Shepard said in the 1960s it took nearly a week to do the same job, and the stadium was smaller then.

It is a cold and tiring job, but at least this year when the cadets go into Memorial Stadium they will not be picking up half-frozen oranges.



Air Force ROTC cadets clean Memorial Stadium Sunday morning. The cadets start at 6:30 a.m. and spend about five hours picking up trash from the previous game day.



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Chris Salves of Waverly pushes a rack of cups through the tap line under the South Stadium. Annette Oligmueller, a junior psychology major, tops off cups while Bruce Ruhge puts on cellophane tops.

Roaming snack vendors compete for fans' funds

By Pattie Greene
Staff Reporter

Nothing's more American, or Nebraskan, at a college football game than hot dogs and Coca-Cola.

Donna Clark, manager of concessions, estimates that fans consume up to 60,000 Cokes and 20,000 hot dogs a game.

The red hot dogs, that turn the buns red too, are "made specially for us," Clark said. Red food coloring is used to dye them for "Go Big Red."

On game days, concession workers arrive at 6 a.m. to start setting up the stands. The rest of the workers arrive at 9:30 a.m.

"We're all ready to go when the doors open," she said.

Volunteers from various organizations help out in the 25 concession stands. Most stands have four people working, while larger ones have up to eight people, Clark said.

For the fans' convenience, vendors sell food and drinks in the stands. Most of the vendors are high school students trying to earn a little extra spending money.

Joe Darling, a freshman at Lincoln East Junior High School, said he sells 250 Runzas every game. He said he sells Runzas "for the money," making up to \$50 a game.

Darling said he started selling Runzas last year after seeing people do it at the games.

"I just called in and asked to sell," he said.

Another Runza vendor, Ryan Dugdale, a sophomore at Millford High School, said it was "quick, easy money," because he can take it home with him that day.

Chad Brouse, a junior at Lincoln East High School, said he usually makes \$2.50 profit on Coke trays.

"I do it for the money," he said. Brouse said vendors have to pay for their trays right away, but they make the money back quickly.

One vendor says he does it for fun and to get into the games free.

Kevin Hauptman said he started selling hot dogs in 1972, when the University of Nebraska-Lincoln was asking junior high students if they wanted to help.

Hauptman said he sells 250 hot dogs a game.

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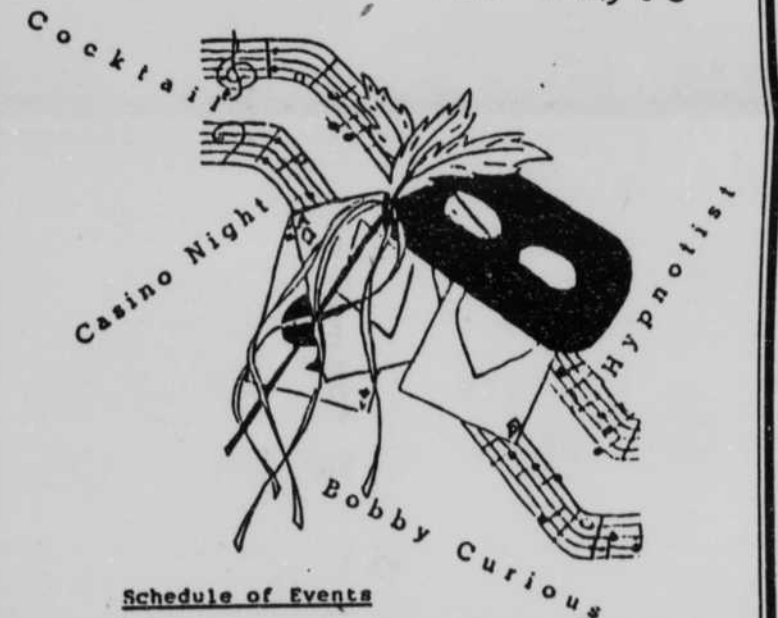
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