

Gubernatorial Election Disappoints SE Students

by Carolyn Hull

Students may not have a say in who is elected but they certainly do have something to say about who is elected.

This proved true in the recent election of J. J. Exon as Nebraska's governor.

"Actually I am quite dissatisfied in the results. I don't think this means the state is entering another regressive era, but I'm sure that the next four years hold little liberal progress in store," senior Eric Matteson said.

Reflecting much the same attitude, senior JoAnne Gake felt "extremely deflated and disappointed in the people of Nebraska. They are idealists if they think they can move forward without taxes. Tiemann was our only hope of progress."

"The past four years of progressive action will be just a memory for those of us who felt it was about time for Nebraska to catch up with the rest of the country. Four years ago Norbert Tiemann said he was going to levy taxes and that

he did. He also said he was going to get the state going, and that he did. The electorate voted for him due to what he said then; because he kept his promises, they sent him packing," senior Peggy Barker said.

Several students felt the voters blamed the new taxes entirely on Governor Tiemann and voted him out only because of this. Students wondered what the state would operate on if taxes are cut and where cutbacks, if needed, would be made.

"I think at this time the people were dissatisfied with the taxes being raised, although Tiemann had used this money well. I feel if Exon was the incumbent he would have lost because the people just don't understand the problems of this time," senior Dorothy O'Shea said.

"I feel the University of Nebraska is in for a big downfall in terms of a cutdown on expenses," senior Bill Bryant said.

"He might prove himself, but it will take a lot of proving, and we're asking for a lot of problems," sophomore Maggie Stilwell said.

Sophomore Janice Baskin said, "I don't feel he'll live up to all of his promises."

"Everyone said crime sky-rocketed when Tiemann came into office, but they didn't look at the fact that it sky-rocketed everywhere," sophomore Nan Gooding said.

"It's the biggest mistake Nebraska has made in a long time. Exon was elected by the same people who think Spiro Agnew is the savior of our country," senior Dennis Taylor said.

"I feel many people weren't voting for Exon but just against Tiemann," senior Penny Andros said.

"The Republicans were too over-confident. They thought they had the election won but, they didn't," senior

Will James said.

Two students seemed a little more in favor of Exon. "I think we should give Exon a chance," sophomore Sue Stover said.

"I believe Exon is quite capable and Nebraska is ready for a change. The Republican administration has done a rather poor job—not entirely the responsibility of Tiemann. However, the state took it out on him by electing Exon," senior Bob Goodman said.

"It's all so hilarious . . . I don't know . . . the people in this country who know about running governments, don't know about getting elected. And the people who know about getting elected don't know . . . well, that's why it's so hilarious . . ." senior Brandon Nelson said.

Eric commented, "My grandfather once said this state could elect a green legged goose if he were a conservative."

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Police Force Has Varied Image with Young People

by Nancy Holyoke

"A lot of cops are for kids, they're trying to help them," senior Jim Essman said.

"The policeman's biggest problem is gaining the kids' respect for himself as a person," senior Pat Partridge said. "They think of him as totally inhuman and he is not, he is a person and he hurts like everyone else."

"I don't respect them, but I don't lip off to them either," senior Marshall Tupper said.

"The people on the police force are good but the laws are wrong," junior Carl Gauger said. "I only hassle cops when they hassle me."

At a time with much talk on television, in magazines, and newspapers, of student-police confrontation, Southeast students' reactions to the Lincoln police force are varied.

"I think we have a pretty good relationship with most young people," police sergeant Alfred Thompson said. "Police departments on the whole have gotten a lot of bad publicity . . . it has caused a general feeling of anti-police, like they're going to beat someone up or something like this," he said.

"There are young people today, I don't mean all, but there is a percentage, who don't have respect for anything; particularly for the police and law enforcement," Thompson said.

According to Thompson, students read newspapers, magazines, and listen to television. They see students confronting the establishment. "The police are definitely part of the establishment, so they're automatically against the police," he said. "We've lost the respect."

Most problems in dealing with young people are not evident in dealing with small groups, Thompson said. The larger groups with twenty to thirty people are more like to present a problem as "they get a lot more brazen and it goes farther than name calling sometimes," he said.

"The policeman is kind of the guy in the middle," Ben Goble, co-ordinator of police-community relations, said. "He's at the scene of a problem not of his making," he said, and ". . . is constantly in the scrutiny of the public." There are always factions who either think an officer has over-reacted or hasn't reacted strongly enough in a given situation, he said.

"A negative image of police in recent years, has grown up in society," Goble said. "They apprehend and restrict. It's the nature of the job." Besides, "People resent authority," he added.

"It's kind of a tight spot," he continued. "A wrong move at the wrong time could explode things. It takes a lot of plain common sense."

Senior Alvie Mitrevics agreed that police have a difficult job. "Do you know that you would have to go through with people sneering at you?" he said. "Besides, someone's got to do it."

Students tend to generalize police, Jim said. Because of one bad experience with the police, "They condemn the whole police force."

"The general problem with most police forces, including ours, is that most police are under educated and under trained," senior Steve Haack said. "I'm not saying cops are stupid stupid but the requirements are still rather low and it isn't an enjoyable job," he added.

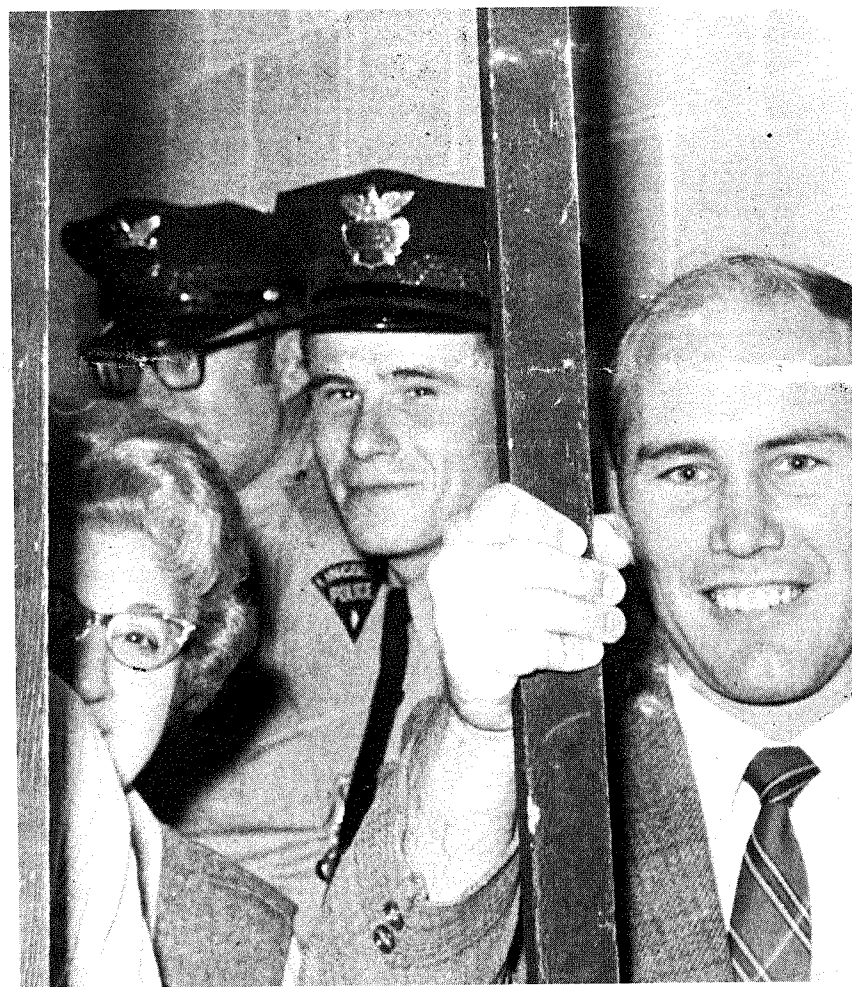
There is definitely a correlation between the respect teen-agers have for police and the education of the men on the force, Goble said. Many students don't respect policemen because they have an image of them as "eighth grade dropouts," he said.

To help improve police-community relations a special emphasis is being put on training and education now, Goble said. "Increasing professionalism will help in the image situation," he said. The force now averages one year of college and a high school diploma is required. There are also seventy officers taking classes part time at the university, Goble said.

Young men coming out of high school into the police force are enrolled in the cadet training program. Cadets do not carry guns and cannot get their full policeman commission until they are twenty-one, Goble explained. Cadets are also required to pick up twelve college credits sometime during the training program, Goble said.

A weakness in recruiting police is the age of the cadets. "We lose a lot to the draft," Goble said, "That's why lots of our officers are veterans," he explained. Most men will return to the police force after their military obligation is out of the way.

The police force likes to have men from the military, according to Goble. They are already in fairly good physical and mental health. "They are pretty compassionate people. They've seen a lot of killing, problems, and poverty," he continued. "Most of the ones I have talked to are very sensitive. We aren't looking for guys who want to throw their weight around."



Students give Lincoln policemen a taste of Southeast law and order in the Synkra-Knights Jail at the Key Club Carnival.

Accent Bills To Be Sent to Congress

by Margaret Crowl

Accent Politics showing only a few minor difficulties was a success, at least in the eyes of many students.

"We didn't get as many students involved as we would have liked, but we got more than we usually get. We mainly wanted to get kids involved," John Frey, Student Council president, said.

In John's eyes, the purpose of accent was to show students how government operates and the way to practice dissent. John felt that the goal was accomplished.

The bills that were passed will be summarized along with the organization of the whole project and sent to Lincoln newspapers, to congress, the White House, other schools interested in trying the project, and anyone to whom it would apply, John explained. John Praasch, superintendent of Lincoln Public Schools is also intending to write up the project for an education journal.

As to whether the project or one similar to it will be tried again at Southeast, John said, "I really don't know. We were thinking about doing something next semester." However, since the Council is still recovering from the last, a new project has not been seriously discussed, he said.

John said that the major problem in putting Accent Politics together was that it involved a great deal of time and details that were hard to anticipate. "We had to get enough people involved to make it

worthwhile," he added.

If it were to be done again, John said that he hoped it could have a little more organization. "I'd like to see the parents get involved in the congress—to bridge the gap," he said.

"The bills were all good and appropriate. The students caught on really well to the idea," John summarized.

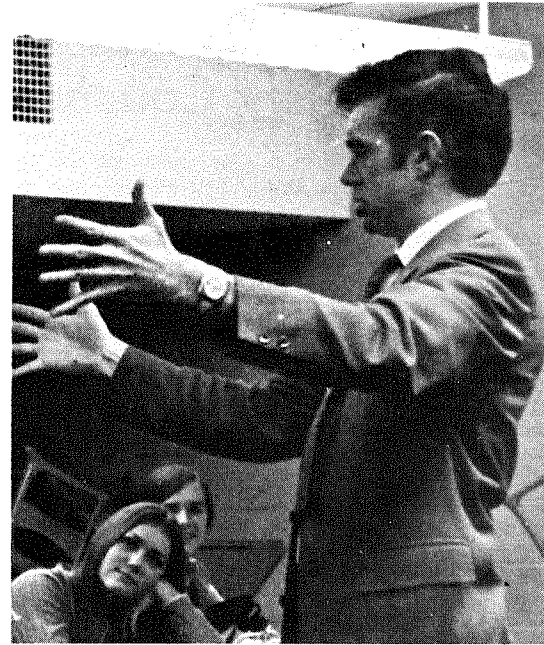
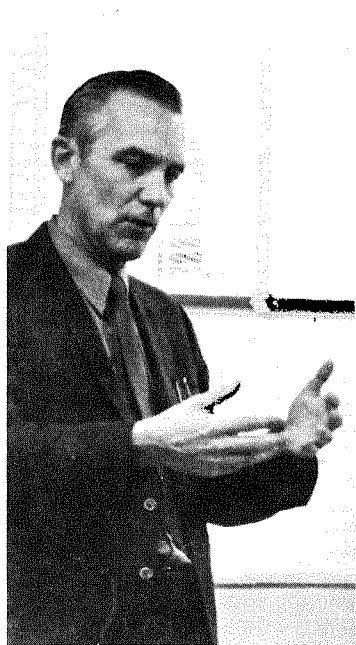
Senior Mike Shuptar, a co-chairman of Accent Politics agreed somewhat with John's ideas. "It gave students a chance to see what their views are in comparison to those of the majority—to get a little involved," Mike said. "It accomplished what it was supposed to accomplish."

According to Mike, "zillions of things" made Accent a hard project to plan. "The hardest thing was the large scale of it," he said, citing as an example the 800 to 1500 dittos involved. "I would have liked more people to show an interest, but that is up to the individual and there's nothing we can do," Mike said.

The week of Nov. 3 was chosen, Mike explained, because its activities were relatively light in comparison to the surrounding weeks. "Election week really had little to do with it," Mike said.

Junior Steve Whittaker, a senator from the Great Lakes State, agreed that Accent Politics was an "excellent idea." Steve said that he learned about the problems in the Senate; that it is difficult to get the bills written up and passed.

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Speakers discuss the importance of communication during the Journalism Exchange Day, Nov. 18. Dr. Ron Hull (right) explains his personal experiences in Southeast Asia and Dr. Gene Harding (left) expresses the

value of trust and friendship. Students are given time to become better acquainted with each other by talking about themselves.

Fewer Than Expected 229 Students Taking Pass-Fail Grades

"The funny thing is that there doesn't seem to be a pattern to the statistics on pass-fail," Art Hillman, counselor, said.

Out of 229 students taking courses pass-fail, 93 were seniors, 74 were juniors and 62 were sophomores. "As I see it, it's a good thing, but not as many students took courses pass-fail as I thought might this first time around," Dr. Wesley Lauterbach, principal, said.

Students held back from pass-fail for many reasons. "I think when a college looks at a pass grade they will think it's six work at least and I don't want anyone to think I am doing just six work," senior Connie Hoffman said. Colleges looking at grades was also the reason senior Lu Kleppinger did not take any academic courses pass-fail.

Lu used the pass-fail system for a non-academic course because—"I wanted to spend more time on academic subjects and didn't want to chance lowering my grade average with something that isn't that important for getting into college," she said.

"It's a one year experiment at the moment and there will be an evaluation before it's continued beyond this year," Dr. Lauterbach said.

According to statistics, the largest group of seniors (15) took English pass-fail contrasting to one

sophomore taking English pass-fail.

Algebra is the class with the largest number of students on pass-fail, with language close behind. "I wanted algebra for my S.A.T. but I won't need it in college," junior Jim Clark said.

Driver's Education and Spanish 3 had second highest individual classes with 17 students each on pass-fail. Something interesting to note is that 17 girls took PE pass-fail while only 5 boys took PE in this manner.

"I'm taking too many

courses and I don't have time to study enough to get really good grades in everything," junior Chris Luebke said.

Dr. Lauterbach made two predictions about pass-fail: "As we go on more students will take it, especially with the pressures of spring. When pass-fail is evaluated I think it will be continued beyond this year," he said.

"I know the junior highs are waiting to see the evaluation to see if it is a good thing before they try it because they are very interested," Dr. Lauterbach said.

University's Senior Information Day-- See College First Hand

"I think Senior Information Day is good, because you can ask questions directly from the professors," senior Diane Wood said. "They are completely honest with you, even if what they have to say isn't all good."

Senior Information Day, sponsored by the University of Nebraska, is a means for students to find out why they should study in a certain area, the opportunities of that area, and in what area they want to major, according to John Aronson, Director of Admissions at the University. "The thought behind it is that there is nothing better to orient the students than a visit to the school," he said.

The program is divided into two parts. The morning is comprised of three sessions in which students can choose areas that they are interested in. In these

groups they are given time to ask any questions they wish of the professors in these areas, according to Aronson.

The afternoon is an optional session where the students can elect what they want to do. The activities may include a tour of the campus which student guides provided. Where the students want to go is up to them, Aronson said.

"One barrier that exists in Lincoln is that the seniors, because they live in Lincoln, think that they know all about the University," Don Darnell, assistant principal of student affairs, said. "For those who are really interested, the program is good. If kids attend with the attitude that they will get something from the program, they probably will," he said.

Juniors Help Class Officers

"There is definitely a lack of communication among the students the Junior class and since Newsdesk doesn't fill this gap, the Junior Communication Committee was organized," junior Marcee Metzger said.

Its purpose is to "help class officers get information to the body," Dave Magee, president of the junior class said. Although the spark that set it off was that "we needed help in organizing and financing the Junior-Senior Prom" he said.

The class officers all agreed on the idea and posted a list on the junior class board across from the office for interested juniors. "There are about 45 signed up, mostly girls," Dave said. "However there are a few interested boys".

The way the committee will relate ideas and information, explained Marcee, is by having a person on the committee assigned to every junior English class during a certain period of the day. It is up to that person to tell his class what is happening.

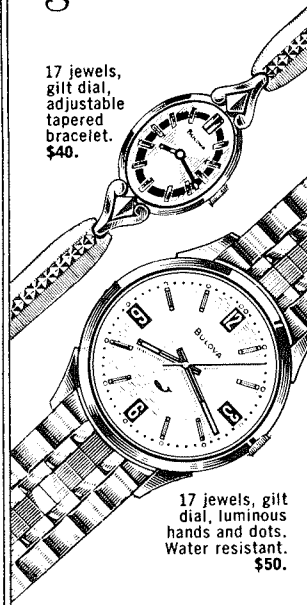
The committee had had several meetings for organizing a garage sale.

"We've also planned a "flee market" for December 11 and 12," Marcee said. "Our flee market will be dealing with Christmas, Candles, Christmas wreathes, troll Santa Clauses, beaded things, and Christmas cards will be sold," Marcee said.



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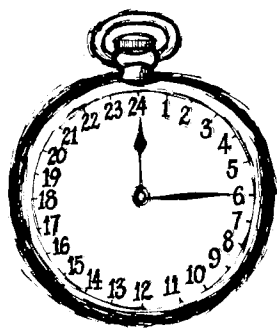
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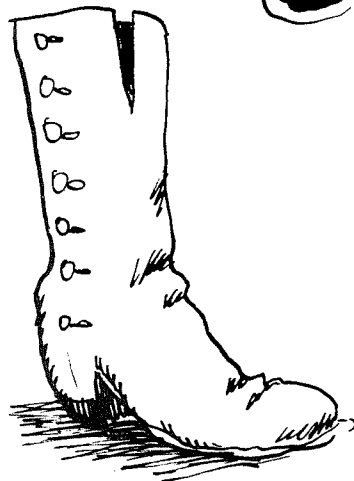


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Reserves Finish Season; Results Satisfy Coaches

"I feel that the reserve members of the gymnastics team could have made the varsity team in any other Lincoln school, but because of the great senior depth of the varsity team, they did not need the extra team members," Sid Zimmer, reserve gymnastics coach, said.

Coach Zimmer also pointed out that the reserve team had a 4-1 season with their only loss going to Lincoln High. He attributed the loss to the fact that there were only six men from the Southeast team in the meet.

Zimmer said that there were a number of reserve team members that did an excellent job throughout the season. They were sophomore Scott Routh on tumbling and free exercise, sophomore Rich Thompson on the rings and high bar, and late comer, sophomore Ray Paul on the rings along with Jim Glin, also on the rings.

"The reserve team is the place to develop skills for the varsity team of next

year. A number of reserve members will fit the spots created by the seniors," head gymnastics coach Art Hillman said.

"We could have had a losing season, but we came on strong at the end of the season with good form," coach Charles Gordon said about the 4-2 reserve football season.

Gordon felt he had many top players. Among them were John Bozarth, Allen Christiansen for defense ball control; Greg Dickman and John Windle being the reserve's top pass receivers, and Brad Buethe in the quarterback slot.

The only two losses of the season went to East and Northeast. Both were caused "because of bad breaks and a slow second half," Gordon said.

Tom Chastain, Paul Watson, Dave Bomberger, and Bill Chesen were the number one, two, and three men for the reserve cross country team.

"I am very enthusiastic about this years team," coach Roy Churchill said.

Winter Coaches Sight Upcoming Competition

"To have a good team you should have good balance in every event," swim coach Jack Jackson said. With eight returning lettermen, coach Jackson feels he has a well balanced team in the distance, middle distance, backstroke, individual medley, breaststroke, butterfly, and relays.

Coach Jackson pointed out that the coaches were trying to get a rule passed where a swimmer could swim two events and a relay, compared to the previous ruling of being able to swim just two events.

The swimmers first meet will be at Grand Island Dec. 8 and the season will continue until Feb. 28 and 29 when they will finish with the state meet at Omaha Westside.

Basketball
"It looks as if we will have quite a few guards. Our major problem will be to find a front line that can do the job," coach Wally McNaught said about the coming basketball season.

Coach McNaught pointed out that he will only have three returning lettermen: Roger Adams, Jerry Winkler, and Steve Brittenham. But McNaught feels he has a wealth of goods to choose from with his junior varsity and sophomore teams of last year.

The basketball team had been working on pre-season work since the third week in September, but McNaught had not planned on picking his team until the season started.

"I feel the two teams of Lincoln High and Pius X will be strong contenders in the city because of their depth charge," McNaught said.

The first game will be at Northeast Dec. 10, and the season will continue to Mar. 11 when they compete in state competition.

Wrestling
A change in weight classes will be the largest ruling change for the matment this year. The new weights are 98, 105, 112, 119, 132, 138, 145, 155, 165, 185, and heavyweight. Coach Gail Baum pointed out that the big change was to take the 175 pound class out and in it's place put a new class between 119 and 138.

ONE MORE POINT

by Gary Scott

This year, it was announced that the Southeast tennis team captured a third place finish in the state meet. It will appear in the records as such, as it has for the past 15 years, but will it represent a result of a team effort? Definitely not. Coach George Eisele agrees and is in the process of changing this method.

A total of only three netmen from each team are allowed to compete at the state meet with the present system. This includes one doubles team and one singles player being involved.

Eisele's team this year was organized with nine varsity and 11 reserve netters—a total of 20. In all the sports at Southeast there is a selected team which is chosen by the coach to compete in the state. But in no sport, other than tennis, is there such an inaccurate and limited representation of the team.

Senior Mark Churchill, this year's singles man, was eliminated after the first match at state, leaving the degree of the Knights' success up to two people: senior Larry Beck and sophomore John Duncan, the doubles team. These two players represented only 10% of the tennis team.

The state meet's purpose is to recognize the most outstanding team in Nebraska. Being the final meet, it signifies the total effort and improvement put forth by a team.

However, with the present system, neither the depth nor the team's total ability is illustrated. Also, it gives no experience to the underclassmen who will be involved in the sport during the following years. "This method shows the top people—not the top team. It should

be a team effort instead of an individual effort," Eisele said.

Eisele is on the Coaches' Committee of Nebraska which "are all in favor of a change and have submitted proposals," he noted. Eisele anticipates that next year, at least two singles and two doubles teams will be able to play at state. "This would give six people instead of three the opportunity to go," he said.

"I would also like to see a district meet organized where people could qualify before going to state. This would give us a lot of thrust," Eisele stated. "We've always wanted to have these changes but no one ever pushed or organized them," he added.

If this system would have been utilized during the past four or five seasons, "We would have had a much better chance," Eisele commented. "We've always had real good depth and I think we could have won the championship the last few years," he said.

Viewing the past record of the Knights, the tennis team has captured the city title eight times and the Trans-Nebraska, nine. In state competition, though, Southeast has never earned the blue ribbon. Three seconds, eight thirds, including this year, and one fourth are the recorded state finishes.

Considering that in the Trans-Nebraska and city meets, more netmen are allowed to compete, and in these, Southeast has placed much higher than the state meet, is it wrong to believe that the Knights would perform better if the situation were changed?

Thompson Leads Team to Record Grid Season

Senior Egbert Thompson dug a victorious path to enable the Knights to perform a strong come-back win over Beatrice, 21-14, Nov. 6. His outstanding 212 yard running gain led the team to its 7-1-1 season record. 7-2-0 represented the best previous record, made in 1964, until coach Frank Solich's talented team gave Southeast its highest ranking in 16 years.

Having had his hands on the pigskin 18 times, Egbert averaged almost 12 yards per carry, while sharing only 23 yards to other runners during the game.

Orangeman Chuck Jones made touchdowns in each of the first two quarters, while the Knights were haulted in their efforts to score by half-time. They retreated to the locker room with a 14 point disadvantage on their shoulders.

"Coach Solich didn't say much in the locker room. He said, 'Seniors—if you want it, you have to go get it,'" senior Steve Lee stated. This must have stimulated the team into its 21 point avengance during the final two periods.

Egbert battled to reach two touchdowns in the third quarter, setting up a tie score of 14-14, unchanged until the climax of the game with 46 seconds left to play. At this time, senior Doug Deeter made the saving five yard run into the end zone for the winning score of 21-14.

Among Egbert's performances were runs of 36, 35, 34, and 24 yards.

Southeast regained its second ranked rating in Nebraska, taking the place of Bellvue, which lost to Omaha Benson. The Knights also earned the city championship with three inter-city wins. Pius, East, and Lincoln High tied for second with two victories apiece.

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