

From the mailbag

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FROM THE EDITOR: Before getting into this issue's mailbag, we'd like to make a few comments. The first is that the August, 1987 issue of CFHS Journal which you received, was a FREE issue and NOT part of your annual membership. Therefore, if you're reading this, you have a four-issue subscription which runs through the August, 1988 issue. As an initial subscriber to the Journal you have been notated in our records as one of the CHARTER MEMBERS of CFHS, which no doubt impresses you.

Also, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to you for joining the CFHS group. "Our cup runneth over" with the many kind words of encouragement we've received. We intend to justify that confidence, as expressed by your membership. Thank you, and now to the letters.

"If the rest are as good as the premier issue, it is well worth while."
- Jack O'Shaughnessy San Bruno, Cal.

"I am somewhat in agreement with your statement regarding the great Army teams of '44 and '45 as the greatest ever; but if I really had to mention one team, I would pick the 1947 Notre Dame team that I saw play Navy in Cleveland. As you are aware, this team had over 20 players who became competent professionals. Probably had the greatest depth of all-time."
- Stanley Grosshandler Raleigh, N.C.

"The articles ... were excellent choices. A good start by CFHS."
- Herb Tiedemann San Carlos, Cal.

"The fine article in the last issue, 'The coming of Bierman and Lund', referred to one of the players as Myron Uhl, when his last name was really spelled Ubl. Enclosed are program rosters from Minnesota and Drake which illustrate this."
- Fred Vinson Long Beach, Cal.

Editor Replies: "This is a prime example of the hazards of historical research. Mr Purcell comments that the Minneapolis Tribune of the day frequently spelled the name as it appeared in his article. Checking a supposedly authoritative reference book by Christy Walsh titled "College Football", we found the 1931 Minnesota roster carrying the spelling Uhl, while the 1935 Drake roster listed him as Ubl. Obviously, research sources can sometimes contain errors. As Fred indicates, the correct spelling is Ubl." *

"As a student of the football history of California, I have recently come across a couple items which continue to remain a puzzle. In Northern California during the 1890's an institution named Woodbridge College was playing football. The location of the college, or what became of it, has remained unanswered. Also, in the period between 1898-1912 a football team called "League of the Cross" was very active in the San Francisco area. Attempts to find more information about this organization have been fruitless. Can any member provide any clues on these teams?"

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From The Editor: That's all we have room for this time. If you've got any questions or comments please send them along. If there's any particular team, player or game you'd REALLY like to see an article on, let us know and we'll see what we can do. Also, if you know any college football fans, show them a copy of CFHS and let them know that memberships are \$10.00 per year, payable to:

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