

## or punch cows?

will make you forget the western. And, in football anyway, you can go home secure in the knowledge that the good guys won in the world of hip pads, blitzes and the College Bowl.

What is this new world—this substitute for John Wayne? Who is in it? Is it wonderful and do the good guys always win? Are they what they ought to be? Are you happy with them? Are you more secure?

Or is it a sham?

It sure doesn't do anything for the girls which make up a respectable portion of this academy. Consider a story seen recently in a daily newspaper.

When questioned about the ability to love and cherish college quarterbacks, a girl was flabbergasted and, after being assured there were such people (two on this campus), she said, "The kind of guy I like is a gentleman who talks intelligently. He's above the high school level, but he's on your level, so he doesn't consider himself better than you."

Kind of takes the old boy's ego and stamps it into the mud, headfirst and not leaving much breathing room.

What kind of guy is this heralded protector of winning ways, this utter unconqueror who slays the fanatics but not the women?

They have more success in the male side of the world. Every time you see a guy flinging a football on the grass or on the beach, he's imitating the hero. This is his breed. He lives like this.

The football player alias hero is just like any other guy around here. He gets up in the morning after going to bed at night, which is not unique.

He eats and drinks and has classes. Some go to class, and some don't and are branded 'ordinary'. Some flunk and some don't and, thus, are human. Some like the coach,

and some don't. Some are intelligent, and some aren't.

They are just like you in most cases, and that doesn't make us lesser people.

They go to practice diligently, win games obediently and fail to lose because this involves notoriety or, more likely, obscurity. That is out.

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It's kind of terrible. The players really work hard. But nobody cares. The fanatics don't seem to care about filling the room in their heart. The sign reads—hero unwelcome.

And somebody should get mad about this. But in the age of old Che, segregation and Vietnam, why in the hell should anyone care?

And therein lies the conclusion to our story. Nobody cares, and why should they? Because college football, like Saturday westerns, is a lie. Except when we were kids, we deceived, but now that age has caught up with you and me, the fable is a bit weaker and discarded.

It's like Bill Russell, the great Boston basketball star said, "I don't consider anything I have done as contributing to society. I consider playing professional basketball as marking time, the most shallow thing in the world."

It seems college sports has deteriorated to the same level with less fringe benefits.

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