Maize and blue old timer hails 80th year

Frits Crisier, retired athletic director at the University of Michigan and the man who changed the entire corpet of intercollegiate football with the introduction of the two plateon system in 1945, has reached another milestone in Monobortor (Friday), he is celebrating his 50th birthday. With his usual diplomacy, as he joins the octogenarian club, he looks back over the many griding campaigns and says, it was just lucky to have he many good players and the company of the many conditions. While the football "followers and structures."

while the football followers and stu-dents of the game claim one of his pro-teges, Tom Harmon, and his 1947 Mich-igan team, that went undefeated and conquered Southern California, 49-0, in the 1948 Rose Bowl, were among the finest of their time, Crister hesitated in ranking them by simply starting. "They were among the many fine athletes that enabled me to be so lucky." Relined since 1968 when be turned the athletic directorship over to Don colahan, Crister still follows the Wolverines with keen interest and ad-mits that, like many others, he was shocked at what betelf Michigan in the recent Rose Bowl. while the football followers and stu-

shocked at what befell Michigan in the recent Rose Bowl.

Asked about the "phantom" touchdown that was the margin of Southern California's victory, Fritz said, "It was tragic. I can see no good reason for such a call. The worst that should have happened to Michigan was to gain a tic."

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As an honorary member of the NCAA Rules Committee, he was asked if there was any chance that the rules would be changed because of that "phantom." He said that he didn't see

any reason for it. "It was just a bad call."

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of Chicago where he profited from the teaching of the legendary Amos Alonzo Stage.

During his varsity days, he became one of Chicago's few nine lettermen, let starred in baseball, baskethall and football where he earned mention on several All-America teams as an end in 1921.

At that time, his career took a strange twist. He had hoped to enter medical school and become a doctor. He was only a few points short of being a Phi Betta Kappa.

There was one drawback to his foream. He lacked the money to join the medical students. When this became known, Stage Gifered him a position as an assistant coach. He took it and stayed as a member of the staff for eight years.

At that time, the coaching position opened at the University of Minnesota and Crister was appointed to take over. He had high hopes for the Gophers, but he was not to stay in the Gopher-country very long.

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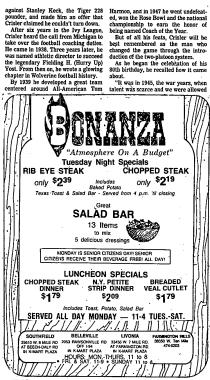
to play freshmen. We were scheduled to play Army that boasted Davis and Blanchard, the famous Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside.

"Checking the rule, I found that there was no limit on substitutions. We had only a bunch of kids—16 and 17-years-old—50 I developed the plan of alternating them."

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