

# Kansas City Signs Husker Bob Cerv

Bob Cerv, long-ball hitting leader of the Big Seven championship Husker baseball team, has played his last game for the Scarlet and Cream but now will play for pay.

Named the most valuable player on the 1950 Husker nine, Cerv has signed with the Kansas City Blues of the American Association and joined the team in Minneapolis Saturday.

Cerv, 24-year-old Weston athlete, was the Big Seven batting champion this season, hitting the ball at a .509 clip. He led the league in runs, hits, total bases, doubles and runs batted in, and shared the lead in triples and home runs.

Also an outstanding basket ball player, Cerv graduated this month after earning eight varsity letters at the University.

Cerv also was named on the N.C.A.A. district 5 all-star team. The team was picked by the coaches committee and was announced in Lincoln by A. J. Lewandowski, district chairman.

He and three other Big Seven stars were recommended for All American consideration. The others were Bob Smith, Missouri pitcher, and Bob Stephenson, Oklahoma shortstop.

Only other Husker to make the district first team was Catcher Tom Novak. Two Nebraskans earned second team berths. They were Shortstop Grogan and Third Baseman Bill Denker.



Courtesy of The Lincoln Journal

**CERV**—Will play with the Kansas City Blues, triple-A baseball team this summer.

## Child Watches 'Mom and Dad' Graduate

Edward Carl Gengenbach, now almost 3 months old, probably won't remember the day his parents graduated from the University—but he was around for the occasion, which is more than most fellas can say.

His parents, Carl and Gloria Evans Gengenbach both their A.B. degrees from the University June 5 and both plan to work for their masters degrees.

For Mrs. Gengenbach, commencement marked the end of a rather busy year. In March, she stayed out of school for two and a half weeks to give birth to Edward Carl.

"All the professors," she explained, "were real nice. They made it eas. for me to make up the work. It wasn't so difficult really."

Her mother took care of the baby while the Gengenbachs were in classes.

Gengenbach, a navy veteran, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Gengenbach of Eustis. He met his wife three years ago when she came to Lincoln from Minnesota with her parents, Prof. and Mrs. J. C. Evans. Professor Evans is a member of the Nebraska Wesleyan faculty.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Gengenbach are interested in writing. Carl is planning for a news career in press and radio. Mrs. Gengenbach, an English major, is the author of several published poems and wants to try her hand at fiction.

## Two NU Students Receive Mention In Photo Contest

Two University student photographers have received honorable mention in the fifth annual Kappa Alpha Mu collegiate competition.

A feature print entitled "Kiss" won honorable mention for Neil E. Shields. Bob Duis was the other Nebraska winner with a pictorial photo called "Harvest Time."

These photographs are among the 75 prints chosen to make up a traveling exhibit which will tour colleges throughout the country. The 75 winning photos were chosen from a field of 732 entries.

## Splash Parties Open Wednesday

Splash parties, held every Wednesday from 4:45 to 5:45 at the coliseum pool are open to both men and women.

Coach Holle Lepley says mixed water basketball and various other water games will be held. All participants must have a swimming permit securable at Student Health Center. A towel-locker fee of ten cents will be charged.

## Cooper Leaps 14 Feet With 13 1/2 Foot Pole

Ever hear of a pole vaulter who does 14 feet with a 13 1/2 foot pole?

That was the accomplishment of Don Cooper, University sky rider in the Duel of Champions at Dallas, Tex., when the Big Seven conference won from the Southwest conference, 79 to 52.

Actually, Cooper's pole measured 14 feet. However, subtract the five or six inches for the box in which a vaulter plants his pole before the flight upward and you get about a 13 foot 6 or 7 inch measurement.

Cooper will compete in the National Collegiate Track and Field Championships at Minneapolis, June 16-17.

Until the Dallas meet, Cooper had been using an orthodox 16-foot pole. During the Nebraska high school championships, his teammate, Leonard Kehl, was practicing with the pole which Kehl's home town of Scottsbluff had brought here for the use of their vaulters.

Both Kehl and Cooper liked the shorter stick. So Scottsbluff loaned it to Coach Ed Weir and both Nebraska vaulters used it as the Cornhuskers were winning the Big Seven championships.

Cooper was second with a vault of 13 feet 4, Kehl tied for third at 12-6.

The shorter pole still provided a problem when the Big Seven squad started from Kansas City to Dallas for the Duel of Champions. They were riding a streamliner which was sealed tight for air conditioning. By opening a door in the dining car they managed to get the pole into the train.

However, on the return journey it was necessary to "break" the train in order to get it off.

## Athletic Department Reveals Frosh, Varsity Letter Winners

Letter awards in baseball for the season of 1950 at the University were announced by Athletic Director George Clark.

Fourteen letters go to the Big Seven baseball championship squad, as follows:

Ernest L. Behne, Robert Camp, Robert Cerv, William H. Denker, Robert D. Diers, Robert Grogan, Hobart (Hobe) Hays, William E. Jensen, Robert H. Jenkins, Delbert R. Kopf, Raymond (Tito) Mladovich, Thomas J. Novak, Harlan H. Powley, Linus J. Vrbka and Student Manager Clyde L. Luther.

### Frosh Winners

Fifteen numerals were awarded to freshman baseball players:

Robert P. Brum, Dale M. Bunsen, Frederic Lee A. Cady, Larry W. Dunning, Frank C. Hoffman, Clifford L. Hopp, John F. Leach, W. Reid Lowe, Richard L. McCormick, William J. Meyer, jr., James D. Ogden, Ronald C. Ohnoutka, Ronald D. Raitt, Donald E. Richardson, Joe Roh, Student Manager George W. Babcock and Student Manager Ronald R. Rader.

Among the golfers; winning letters was Joe Gifford, who won the Big Seven individual championship. Others earning letters were Dick Spangler, Douglas Dale and Steve Flansburg.

Tennis players winning letters were Robert Radin, Jamie Curran, Andy Bunten and Jerry Magee.

Freshman numerals in tennis were awarded to Donald Bohmont, Walter Weaver, James Wells and Charles Saggau.

### Life Passes

Twenty-six life passes were issued to University athletes after graduation this spring, Clark announced.

To qualify for a life pass, an athlete must graduate and also must win three varsity awards, Athletic Director Clark said. There are now 841 Cornhuskers who hold life passes. The new list, with the number of letters each won in the various sports, include:

Robert Berkshire, Track (4).  
Ditworth A. Blatchford, Baseball (3).  
Joe Brown, Basketball (4).  
Jack Cady, Tennis (3).  
Jack Campbell, Swimming (4).  
Frank Collopy, Jr., Football (3).  
Ralph Damkroger, Football (3).  
Bill Denker, Baseball (4).  
Mike DiBaise, Football (3), Wrestling (4).  
Leo Geier, Gymnastics (4).  
Marvin Grimm, Swimming (4).  
Robert Grogan, Baseball (4).  
Ike Hays, Baseball (4).

## Swim Classes Remain Open

Swimming Coach Hollie Lepley has announced its not too late to register for the swimming classes being held daily, at the Coliseum pool.

Men will receive one hour credit if they register immediately. Classes are 45 minutes in length, and are held at 2 and 3 p. m. Womens classes are also 45 minutes long and are at 10 a. m. and again at 4 p. m. Both men and women must have a swimming permit, secured at the Student Health Center.

## Masquers Honor Four Top Actors

Four University students were presented outstanding acting awards from the University Theater at the annual Nebraska Masquers banquet.

Cay Worcester was honored for her portrayal of Margaret in Faust and Jack Wenstrand for his performance in Faust.

Janis Crilly was recognized for her work as Cecily Harden in "The Two Mrs. Carrolls," and Clare Denton for his performance as Lawrence Vail in "Once in a Lifetime."

Mary Sigler and Maxine Trauernicht, instructor in speech and dramatic arts were named to the Purple Masque, highest dramatics award at the University, for their all-round theater work.

Marty Miller won the technical award, and the Nebraska Masquers service award went to Clare Denton and Ruth Ann Richmond. Wesley Jensby was recipient of the Nebraska Masquer senior award to freshmen.

Freshmen acting awards went to Diane Downing, Marjorie Line, Jack Moore, and Mary K. Toliver.

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## Survey Shows Farmers Top Bank Business

Farmers were the biggest customers of Nebraska's state banks in 1949, according to a study made by Dr. Edgar Z. Palmer, business research expert of the University Business Administration college.

Last year loans to farmers accounted for well over 70 percent of the lending business done by state banks in Nebraska.

Dr. Palmer points out that loans to farmers, not secured by real estate, totaled \$78,737,000 in 1949 or 67.5 percent of the total business done by the state banks. Most of these loans, Dr. Palmer says, are largely those guaranteed by the Commodity Credit corporation, and is "an indication of the huge quantities of farm products which are in the process of being dumped on the government because of the fall in prices."

State banks, in addition, made loans of \$15,028,000 last year. This is 12.9 percent of the business state banks do in the state. Of the total real estate loans about one-third, or \$5,249,000, was on farm property and presumably a large part of the lending was secured by farmer-owners, Dr. Palmer believes.

Loans mainly for business purposes totaled \$14,832,000 or 12.7 percent of the total business done by state banks. Installment loans to consumers totaled \$6,569,000 or 5.6 of the total, and all other loans and overdrafts accounted for \$1,451,000 and 1.2 percent of the total.

Dr. Palmer says the percentages of loans to assets in Nebraska's state banks is "on the way back to the prewar normal."

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