

Editorial Comment:

Jennings Dragged In

Thursday morning sports pages headlined a ruling of the National Collegiate Athletic Assn. that placed the University of Oklahoma on indefinite probation, banned the school from post-season bowl games and prohibited it from sharing any cuts from televised games.

The penalty was assessed as a result of Oklahoma's failure to disclose details of a fund for recruiting athletes. The fund is one administered by Arthur L. Wood of Oklahoma City. The NCAA established that the fund had provided improper financial aid to a student athlete. Wood refused to open his records to NCAA investigation, despite urging from OU officials.

The announcement of the probation stated that the severity of the sentence was due largely to the fact that when Oklahoma was under investigation in 1954-55, no mention was made of the existence of the Wood fund. Additional probing after this previous incidence revealed that some athletic department members must have known about it.

Nebraska Coach Bill Jennings was implicated when Wood was quoted as saying, "The money referred to was money I gave Bill Jennings personally to defray travel expenses for prospective athletes during a period from 1952 to 1954. . . (Jennings was an assistant coach at Oklahoma during this time.)"

"I would say this whole thing probably has been brought on by Jennings disclosing information to the NCAA. As far as I

am concerned, it is a closed issue," Wood added.

However, Dr. George L. Cross, president of OU, said that the infractions were revealed by Sooner Head Coach Bud Wilkinson. Dr. Cross said, "When the 1953 violation was recently brought to our attention, Mr. Wilkinson took steps immediately to inform the NCAA of it. The NCAA first learned of it through our own initiative."

Dr. Cross did not mention Jennings. The Husker grid mentor has denied taking the money from Wood, but would not comment further.

However, as public opinion would have it, the fact that Wood has implicated Jennings with his charges has cast a bad light on the character of our coach. The Daily Nebraskan is confident that Bill Jennings is not the caliber of man who would pull this incident out of the background with the intentions of taking Oklahoma out of the Orange Bowl picture and thus putting Nebraska in a better position for going to Miami next January.

We feel that Cornhusker football fortunes are steadily improving due both to good coaching and the fine material that is coming up playwiser next year and that no underhanded tricks are necessary. Unless Mr. Wood can prove that Jennings is the cause of Oklahoma's misfortune through unsportsmanlike "tattling" the whole affair should be written off as nothing but a false front put on by Mr. Wood to cover up for his own mistake.

Longer Library Hours

First comes the long, tedious work of study. Questions asked, replies given, estimates made, costs figured, opinions aired, opinions requested. Then a temporary stalemate.

Then suddenly, after months of work, an almost casual announcement is made that Love Library will remain open until 10:50 every night except Friday and Saturday.

If ever the Student Council could sit back and breathe a long collective sigh for the final accomplishment of a difficult task, this is the time. Council members, particularly those on the library committee, are to be sincerely congratulated for their long work to extend the hours.

The new program goes into effect Monday. It will require a considerable amount of additional work on the part of the library staff. It will also entail additional expenditures. However, it is the opinion of nearly all students concerned that the

use which will be gained from the library facilities during the hours during which the library has in the past been closed, will completely justify this added effort and money.

In the fall of 1951, a vigorous campaign was carried on through the Daily Nebraskan and other agencies to open the library on Sundays. At that time as in this case, the additional funds needed and the additional burden on the library staff was cited.

However in the long run the students convinced the library staff that their case was a valid one. The library agreed to try opening on Sundays.

That the experiment was a success is attested to by the agreement to try this new experiment, which will open the library an additional 10 hours a week. There is little reason to doubt that this experiment will be as successful as the last one.

From the editor's desk:

On Campuses 'n Things

By Diana Maxwell

Maybe I've tuned in on the wrong frequencies, but if the static I keep hearing is accurately interpreted, it just may be that at last enough influential people are going to stand up and shout that thing that every thinking person in the state realizes. The rumbles have been pretty firm so far that maybe, maybe, maybe, some of our politicians will risk their political necks by saying that we have got to broaden the tax base.

Charles Thone skittered near the subject in a statement last week. He did not say that the state GOP should adopt a broadened base as a part of its platform, but he did indicate pretty clearly that considering same would be a jolly good idea.

Comments the Lincoln Star: "All of us are witness to the sad state of affairs found in our own state of Nebraska where elected public officials have refused to do the one thing which must inevitably be done—broaden the tax base. Every citizen you talk to seems to know it must be done and just about every public official will admit it but none of them will make a public fight of it."

"The chairman of the Republican State Central Committee has spoken in favor of a broadened tax base but he stayed away from the far end of the limb by turning the final decision in the matter over to the voters. If all we want are public officials who will tell us when its time to vote and on what we shall vote, then we have had it. . ."

Another symptom of the growing restlessness over the failure of office-holders

or candidates to vigorously espouse the broadened tax program was seen in an editorial comment in the Lincoln Journal concerning funds for education.

The Journal noted realistically that a state can only dawdle so long when it comes to supplying adequate funds to pay for good schools.

It's a fact of modern life that big government of the welfare state variety requires big taxes. Obviously it is not equitable or smart or particularly lucrative to sock the property owners and sock them hard, while not getting any state tax from those who don't own buildings, farms, ranches, homes and so forth.

If we want good roads, which we do, they have got to be financed. If we want schools which can be properly supplied with desks and books and manned by well-trained teachers, we have got to pay for them. If we want to have state colleges and a University that is equipped and staffed to do the mammoth job of education required today, the funds have got to come from somewhere.

Hardly anyone disputes the contention that property taxes cannot be boosted again. This would only aggravate the state's problem tax-wise and would by no means settle it. A broadened tax base is needed, and it is needed now, not in 10 years.

The ranks of has-beens is swelling wildly. New AUF officers, and now even forevers like Basoco step down from Builders positions. For three and a half years I've wondered what gets into senior activity-types the minute they lay down their gavels and turn over their files of reports. Now I know. There must be sheer delight in wandering around having afternoons free to heckle the younger activity-types who are still trapped in the mill.

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small talk

By Ingrid Leder
The withdrawal of New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller from the Republican presidential race has brought comments from politicians that since competition for the number one spot on the GOP ticket has been eliminated, this year's convention will be as cut and dried as the one in 1956.



Ingrid

If it hadn't been for Terry Carpenter and his "Joe Smith" the 1956 GOP powwow would have been a pretty dull affair.

Carpenter is still being criticized that by nominating "Joe Smith" he made our state look ridiculous.

I wonder whether or not these critics are aware of what exactly went on in the San Francisco convention hall in 1956.

Two Ideas

Carpenter went to San Francisco with two fixed ideas. He professed to see a tough campaign instead of a closed convention as it turned out instead, and

Letterip

The Daily Nebraskan will publish only those letters which are signed. Letters attacking individuals must carry the author's name. Others may use initials or a pen name. Letters should not exceed 200 words. When letters exceed this limit, the Nebraskan reserves the right to condense them, retaining the writer's view.

Abby Retorts

To the editor:

I have always wondered just what Ann Landers is and I was pleased to discover that the Wednesday Nebraskan answered this question for me.

She is, according to the pleading editorial on page two, a dignitary. How clever of you to say this; I never would have thought of such phrasing. She is apparently on the same level as Dr. Tom Dooley and Victor Reisel, to mention just two other dignitaries you noted.

This, too, is encouraging. I'd always thought she was just a publicity gimmick for the Lincoln Journal.

"Dear Abby"

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



Miss B. & B.

Picked Tonight

Miss Block and Bridle will be announced tonight in the Ag College Activities building at 8 p.m.

Candidates for the title are Jerda Thompson, Jeaneke Markusen, Pat Kain, Jan Scott and Joyce Clark.

the Nebraska state senator also planned to nominate Secretary of the Interior Fred Seaton of Hastings for the vice-presidency.

Although at the beginning of the convention Seaton told the members of the Nebraska delegation that he expected them to toss his name into the political ring, he changed his mind the day before nominations took place and tried to dissuade Carpenter from nominating him for vice-president.

During roll call of states to determine what names would be placed in nomination, Mrs. Hazel Abel, Nebraska delegation chairman, answered that one Nebraska delegate "without the concurrence of the remainder of the delegation" wished to place a name in the nomination.

I question that Mrs. Abel did not know whom Terry wanted to nominate, but when convention chairman Joe Martin asked her who it was the delegate wished to nominate she said she had no idea.

Surprised

Terry was taken completely by surprise by Martin's announcement that he had a letter from a prominent Nebraskan declining to permit his name to go before the convention.

This left the usually resourceful Terry, having received the floor, at wit's end.

Terry described this situation thusly:

"I was stumped, I had to say something. I was in a very embarrassing position. The first name that came into my head was Joe and then Smith."

Later to reporters Carpenter explained that Joe Smith was a symbol—a gesture against a "closed convention"—a proof that this was a wide open convention where anybody could be nominated.

Competition Necessary
Critics say that Terry should have listened to Seaton's request not to nominate him, but whether Terry should have taken Seaton's advice is unimportant here.

It is more important that Terry wanted to show that competition in candidates and issues are necessary in a political campaign.

Joe Smith was a gesture against a closed convention.

Across the Campuses I-State AGR House Escapes Serious Fire

Pop to the Rescue

Bottles of pop stored in the furnace room of the AGR house at Iowa State provided a home made extinguisher when a fire broke out in the furnace room during Christmas vacation. The bottles exploded from the heat and put out the fire before any serious damage resulted.

KU 'Trouble Spot'

The most important news story of the year at the University of Kansas was the branding of the school as a "trouble spot" by the governor of the state, according to the University Daily Kansan. As a result, the paper continued, a letter writing campaign by students to their representatives followed.

Date Directory

The Student Directory at Brigham Young university has an added feature which will help the student who uses the directory as a date book. The new directory clearly marks the name of each married student with an "M" after the listing.

'Love-Sick Farmer'

The "Plea of the Love-Sick Farmer" was printed in the Michigan Journalist along with the picture of a

gate. A farmer was having trouble keeping his pasture gate closed and keeping his stock from roaming the countryside. He put an end to someone's nightly ventures by printing on his gate, "Shut the gate, lover boy, our heifer is harder to catch than the one you're chasing."

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