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The Coach Without a Football Team; It's All in the Game, Says Jennings

By Dave Wohlforth
An era of Nebraska football history came to an end yesterday when Chancellor Clifford M. Hardin announced that the Board of Regents will not renew head football coach Bill Jennings' contract when it expires Jan. 15.
The decision, which brought an end to Jennings' five year reign at Nebraska, was considered necessary in order to give a new athletic director a free hand in the further development of the Cornhusker football program, according to the Chancellor.
Jennings took over the NU coaching job in 1957 after one year as an assistant under Pete Elliot. His

teams, which have produced many shocking upsets as well as some disappointments, have won 15, lost 34 and tied one.
Hardin said he hopes to announce the new athletic director soon to succeed Bill Orwig, who accepted a position at the University of Indiana last spring. The selection of a new football coach will be made upon the recommendations of the new athletic director, the Chancellor said.
No Action
The Board will not take any action of renewal of appointments of the assistant coaches until a new head coach is hired, Chancellor Hardin announced. The assistants' appointments

run until Feb. 1.
"I scarcely need to add," the Chancellor added, "that the decision on Coach Jennings' appointment was reached with considerable reluctance."
"We have the highest regard for Coach Jennings as a fine gentleman and man of character. He has been a great asset to the University community and the Board recognizes that his contribution has been substantial."
Jennings had little to say about the announcement. The 42-year old ex-Okla-homa great said he felt he had been treated "fine" while at Nebraska, but that the firing did not come as a great shock to him.

"There is not much I can say," he said. "It's all part of the game, I guess."
"I will make a statement later but right now I want to think about it."
Jennings did not indicate what his plans for the future were, whether they included coaching or business.
The action now leaves the athletic situation at Nebraska in turmoil. The University is without an athletic director, a business manager (due to the recent death of A. J. Lewandowski) and a head football coach.
Candidate
Tippy Dye, present athletic director at Wichita, is

the leading candidate for the AD job and the announcement of not renewing Jennings' contract may have been a move to open the entire football situation for Dye.
It is understood that Dye has the inside track but that negotiations were being held up until the football picture at Nebraska could be cleared up.
Speculation has arisen on Jennings' future as the Husker head coach several times during his five year tenure. He was hanged in effigy on Nov. 1 of 1958, following a 31-0 homecoming loss to Missouri and came under fire last year.



CONTRACT DROPPED

With the announcement that the Board of Regents will not renew Bill Jennings' contract comes the end of Jennings' five year hold on NU football. Under Coach Jennings, the Cornhusker eleven won 15, lost 34 and tied one.

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Fire Damages Avery Lab, Equipment Lack of Funds Postponed Safety Measures---Harris



FIRE PLUS SMOKE EQUALS DAMAGE

Clean-up operations began Thursday in 306 Avery Lab after fire damaged the room and its contents late Wednesday night. Chemistry department officials say the room will have to be refurnished and the equipment replaced. (Photo by Tim Gartner.)

By Mike MacLean
A fire discovered at 11:00 p.m. Wednesday night in 306 Avery Laboratory injured two firemen and caused extensive damage.
The damaged equipment will have to be replaced and the entire room will have to be refurbished, according to Professor Robert Harris of the Chemistry department.
In addition, there was smoke damage to other rooms on the third floor.
The cause of the fire has not been determined according to Harris. He stated that a caustic "drybox," which

contains a nitrogen atmosphere, burned, but that the heat of the fire destroyed any possible clue as to the primary cause.
Another University professor said the blaze may have been caused when air got to the chemical used in the experiment. "These chemicals," he said, "consisted of basic materials for rocket fuels."
"The remodeling of this room, which would include installing equipment designed with fire safety in mind has been scheduled for over three years, but it has been held up by lack of funds," stated Harris.

The fire was discovered by James W. Carpenter, a graduate student who was working in the building at the time. Upon discovering the smoke, Carpenter called to custodian Harry Zimmerman who then called the fire department.
The "dry-box", which graduate student Bud Rakestrow had been building for the last five months for his PH.D., was completely destroyed.
Precautions
Professor Harris noted that Rakestrow, who was not present at the time of the fire, had taken all possible fire precautions, and that the prompt and efficient action of the firemen saved the research papers in the room.
He added that four other graduate students who had been conducting research in the lab will have their work held up until the room is re-equipped.
The two firemen were injured when water from their hoses came into contact with an open jar of sodium hydride and an explosion resulted.
The two, Kenneth Kraus and Earl Bridger, were treated for facial burns at Lincoln General Hospital and returned to duty.

Hazardous
"Progress in the last half-century entails experiments with more hazardous material than when Avery Lab was built; thus any building of that age is a fire hazard," Harris continued.
Last December an inspector from the State Fire Marshal's office inspected the building and made the following recommendations: "New exits from all three floors and a complete detection system in all areas except the basement which is equipped with such protection should be installed."
Nebraskan Scrip Sets Deadline
Publications Combine Due to Lack of Funds

By Dick Halbert
The Nebraskan Scrip, which is being printed for the first time this year in lieu of the Scrip and the Daily Nebraskan's special Magazine edition, goes to press Dec. 19.
All undergraduate students are urged to contribute any poetry, short fiction, or essays. The deadline is next week.
Robert L. Hough, associate professor of English and faculty advisor of the combined Scrip and Nebraskan Magazine, said the merger was partially due to lack of funds. Antoninette Tucker is the editor.
The Scrip, which was started in 1958, was published twice a year. It operated on a \$500 fund which gradually dwindled due to the fact that the cost per copy was kept at 35 cents. The Scrip was originally set up to encourage undergraduate writing. It featured essays, poetry, satires, and parodies.
The Daily Nebraskan special magazine which was started last year by editor Herb Probasco contained non-fiction on problems and ideas of a contemporary nature.
There will be no charge for the Nebraskan Scrip, which will be distributed in the same manner as the Daily Nebraskan on Thursday, Dec. 22.

By Nancy Whitford
Coeducational dining between the residents of Selleck Quadrangle and the Women's Residence Halls may become a reality second semester if the results of a two-week test period are successful.
The test period begins Tuesday, and all those who wish to participate must turn in their applications today.
The applications, which have been distributed to all residents of the two dormitories, should be turned in to the main desk of either Selleck or the Women's Residence Halls.
This program is different from previous exchange-dinner meals in several ways:
—There are no dress requirements.
—"Pairing-off" will not be forced.
—The participants may leave when they wish.
—The program may become permanent on Tuesday through Friday nights if residents of the two dormitories so desire.
Following the test period, a questionnaire will be sent to all participants to determine their reaction to the program.
Individuals who do not wish to participate in the test will continue to be served in their own dormitory. Those who do sign up for the test do not commit themselves to participation in a permanent program.
The plan has been jointly approved by the governing bodies of Selleck and WRA. Leaders of the two groups pointed out advantages such as the development of better manners, a relaxed atmosphere in which to meet members of the opposite sex, as well as disadvantages such as distance and bad weather.
Administrative approval for the project has been given by Ruth Meierhenry, business manager of WRA; Alfred Calvert, manager of Selleck Quadrangle; William Harper, director of University services; Helen Snyder, dean of women and Frank Hallgren, dean of men.

Council Unanimously Rejects Presidential Election Change

By Tom Kotouc
The Student Council has unanimously rejected an amendment to the Student Council Constitution which would have turned the election of Student Council President over to the student body.
The proposed amendment, which was drafted by the judiciary committee at the direction of last year's Council, would have been submitted to the student body at the spring election for its approval.
Jim Samples, chairman of the judiciary committee, moved that the amendment be rejected on the grounds that "it would take the election of the president from the hands of those who had worked with the candidates in the capacity in which they would serve."
The amendment itself would have given the Council the responsibility for nominating the two candidates who would have been voted on by the student body from the five senior hold-over members.
Student Vote
In last spring's general election the student body answered affirmatively by a vote of 1,473 to 751 a question asking if the student favored "the proposed changes in the Student Council constitution." One hundred fifty students left the question blank.
Samples questioned whether the "proposed changes"

phrase was understood by students voting for the change. "Could they have voted in the affirmative simply because they were opposed to the status quo of the Council?" Samples questioned.
"Last year's Council favored the election of the Council president by the student body because it believed this method would hold the president more accountable to the student body," Samples pointed out.
"I question the truth of this argument, however," Samples said, "when one realizes that the election outcome will be based on posters, noise and platform and a possible split between Greek and independent factions on campus."
Student Body
"We are not electing a student body president, as is

done on some campuses," Samples added.
Mary Kokes, Council secretary, disagreed with Samples on his objection to the "proposed changes" wording. "This wording is justified," she said, "since the Council's proposed amendments were well publicized in the Daily Nebraskan and were thoroughly discussed in public hearing and in student conversation."
"The possibility of the student body's election of the president becoming a 'popularity contest' would have been reduced by the Council's selection of the two best Council members as candidates," Council vice president, Don Witt said.
Council member Nancy Butler opposed the amendment because "the election of a Student Council president by the entire student body would give individuals out of college the opportunity to build political machines on this campus."
"They've constructed political machines at the University of Minnesota and would like to do the same here," she said.
Another Council member, Dave Scholz, questioned whether the Council would always put the best two men up for the presidency.
"A change does not necessarily mean progress," Samples added.

Clay Wescott Files For Regent Post

The University Regent position in the fifth district was filed for by Clay M. Wescott of Holdrege, Wednesday.
Wescott is the second person to file for the position presently held by Frank Foote of Axtell. Dr. Arden V. Means also of Holdrege filed earlier this fall.
Foote hasn't as yet announced his intentions about the upcoming election, but former Nebraska Gov. Val Peterson announced that he would be a candidate for the Board of Regents position in the fifth district, but has not yet filed with the Secretary of State.

Society Honors NU Agronomist

Teacher, corn breeder, scientist and alumnus of the University Agronomy department, Dr. John H. Lonquist, was presented the Crop Science Award by the American Society of Agronomy in St. Louis Wednesday.
Dr. Lonquist, who is considered as one of the pre-eminent plant breeders of the world, was singled out by the Society for his outstanding contributions as a scientist and teacher in the field of corn breeding.

Guys, Gals to Chow Down In Unison at Selleck Quad

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Shapiro Receives Magazine Award
Karl Shapiro, professor of English, was awarded the Eunice Tietjens Memorial Prize by Poetry Magazine for "Six Poems" published in the April, 1961, issue of the magazine.
The one hundred dollar award is given annually by the Magazine for a poem or group of poems by an American citizen published in that magazine.

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