



# Bentley Retires After 17 Years Of Sport Work

By TERRY ANDERSON Sports Editor  
July 1 of this year will end seventeen years of service for John Bentley, sports information director of the athletic department for the University.

Bentley first came to work for the University as full-time director in July of 1946. Since that time Bentley has served the interests of the athletic department and has promoted Cornhusker sports throughout the state and nation.

Before coming to the University, Bentley had served on the Omaha World-Herald staff, first at the copy desk and war desk and later as a sports columnist.

Before going to the Omaha paper, Bentley worked for the Lincoln Journal. He began working for the Lincoln paper in 1922 and continued to work until 1941 when he went over to the Omaha paper.

In his capacity at the Journal office he served as sports editor and in 1940 he assumed the additional responsibility of city editor.

Bentley is Optimistic Bentley has followed University sports through both good and lean years with an optimistic eye. From his beginning in 1946 when the Huskers finished in a tie for the conference football title until today when the team finished with an 8-2 overall (highest ever while he has been here).

The basketball squad tying for last in the conference with K-State to now when the team is submerged in the cellar; and a track team in 1946 which finished second indoor and outdoor until now when prospects look toward an indoor track win.

All of this Bentley has followed, promoting Nebraskan sports with equal endeavor. He has tried to keep the Husker squads in the limelight and when they lost he tried to emphasize that next year might be the big comeback in sports.

For Bentley there was always a next year and he instilled a feeling in Cornhusker fans. Until this year Bentley's office has handled all the speaking commitments and engagements for the coaches. He has handled press releases for all Husker teams and has given leads on feature stories.

He has also handled all the films for the football and basketball teams and they have handled all the box scores in Husker sports. By an expression of confidence in Husker athletes and fans, through a combination of coaches and materials, Bentley has seen the Cornhusker state rise in status and now through a new athletic administration in Tippy Dye and Bob Devaney and his coaching staff, Bentley has seen a leveling off in sports. He feels that there is a bright future ahead in Husker athletics.

On July 1, he will begin work for the Capitol and Lincoln hotels in Lincoln in a promotional position.

are third baseman Dale Anderson, shortstop Tom Ernst, and Ron Douglas, who may be used at either shortstop or second base. Ernst also put in time on the mound for the Scarlet last season.

The sore spots stick out for Nebraska in the outfield and the catcher position. The squad will miss the big bat of Steve Smith, who led the Huskers in hitting in his last two years while also covering the outfield. Don Schindle is the only veteran outfielder although squadman Wally Duff is back.

Coach Tony Sharpe will have to find a satisfactory catcher for the season too. Dave May, a first baseman last season, and Larry Bornschlegl, cageman from Geneva, are the early candidates for this key spot.

Three Nebraska football players reported for the early drills that could give the team a boost. Ron Michka, who played for Omaha Benson, and John Faiman, who played at Omaha South, join Willie Ross in bidding for the squad. Michka and Ross are going for outfield spots while Faiman is attempting to gain a place in the Husker infield.

Nebraska will open the season on the road with a three game set against Tulsa on March 28, 29, and 30.

Veteran infielders returning

# NEBRASKAN Sports

## From The Stick

By Rick Akin

Thought we'd start this semester's column with a little "Sing Along with Stick". This song is dedicated to Jerry Bush and his Cornhusker cagers.

This song can be sung to the tune of "Where Have All the Flowers Gone" by the Kingston Trio.

Follow the bounding ball . . .  
"Where have all the victories gone . . . long time passing . . . Where have all the upsets gone . . . long time ago . . . Where have all the superstars gone . . . not to NU, that's for sure . . . Will they ever come here . . . if the Bear is still here."

And it's the Coliseum Bear that has been the topic of conversation. Will Jerry Bush be around next season? Now I have heard the blame being thrown entirely on the Bear's efforts to produce winning basketball at Nebraska.

This seems unfair to Coach Bush. In the first place Nebraska high school basketball leaves a lot to be desired which leaves little to recruit from inside the own state.

Bill Vincent is a good example. When the Chief was in high school, he was hell on wheels and tabbed as one of the greats. But Vincent hasn't matched up to some of the accomplishments that the speculators had in mind.

Don't get me wrong . . . Bill is a good basketball player but not All-American material. And with the depth that Bush has this season, either balance or a superstar is needed badly.

Secondly, a point which Wally Provost pointed out in his column in the World Herald a few weeks ago seriously hampers Bear's chances for top notch players. Nebraska spends less money than any other Big Eight school for basketball scholarships.

And people complain about not having a good team when NU can't even talk to terms with enough top rate players to make it worthwhile.

It's simple arithmetic to see that without ENOUGH good players a school is not going to have a good team. And we know how the Huskers are doing in the Big Eight race.

Just when things were looking up for Bush and Co., the tide turned again. Jerry Spears, the Ohio State transfer, came into action for second semester to give the Huskers a fairly well balanced starting five. So the Big Fella takes a spill and is out for the season.

With four good players a team can't do anything because the defense can drop off one Husker and concentrate on someone else. With five you can do something.

Another thing that has hurt the basketball team is, ironically, the football team. Since the football team had such a great year, the cagers cannot necessarily be expected to shoot the moon.

Everything seems to come in the off season for Bush. When Bush gets a good sophomore crop he has his best seniors. Like last year. Bush had Russell, Bowers and Swett, but the sophs just didn't have the maple maturity to take up the slack.

This year's frosh squad has substantial depth, but got walloped by Iowa State's yearlings. So no conclusions can be drawn until the freshmen finish their campaign.

Of course there is another school of thought. Maybe it is time for a change. It worked with the football team. One popular conception is swaying Ralph Miller from Wichita. Miller has turned out some top teams but is sitting pretty down South.

Nebraska would probably offer more pay to Miller and Nebraska offers broader courses which could sway some top prospects. This was the case of Daryl Petsch. In Hal Brown's story on Petsch in the Lincoln Star, Brown reported that Miller wanted Petsch, but Wichita didn't offer Architecture, D.P.'s major.

Miller has a fine squad now, though, and Wichita is in the Missouri Valley Conference, the top basketball conference in the country, according to Sports Illustrated.

Could Athletic Director Tippy Dye, former Wichita head, sway Miller?

Dye said a few weeks ago, "Bush will definitely finish the season." From this many conclusions could be drawn.

If Nebraska does get a new basketball coach (and good ones are hard to come by these days), I hope he gets more scholarship money.

Jerry Bush certainly didn't have it.

## Intramural Standings

League 1-A		League 6-A	
Phi Kappa Phi	4-1	Fairfield	5-0
Sigma Chi	4-1	Canfield	4-1
Delta Tau Delta	3-2	Capitol I	4-2
Yappa Sigma	3-2	Avery I	3-2
Theta Xi	3-3	Mastad	3-2
Alpha Tau Omega	2-4	Hitchcock	0-5
		Capitol II	0-5
League 2-A		League 10-A	
Sigma Phi Epsilon	4-1	Dents	6-0
Sigma Nu	4-1	Naval ROTC	4-2
Phi Delta Theta	4-0	Aviation Club	3-4
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	3-2	Air Force ROTC	2-2
Delta Upsilon	3-3	Phi Epsilon Kappa	0-5
Sigma Alpha Mu	1-4		
Phi Gamma Delta	0-5		
League 3-A			
FarmHouse	5-0		
Ag Men	4-1		
Beta Sigma Psi	4-1		
Delta Sigma Pi	3-2		
Alpha Gamma Rho	2-3		
Alpha Gamma Sigma	1-4		
Triangler	0-5		
League 4-A			
Cornhusker	5-0		
Pioneer	4-1		
Delta Sigma Phi	3-2		
Acacia	2-3		
Brown Palace	2-3		
Phi Kappa Phi	1-4		
League 5-A			
Bessy	5-1		



**MOORE DROPPED . . .**  
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## NU Hurdler Is Dropped From Squad

Yesterday Husker hurdling ace, Ron Moore, was dropped from the track squad.

Coach Sevigne said that Moore was dropped for disciplinary reasons.

Sevigne said that Moore had broken training Friday night prior to the Oklahoma State-Nebraska track meet. For this action Moore lost his grant-in-aid that he has held for two years.

At the meet last Saturday, Moore got a bad start in the high hurdle race and stopped after he cleared the first hurdle. Then he withdrew from the low hurdle race.

Last year at the Big Eight indoor conference meet, Moore won the high hurdle event and placed second in the lows to teammate Fred Wilke, scoring nine points for the Huskers.

In the outdoor meet Moore won the highs, then placed second to Mark Sullivan of Oklahoma to tally 18 points for the squad.

This year in the opening indoor meet, Moore won both the hurdle events, going :07.5 in the highs and :06.9 in the lows against Wyoming and South Dakota.

Responsibility in the hurdles events will now fall upon Fred Wilke, defending Big Eight Champion in the indoor low hurdle event. In the outdoor meet, Wilke finished third in the high hurdle event.

Last week in the Oklahoma State meet, Wilke won both hurdle events turning the highs in :07.6 and the lows in :07.0.

Ray Knaub, the sprinter turned hurdler this year, could fill the gap left by Moore's removal. He has placed second in both low hurdle races in the meets against Wyoming, South Dakota and Oklahoma State.

**Intramural Meeting**  
Tonight at 5:00, there will be a meeting of all intramural managers whose teams qualified for the All University Basketball Tournament. The meeting will be in Room 114, P. E. building.

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# Loss String Extended As Husker Cage Squad Loses To Cyclones

Nebraska gave Iowa State's cagers a battle for the first fifteen minutes and then the Cyclones raced to a convincing 75 to 54 verdict over the Huskers Monday night at the Coliseum.

The Huskers bettered their visitors from the field in early play only to trail, 24 to 17 after thirteen minutes of action, because of Cyclone accuracy from the free throw line. Eager Huskers amassed 11 fouls in the first half and the lowans converted their chances to go ahead from the opening jump.

As the half rolled on, the Scarlet lost its shooting accuracy and Vince Brewer led his squad to an adequate eight point cushion at the half. Brewer, exhibiting brilliant ball handling, popped in 11 of his final 13 points in the first stanza.

Dayrl Petsch gave the hosts their chance at the lead with a lay-up to pull Nebraska within six points at 32 to 26 with a minute remaining. Seconds later, the 6-5 junior muffed two free throws and Dave Groth meshed a jump

shot that produced the margin at the gun. At the start of the second half, Gary Kleven and Marv Straw, who shoots well from outside, made five quick baskets to put the Huskers out of the contest.

Petsch was the only offensive weapon the Husker could offer as he scored 14 points in the second half, most of his points coming on jump shots from the side. Petsch ending up taking game honors with 23 points.

Nebraska set Petsch up often by passing quickly around the shifting Cyclone zone defense. This maneuver could have been disastrous for the winners if the Scarlet had not committed a bundle of passing errors.

Again, as in the last three contests, the Huskers out-rebounded their opponents. This advantage gave the Huskers little solace when their shooting percentage remained below thirty per cent. Charlie Jones continues to lead the Scarlet in rebounding ahead of his taller teammates.

The loss mired Nebraska deeper in the Big Eight cellar with a 0-7 record while Iowa State garnered its seventh win. The Cyclones are now less than a half a game out of second place behind Kansas State and Oklahoma State.

Nebraska's next game is with the same Oklahoma State Aggies this Saturday at Stillwater. The following Monday, the Huskers will stay in Oklahoma territory to battle Oklahoma's Sooners at Norman.



**CYCLONE BALL HANDLER - Vince Brewer scored 11 points in the first half as he led the Cyclones to their seventh Big Eight victory.**

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## Hergenrader Puts Baseballers Through Opening Drill Paces

Richard (Yogi) Hergenrader returns to baseball activity this spring as temporary coach of Nebraska's baseball team.

Hergenrader, a former member of the Boston Red Sox chain, is filling in for Coaches Tony Sharpe and Bob Gates until the basketball season is finished. He is presently finishing up work on his degree at the university while coaching the team.

Hergenrader reports twenty-eight candidates are now working out in the Field House. Prospects look bright, as there are eight returning lettermen, seven who helped the Huskers to a 15-11 overall and a 10-10 record in the Big Eight.

The mound crew is the best bet to improve last year's fourth place finish in the conference. Jan Wall, who lettered his sophomore year and then missed last year's action because of injuries suffered in an auto accident, brings promise to the pitching staff.

Wall Joins Pitchers Wall will join three other veterans to form what appears to be an astute mound corps. Righthanders Ernie Bonistal and Keith Sieck along with Southpaw Ron Havekost were leading the Husker pitchers last year. Veteran infielders returning

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