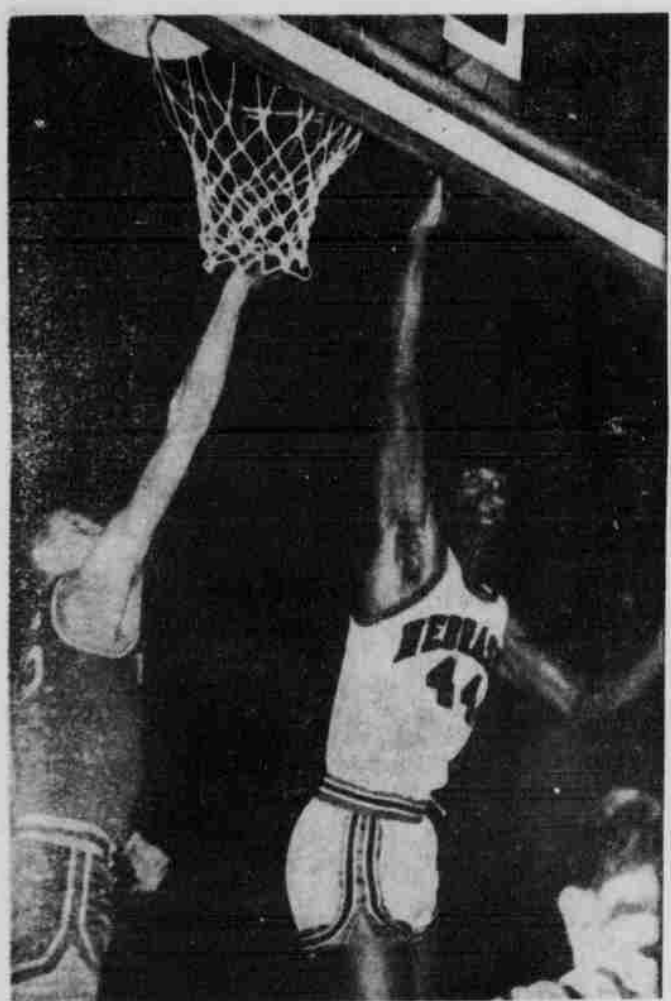
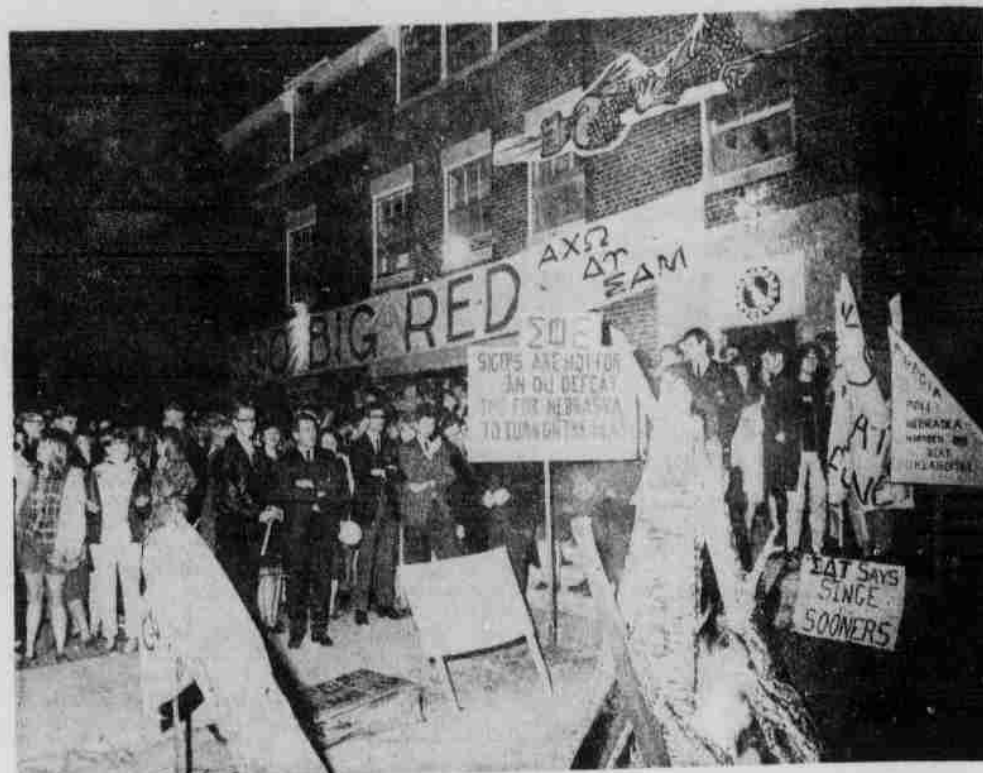
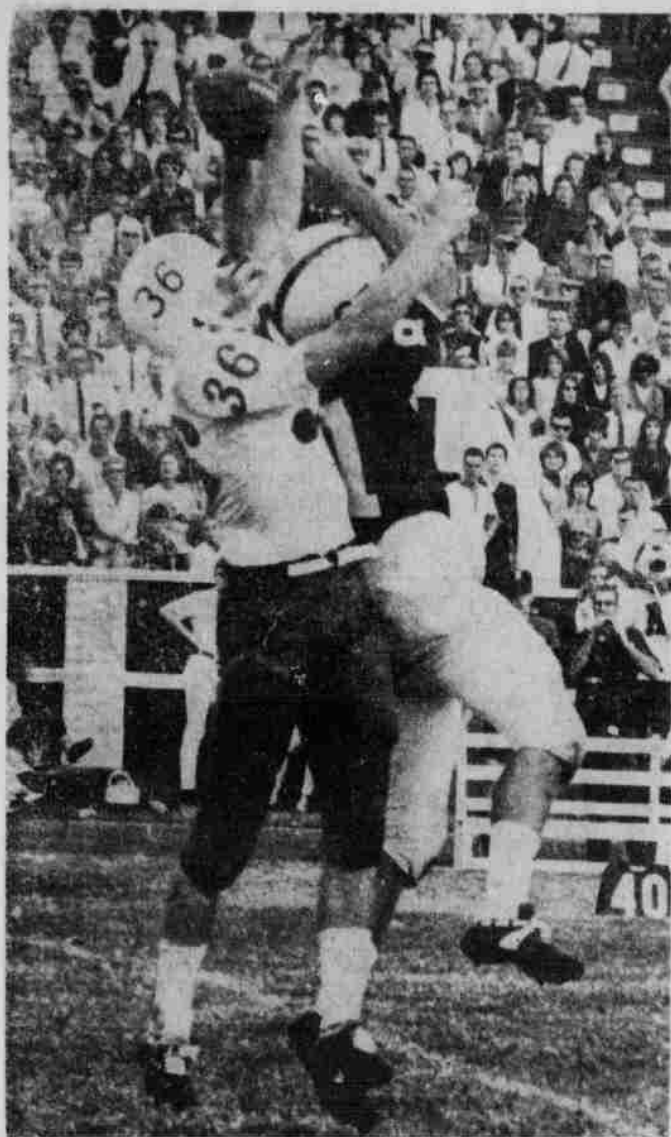


Cornhusker Sports Scene Is Brightest Ever



By Bob Samuelson
 Inflation has hit the Nebraska campus! The Cornhusker sports scene has been the beneficiary of what could possibly be the greatest over-all rise in sports stock in the land during the past five years. This is inflation, but at least it's happy inflation.

Tippy Dye
 In 1960, Nebraska sports stock was anything but blue chip. But with the coming of Tippy Dye in December of 1961, the market began to rise.

Perhaps Dye's greatest stroke of genius was the hiring of Bob Devaney as Nebraska's head football coach. With Devaney came Jim Ross, George Kelly and other assistants, and the Nebraska football scene was suddenly given an aura of professionalism.

The winning started immediately and just hasn't stopped; the excitement over winning football games began to generate interest in the other sports in Cornhusker land.

Basketball coach Joe Cipriano came next, and although his immediate impact was not as dynamic as Devaney's, the fabulous showing of the roundballers this year is proof that Cipriano, too, has the winning way.

All-Sports Standing
 After being mired for years near the bottom of the Big Eight All-Sports standings, Nebraska is currently second with four sports yet remaining.

Actually, the all-sports standings is not the real criteria of a successful sports year, since the minor sports are

weighted equally with the major sports. The schools who traditionally have weak major sports, but strong minor sports are the advocates of this system of ranking.

If a major sports ranking were made over the last year, Nebraska would fare quite well. The list would run like this:

(Points would be awarded on the basis of one for first, two for second, etc. The low total determines the champion. Indoor and outdoor track were considered together. The sun was then divided by two.)

TRACK	4
BASEBALL	2
FOOTBALL	1
BASKETBALL	2

Nebraska's total is 9. Missouri and Kansas, the only other schools which come close to Nebraska in major sports have totals of thirteen and fourteen respectively.

This points up Nebraska's superiority in major sports during the past year in a dramatic way.

Nebraska needs to increase its emphasis on the minor sports such as wrestling, gymnastics and swimming, but the minor sports scene is far from being beyond help.

In short, Nebraska has become, in five short years, the sports capital of the Big Eight Conference. How's that for inflation?

