

The Devaney Philosophy

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Bob Devaney, the man behind the winning football tradition at Nebraska, has his own theories behind coaching. Devaney believes there must be more than good players on a team to win championships. He thinks a certain amount of psychology must be used by the coaches to make players perform up to their fullest capabilities.

Devaney is benefited by an excellent recruiting system and also by being in a conference having lower academic standards than most others in the NCAA.

But unlike many other schools, Devaney always has a winning team whenever he has players of championship caliber.

Iowa, a school which was picked in pre-season polls too win a Big Ten championship two years ago, finished last in the Big Ten. Why? One main reason was poor relations between the coaching staff and the players. This will never happen at Nebraska as long as the present coaching staff stays on.

An example of the Devaney method of coaching can be shown using Bob Pickens, the former Wisconsin player who now is playing at the starting right tackle position for the Cornhuskers. Pickens began at Wisconsin, dropped out of schools and then entered Nebraska after being on the 1964 U.S. Olympic wrestling team.

"I was terribly unhappy at Wisconsin," said Pickens. "I think entering Nebraska was one of the best things I ever did. I'm much happier now and my only regret is I didn't come to Nebraska sooner."

Devaney says he didn't do anything terribly different to Pickens. They try to treat the players equally at Lincoln.

"I can't say that every player who comes to play football at Nebraska likes it," said Devaney. "We've had boys who weren't happy here and play well at other schools. Pickens is a person who was able to fit well into our system."

Devaney gave much of the credit of Nebraska's fortunes to his assistants. On any athletic team, the assistant coaches are always closer to the players than the head coach. Devaney has been with his present coaching staff for ten years.

"I keep a middle-of-the-road position with players," said Devaney. "I'm close to them, but they don't go around addressing me on a first name basis. My office door is always open to them, and I encourage players not to be afraid if they want to talk to me about a problem."

"I'm very close to my assistants," Devaney continued. "Since we've been together so long, we're able to work together pretty efficiently."

Pickens gives much credit to Devaney. He said that he has changed and matured very much since he's been at Nebraska.

"They have been very good to me at Nebraska and have treated me fairly," said Pickens. "The reason is hard to explain. You just have to be there to see Devaney work. All I can say is the Nebraska coaches have done a lot to change me."

Pickens needs 41 credits for a degree in business administration. Nebraska uses a semester system.

Other Nebraska players agree with Pickens. They aren't afraid to extend praise to the Nebraska coaching staff. They have a lot of pride playing at Nebraska and also a great amount of respect for Devaney.

The Devaney philosophy of coaching has been a model for others to follow. One must remember a coach still needs players who have ability and that psychology isn't all of coaching. A coach must know the fundamentals of his sport and how to teach them.

If a coach does have respect for his players and if he can get a maximum effort out of them, winning teams will eventually be made. Bob Devaney's rise to national coaching prestige is the prime example.

"It's a pleasure playing for the man," one player said. "You can talk to him freely on and off the field."

Notice to Intramural Managers

An effort should be made to turn in the ballots for the intramural all-star teams as soon as possible to the Daily Nebraskan sports desk.

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Mueller, Osberg Husker Choices . . . Five All-Conference Picks Named To Academic Team

Five Big Eight Conference football players who made the wire services' all-Conference teams this year head this season's 22-man all-Big Eight academic football team announced today by Wayne Duke, executive director of the Conference.

The 22 were selected from 69 nominees for the team, which is sponsored by the Conference's sports information directors. To be eligible, players must have had at least a "B" academic average during their last semester, quarter, or year of work. The 22 selected automatically become candidates for academic all-America teams to be announced later this month.

Offensively, Oklahoma State's J. B. Christian and Colorado's John Beard and defensively, Missouri's Dan Schuppan and Jim Whitaker, and Kansas' Mike Sweetman grabbed spots on the wire services' all-league units. Five others, Colorado's Mike Montler, Iowa State's Tim Van Galder, Missouri's Bill Powell, Kansas' Bill Wohlford, and Colorado's Dick Anderson, made the second teams selected for the wires by Big Eight coaches and writers.

Repeaters from last year's academic team were Kansas State's Dave Langford, Nebraska's Jim Osberg, and Oklahoma's Ron Shotts, offensively; and Kansas' Bruce Peterson, Powell, Wohlford, and Anderson defensively. This is the third straight year that Powell, a 3.33 (4.0 is perfect) student in engineering, carries a 3.7 average on a 4.0 scale. Schuppan, a defensive end, had a 3.5 average for his last two semesters of work.

With Christian and Beard in the offensive line were Missouri's Charles Weber and Oklahoma State's Jerry Philpott, Colorado's Mike Montler, and Osberg. The backs were Oklahoma State's Happy Settle, Kansas State's Gary Pankratz, Shotts, and Iowa State's Tim Van Galder, who holds virtually all of the Big Eight's career and season passing and total offense records.



Jim Osberg . . . Pre-Dentistry



Marv Mueller . . . Mechanical Engineering

Defensively, joining Schuppan, Sweetman, and Whitaker were Kansas' Langford and Wohlford in the line, Oklahoma's Rick Goodwin and Anderson at linebackers, and Nebraska's Marv Mueller and Kansas State's Mitch Borota in the deep secondary.

Institutional nominees included 11 from Kansas and Oklahoma, 10 from Kansas State, nine from Oklahoma State and Nebraska, eight from Colorado, seven from Missouri, and four from Iowa State.

The all-academic teams:

Offense

E—Charles Weber (Missouri), business; Jerry Philpott (Oklahoma State), chemical engineering

T—J. B. Christian (Oklahoma State), biology; Mike Montler (Colorado), journalism

G—Jim Osberg (Nebraska), pre-dentistry; John Beard (Colorado), physical education

C—Bruce Heath (Colorado), history

QB—Tim Van Galder (Iowa State), industrial administration

HB—Ron Shotts (Oklahoma), finance; Happy Settle (Oklahoma State), pre-medicine

FB—Gary Pankratz (Kansas State), agriculture

Defense

E—Dan Schuppan (Missouri), pre-law; Bruce Peterson (Kansas), engineering; Dave Langford (Kansas State), nuclear engineering

G—Bill Wohlford (Kansas), pre-law

LB—Mike Sweetman (Kansas), physical education; Rich Goodwin (Oklahoma), finance; Dick Anderson (Colorado), mechanical engineering; Jim Whitaker (Missouri), pre-medicine; Mitch Borota (Kansas State), electrical engineering

Those receiving honorable mention, by institution, included:

Iowa State—Jim Cunningham, chemical engineering, end; Gary King, psychology, halfback; and John Warner, biology, quarterback.

Kansas State—Tom Barnes, pre-dentistry, safety; Mike Bruhn, pre-dentistry, halfback; Dick Kruse, pre-medicine, guard; Richard Masonson, pre-law, guard; Harry McDonald, biology, end; Mike McGrath, mathematics, guard; and Bob Scott, chemical engineering, linebacker.

Oklahoma State—Dean Alexander, business, end; Mike Arnold, engineering, quarterback; Jim Creeker, engineering, guard; Bruce Hutton, pre-law, guard; Bruce Scott, not declared, quarterback; and Mike Smith, not declared, tackle.

Colorado—Mike Rynn, pre-medicine, halfback; Tom Corson, engineering, end; Steve Peston, business, end; and Bill Sabatino, speech, tackle.

Kansas—Dave Bouda, pre-medicine, education, halfback; Bob Druten, not declared, halfback; J. Roy Holliday, not declared, safety; Drew Jennings, liberal arts, safety; David Morgan, mathematics, halfback; and Dave Wasse, international relations, end.

Missouri—Frank Kahl, not declared, halfback; John Meyer, not declared, halfback; and Conroy Carl Rees, not declared, center.

Nebraska—Joe Armstrong, business administration, guard; Gary Brochock, education, tackle; Eric Brink, education, halfback; Bill Dais, agriculture, economy, halfback; Len Janik, education, linebacker; Ernie Sifers, business administration, quarterback; and Bob Hill, education, center.

Oklahoma—Gene Caste, pre-medicine, quarterback; Ray Hayes, industrial education, end; Stan Henderson, psychology, tackle; David King, not declared, guard; Bill Latta, not declared, quarterback; Wayne Nason, not declared, safety; Don Roberts, finance, end; Phil Wetherbe, government, guard; and Ron Wintyre, physics, guard.

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NU Faces Cowboys On First Road Trip

Nebraska faces a barrage of non-conference games this week as the Huskers prepare for their tournament schedule and the Big Eight race.

The Huskers are on the road Wednesday playing the Wyoming Cowboys, return to Lincoln to face a strong team from the University of the Pacific on Saturday, and play two games with Washington State the following Monday and Tuesday.

Meanwhile, coach Joe Cipriano has been concentrating on the Wyoming test. He was happy with the Huskers' opening win with Oregon (79-56) and voiced satisfaction with the Varsity's showing with the Alumni, in which the Big Red whipped the Old Red 99-83.

"We think there were areas where the team must show improvement, which is natural for any first game showing," Cipriano said. "But, generally we were quite pleased with our showing."

And Cipriano hastily added that "no team should be at their prime at the beginning of the season" and that "a team should strive to continue improving."

Cipriano was pleased with forward Tom Baack's shooting both nights. Baack, a junior, scored 27 points against Oregon and hit 11-16 from the field against the Alums to score 29 points.

"Jim Damm did a fine job at the starting guard position and we feel he will continue to give his best," the coach said. Cipriano termed Stuart Lantz' play both nights as "a fine overall performance."

Wyoming, although losing to Oklahoma State 73-64 last week, should be strong at home. Coach Bill Stannigan has two top lettermen returning from a 17-9 team last year: Tom Asbury, 6-5 forward and Mike Eberly, 6-0 guard.

Cipriano says that Wyoming will probably run a press against Nebraska and that the Huskers will plan their game around it.

Frosh Cagers Trample

Coach Glenn Potter's Nebraska freshmen basketball team scored over 100 points for the second time this season in as many outings to beat Creston Junior College 105 to 60 in the Coliseum Monday night.

The Husker frosh were again paced by 6-2, Oakland, Calif. guard Tom Scantlebury who had 32 points. Scantlebury scored 24 points in the freshmen's 101-90 opener against the Drake frosh last week.

A total of 14 Huskers were in the scoring column against Creston with Ken Cauble, a 6-5 forward from Midland, Tex. next behind Scantlebury with 13 points.

The next game for the Husker frosh will be against McCook Junior College in a preliminary contest to the Nebraska-University of Pacific contest Saturday night in the Coliseum.

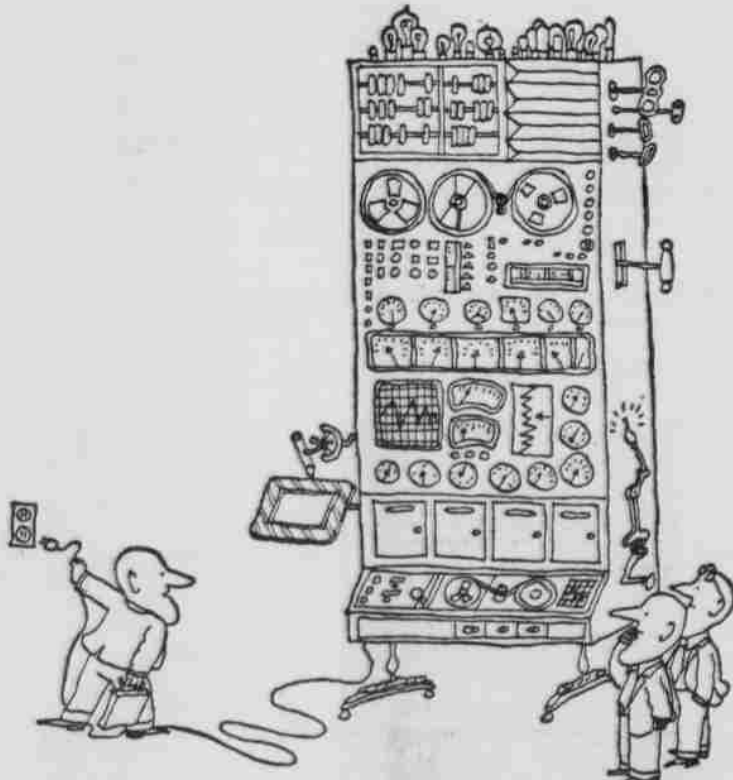
The tickets entitle students to a reserved seating section for home basketball games and will also serve as a spring sports pass.

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, November 22, 1966—The Professor of Aerospace Studies has announced that all male students in the University of Nebraska who have two years remaining at the University now have the opportunity to obtain a commission in the Air Force. Applications are now being accepted for entry into the Air Force ROTC Two-Year Program.

The unique aspect of the Two-Year Program is that the student has an opportunity to view and experience Air Force life before being actually enrolled in the program. A physical and a qualifying exam are provided; and upon successful completion, the student attends a six-week special summer training session. The training session gives the Air Force and the student an opportunity to decide if they are both satisfied. In the fall, attending summer training, the student pursues a new aerospace curriculum.

Colonel Bowers, Professor of Aerospace Studies, emphasized that anyone interested in this program should visit his office on the second floor of the Military and Naval Science Building prior to December 10, 1966 since some time is required for processing the application.

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