

# I Believe

By Tom Henderson

Five years ago Mr. R. Roberts was just another name on an airliner's passenger list at Lincoln Municipal Airport.

The name still means nothing to most Nebraska football fans, but the man behind the name has since become the Moses of Nebraska football.

### Really Devaney

For that man was in reality Bob Devaney who is five short years as head football coach has led Nebraska football fortunes from the dark path of obscurity to the bright lights of national greatness.

Each step Devaney has taken since first setting foot on Nebraska soil has turned Nebraska football fortunes to gold.

### Another Stride

Tuesday morning the Husker coach took another stride which will soon determine whether or not he really does have that "Midas touch."

The University Board of Regents Tuesday morning named Devaney to replace recently departed Tippy Dye as athletic director. Now Devaney must prove he can spread himself thinly enough to keep the football team on top and also build the rest of the athletic program to acceptable standards.

### Good Start

The task, although not a simple one, is already off to a good start, thanks to Dye.

Dye arrived in Nebraska in December of 1961, faced with the problems of completely rebuilding a floundering athletic program.

### First Move

His first move brought Devaney and almost instant success to the Husker football program and his second brought Nebraska basketball to its greatest success in the school's history.

Coupled with a first-rate track team, Dye left Devaney an inheritance with a solid foundation.

### "Minor" Sports

However, the problem lies in building Nebraska's "minor" sports into consistent contenders for the Big Eight championship.

Coach Tony Sharpe's baseball teams have had their ups and downs, but have at least finished in the upper division during the past few years, and the NU swimming team has also finished in the upper division.

But the rest of the Husker teams have been buried somewhere between fifth and last.

### Fitting Tribute

The appointment of Devaney as athletic director is a fitting tribute to a man who has brought University of Nebraska football back from obscurity and to the man who brought him here — Tippy Dye.

We believe it will be interesting to see if Devaney can meet this new challenge without sacrificing the success of Husker football.

## Devaney Gets NU AD Job

By George-Kaufman Sports Writer

Bob Devaney, University football coach, has been named the new Athletic Director by the Board of Regents.

"I'm pleased that they gave me this position," Devaney said of the job vacated by Tippy Dye when he resigned to become athletic director at Northwestern University.

### Pittenger Remains

Devaney indicated that he expects assistant athletic director and ticket manager Jim Pittenger to remain in his job.

Likewise, Bill Fisher is expected to stay as the athletic department's business manager.

### Possible Assistant

"And it is a possibility that one of the football coaches will serve as an assistant," said Devaney.

He added that he would recommend an assistant at the next meeting of the Regents, but named no one as his candidate.

### Responsibility

Although Devaney will now be responsible for overseeing all varsity sports, no salary raise was announced by the Regents. He now earns \$25,500 per year as football coach.

Last season the Huskers were 9-2, bringing Nebraska to the 1967 Sugar Bowl. Devaney has a career coaching record of 82-18-5.

## Softball Rosters Due March 21; Play In April

Intramural softball entries are due March 21. The entries must include a roster sheet.

With games scheduled to begin early next month, the office of Joel Meier, intramural director, has released requirements for participants this season:

### Requirements

—no spiked shoes will be allowed. Anyone with such shoes will cause forfeit of the game.

—each team must provide one competent umpire for each game. The umpires will trade jobs at each inning.

—regular softball rules will apply.

—teams must have at least six players at the game, or forfeit.

### Three Classifications

The tournament will be established in three classifications: interfraternity, independent and resident halls.

## NU Falls In NIT, 119-88 . . . Huskers Stoned, Trampled By Herd

The Stone was Marshall University's 6-7 junior hot-shot George Stone, who broke the Huskers' backs with a near-record 46 points and the Herd was the unstoppable Thundering Herd of Marshall, which stomped the Huskers off the Garden floor with a record-shattering 119-88 quarter-final victory in NIT play.

Joe Cipriano's fast-break breakers were out-fasted by Elias Johnson's Herd from the start, as the sharpshooting Stone hit six of his first seven shots from the field to push Marshall out to a commanding 23-9 lead, and never rested to give the cold-starting Huskers a chance to get back in the contest.

Willie Campbell's 12 first-half points allowed the Huskers to hang in at 53-39 by halftime, but even Tom Baack's 25-point second-half explosion couldn't make it respectable, as his outburst was overshadowed by the blizzard of baskets racked up by Marshall as they opened a 33-point lead with 8:31 left in the contest.

Nebraska went to one of its favorite weapons throughout the season, the full-court press, several times in hopes of slowing down the barrage by the Herd, but Marshall let guard Dan D'Antoni take care of that matter.

Not Much Luck "We didn't have too much luck with the press," said Husker guard Stuart Lantz after the game. "They had a very fast little guard (D'Antoni, 5-11) who gave us a lot of trouble there."

"We thought we could catch them coming out at the second half," said the All-Big Eight guard, "but the way they were shooting it just didn't happen that way. Stone was unbelievable. He was the best shot I've ever seen Monday night."

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New Record Marshall reserve Keith Blankenship sank two free throws with two minutes left to put Marshall ahead 117-84 and crack the old NIT team scoring record of 116 set by Bradley against Xavier, Ohio, in 1957.

The defeat was also the worst ever suffered by the Scarlet-and-Cream, eclipsing the 110-point drubbing at Lawrence last year.

### And More

D'Antoni did more than solve the press, however, as he collected 24 points for Elias Johnson's Herd, followed by Jim Davidson with 23 and Bob Redd's 17. Campbell had a good night as he picked up after Baack with 17, while Nate Branch, playing his last game as a Cornhusker along with Campbell, Frank Empey and Charlie Stone, had 14 as the only other double-

digitized Nebraskan. A refrigerated Lantz was held to only nine points.

The Herd now joins favored Southern Illinois in the semifinals Thursday night, and the finals will be televised Saturday. Marshall's record going into the semi's is 20-6, and they are riding on an eight-game winning streak, including impressive wins over Villanova and Nebraska.

The Huskers head home from the big city owning a 16-9 mark and a share of the Big Eight runner-up spot with Colorado.

## Softball Meeting

Intramural softball managers will have a meeting March 21 at 7 p.m. in the P.E. Building, Room 114.

## Intramural Competition Nearing For Horseshoe, Tennis Buffs

Braving the possibility of March going out like a lion, intramural tennis and horseshoe competition will begin shortly after March 21 entry deadlines.

In both events there will be only doubles play with each organization allowed six team entries.

Room 102, Physical Education Building, 5 p.m. next Tuesday are the deadline particulars.

### Requirements

Tennis participants will be required to furnish one can (3 balls), tennis rackets and the proper type of shoes. No tennis "N" winners are eligible for the tournament.

The horseshoes competi-

tion will be a single elimination affair, with matches being played east of the Coliseum. Shoes may be checked out at the Physical Education Building cage.

Beta Theta Pi holds the all-University champions

title in both sports. Individually Beta's Steve Burdic and Larry Rau are the horseshoe champs, but the Tennis doubles title is under the ownership of Bill and John Roehrs of Beta Sigma Psi.

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## Iowa State Big Eight Favorite In Gymnastics

Iowa State, with seven of the eight individual leaders and a national ranker in each of the individual events, is a heavy favorite to win its third straight Big Eight conference gymnastics championship this Friday and Saturday at the University of Nebraska Coliseum.

The Cyclones, hoping to improve their co-third spot nationally of the last two years, bring back two defending Big Eight champions in Jim Barber and Jerry Fontana. Last year, Barber took the floor exercise crown, while Fontana grabbed off his second straight all-around and horizontal bar championships.

### Host Nebraska

Host Nebraska, building back after surrendering the dominant spot to Iowa State two years ago, has two strong all-around performers in May and Johnson, as well as Beran, who was third in the long horse and fifth in all-around competition at last year's meet.

Going into this meet, Barber is tied with teammate Mike Jacki for the top spot in floor exercise and Fontana leads the Big Eight in both the high bar and all-around rankings. In addition to these two leaders, the Cyclones also have Jacki leading in the still rings, Homer Sardina best in the long horse, Jerry Crowder on top in parallel bars, and Tim Clarke

showing the best trampoline line.

### And Others

It is not just these six leaders for Iowa State, however, as Mark Wilcox, Ward Meythaler, Dave Kremer, Ernest McDonald and Bob James also are listed in the individual rankings, showing the great depth sported by the Cyclones.

This team strength has paced Iowa State to the team lead as the Cyclones go into the championships averaging over 186 points a meet. This outdistances the next three, Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas. Colorado leads the three-way battle for second with its 170.7 average, followed by Nebraska (164.77) and Kansas (163.94). Then come Oklahoma (145.80) and Kansas State (143.0).

### Cyclone Pushers

Figured to push the Cyclone individuals the most are Colorado's Jack Ryan, Bob Fisher, and Dan Evans; Kansas State's Gary Parker and Colin Campbell; Kansas' Bob Pierson, Gerry Denk, and Wayne Dixon; Nebraska's Pat McGill, Bob Santoro, Rich Beran, Steve May, and Mickey Johnson, and Oklahoma's Tom Sexton.

Ryan, top ranked in the side horse, won the Big Eight title in the side horse last year before going on and taking the national AAU crown for the event.

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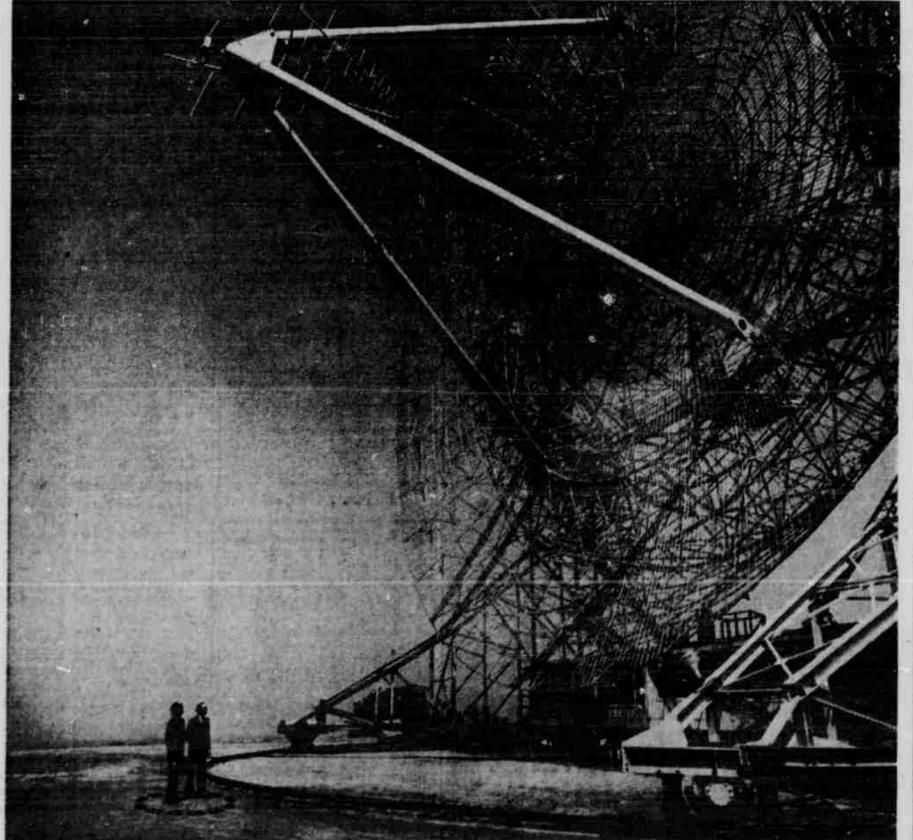
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