



Hallowed ground . . . and probably the best investment the University ever made. Participants in the ground breaking ceremonies for Memorial Stadium picked a wide, open space to provide plenty of parking for the horse and buggy and early roadsters. Wouldn't they turn over in their graves if they attended a football game some Saturday . . . provided they could find a seat . . . or a parking place.

Century progress most evident in complete sports program

By Mark Gordon
Sports Editor

When the University began its athletic program before the turn of the century, teams such as the Omaha and Lincoln YMCA's dotted the football schedule. The basketball team faced the Sioux City YMCA and Cheyenne Business College.

Now as the University enters its second 100 years of existence, teams like Southern California, Army and Texas A & M face NU teams. The caliber of teams has improved and so has the University's athletic future in all sports, according to Athletic Director and head football coach Bob Devaney.

"WE'RE HOLDING our own in all sports," he said, adding that football had a winning percentage the past seven years and basketball has produced winning records since coach Joe Cipriano arrived in 1963.

He said track has progressed steadily and swimming and wrestling are starting to advance. He added that gymnastics, which slipped after winning the 1964 Big Eight Meet, is on the rebound.

Although the program is sound financially, the biggest weakness is facilities in general, needing a new fieldhouse and track in particular, he said. He added that both the Coliseum (built in the 1920s) and the outmoded East Stadium track must be replaced.

"We've got the money set aside for the track, but we need a place to put it," he said. "You don't need much in the way of plans for a track," track.

DEVANEY EXPLAINED that the athletic department is studying places close to campus for the eventual track, which is hoped to be located near the new fieldhouse.

"We're studying other colleges which have fieldhouse complexes and we're trying to determine which one is best for us," he said.

Devaney said two underlying thoughts can be applied when constructing fieldhouses. One thought stresses a building entirely for campus activities, while the other philosophy builds the athletic complex with the entire community in mind, he said.

"Right now, we don't know which one is best for us," he said. "But regardless of which we choose, a facility for all sports will be built."

WHILE THE completion date for both the track and fieldhouse facility remains indefinite, Devaney said that if the basketball program continues progressing, the eventual 14,000 to 15,000 seat facility would be full.

"Right now many people don't come to the Coliseum because they don't want to fight for seats in poor locations," he said. "There's no doubt about it — we need a new fieldhouse and track."

Praising University students and the entire state for their interest and financial support for Nebraska athletics, Devaney credited Husker fans as being the biggest strength of the athletic program.

"Nebraska to date has shown a good healthy outlook on athletics," he said. "The state hasn't gone overboard where athletics are stressed more than academics. Things are placed in a good perspective here and students have given us fine support."

ALTHOUGH DEVANEY was unable to predict if interest in the so-called minor sports would ever surpass the major activities, he added that there may be some years when interest in a minor sport is at a high peak.

"Of course, we'd like to bring all our sports up to the point where they are equal with football and basketball in support," he said, explaining that football and basketball are the only income-producing sports.

He said wrestling and swimming and the other sports depend largely on the ability of high school coaches and the money the University spends for its success. He added that wrestling powers such as Oklahoma, Oklahoma State or Iowa State have mostly home-grown products on their squads.

"I look for all these sports to make advancements in the future," he said, "but it really is impossible to say if they will receive the interest of football, basketball or track."

THE NATION'S winningest college coach said that although football has replaced baseball in terms of average game attendance, he does not foresee any additional seats being added to Lincoln's 65,000 seat Memorial Stadium within the next 10 years.

"There's always the possibility of reaching the saturation point with television having so many games on," he said, "but this is more of a pro-

blem with the pros than with the college games."

Despite the numerous problems that Devaney and his athletic staff will face, the athletic boss is optimistic towards the future.

"We've made great strides and I hope we can continue to provide Nebraska with a well-rounded sports program," he added.

NU's Sculpture Garden to be unique in Big 8

by John Nollendorfs
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The University sculpture garden will compare favorably with the very large and impressive one located at UCLA according to Norman Geske, director of Sheldon Art Gallery.

"Ours isn't as big, but in terms of layout and the works in it, it should be equal if not better than the UCLA sculpture garden," Geske said.

"There is no comparable idea such as this in the Big Eight," he added.

THE IDEA FOR the sculpture garden was developed along with the planning of the art gallery itself. Money had been provided for landscape setting for sculpture in the wills of A. B. Sheldon and his sister, Francis.

The garden was not constructed along with the gallery because of pending plans for the music building and recital hall, and because a specific plan had not been decided upon.

"The garden represents a very important expansion of the gallery's function in the display of contemporary art," Geske said.

A better job of showing sculpture may be accomplished, he said, when it can be put outdoors. Pieces being procured for the garden are of bronze and steel which would not be affected by exposure to the weather.

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Teachers recall experiences

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War II who wanted to enroll at the University. The German student came here without any records of any kind, so Hoover helped him to take placement tests and the student enrolled as a freshman in business administration.

Several weeks before the German student was to graduate, he came to Hoover with a document in German. It was translated by a professor in the German department, Hoover said. The document was a Ph.D. degree from the University of Heidelberg.

Today students are far more earnest, Hoover said. "I would have been a dropout if I were going to school now. Since about 1960 students have shown an intense interest in the whole cock-eyed world. In 1930 students weren't interested in politics, now students are concerned about these things because they relate more to students."

"ITS HEALTHY that students can express themselves; I don't favor rock throwing but I think the fact that students do dissent is a healthy sign," he continued.

Hoover thinks he is going to dislike retirement. "Students are so darn nice and I like their enthusiasm and depth of perception."

Emeritus Professor of Journalism Robert P. Cranford has expanded many of the ideas he formed at the University into three books, "Think for Yourself," "The Techniques of Creative Thinking" and "Direct Creativity."

THE FACULTY and textbooks are always looking backwards to knowledge of the past, he said. Cranford is looking forward — expanding the creativity ideas he formed as a journalism instructor.

"In journalism you work with ideas and I asked if we couldn't apply this process to other fields," he said. He has done this through his books.

A Japanese businessman once told Cranford that he made more money and had more fun since he retired. "I have tried to heed that," he said.

CRANFORD, a native of Council Bluffs, Iowa, graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1917 and later received his masters degree from Columbia. "I can't even remember my major," he said. "I sampled all sorts of things, one of which was journalism."

He thinks that much of education has to do with the different people you meet, as witnessed by his many travels and acquaintances.

"As a student I think I went to school one semester without any tuition at all except for special fees in chemistry," he said. "Education was generally free."

Before the panic in 1929, many students were very rich, Cranford said. When a student couldn't get into a fraternity, he started his own, he continued.

"IN THE 30's many students had a tough time financially," he said. He remembers that students used to wait until late in the afternoon to buy a meal for 35 cents, so that they

would only have to eat once a day. When teachers saw a student eating peanuts, they would give him a meal, he continued.

Between 1928-33 Cranford served as assistant to Chancellor Burnett. He helped solicit money for the University Foundation that led to the building of Mueller Tower and the Temple Building.

The journalism professor also left the University several times to work for the Nebraska Farmer and the War Department.

ELDA WALKER came to the University in 1904 from Pacific University in Oregon. "I wanted to study under Dr. Bessey because he was one of the best botanists in the country," the Associate Professor of Botany, Emeritus said.

"I came here planning to stay only one or two years," Miss Walker said. She was afraid she wouldn't like the weather and she didn't want to be so far from home.

"When I got my masters degree, Dr. Bessey wanted me to stay," she added. In 1907, her sister, also an emeritus associate professor of botany, came to the University.

She thinks that students are the same as they ever were. "I don't have any stock in the notion that students today are any different than they were before," Miss Walker said.

"The general run of students are about the same and they all know what they are here for."

"I DO GET irritated about student disturbances though," she said. "Some students always have to be seeking notoriety." Miss Walker feels that conditions are never so bad in the University that students need to stir up a commotion.

Some of her students from 40 years of teaching continue to visit her. "There are some of my students who I don't think would come to Lincoln and not stop in to see me and then some would never think of stopping to see me," she said.

"I went to football games for a while, but then I got so disgusted that I said I'd never go to another football game and I haven't," Miss Walker said.

SHE BECAME disgusted when the hero of a previously undefeated team "got up on the rally platform and belted like a baby."

The rest of the team acted like they were at a funeral, she added. "I think they should have remembered that one side or the other has to be beaten."

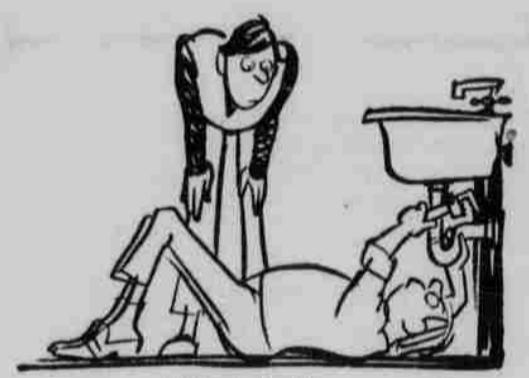
Of all the different aspects of the University, Miss Walker said she misses most being with young people since her retirement. "I do like young people. I'm not old, I'm only 91."

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