

Bryant attempts to present NU's best as liaison between school and news media

Editor's note —This is the first in a six-part series on NU athletic department officials whose duties are little known to many persons.

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Sports Editor

Whether it's publicity for a University wrestler or appearing on



DON BRYANT

Colorado television describing NU football, Don Bryant does it all.

Bryant, University sports information director, handles these tasks and more as a liaison between the media, athletic department and the University. He also supplies information and services to media representatives and interested fans.

"I WORK in areas where news reporters don't ordinarily work," he says. "I supply such things as brochures, statistics and other things reporters and broadcasters need."

Serving as a publicity supplier, Bryant said he tries to reflect the best of NU athletics and the University. He also supplies information and services to media representatives and interested fans.

Other duties include supervising the Memorial Stadium press box, serving as program director for the football and basketball programs, distributing rosters, schedule cards and supervising the award program.

COMING TO THE University in 1963, Bryant said the two most difficult items he has handled during his term were handling the mass of press in the old football press box and the hours following the assassination of President John Kennedy when discussions concerned the Oklahoma-Nebraska football game set for the next day.

He said since bowl games come when the five winter sports are participating, starting with new brochures and information presents special problems.

Although the athletic department does not always agree with writers' views, Bryant said the department respects their right to express opinions. But he added that overall, NU has received tremendous fan and press support.

HE SAID THE most complicated football game he handled was when Air Force met Nebraska in 1963 and General Powers, SAC chief, was expected to attend. Negotiations were scheduled and rescheduled for an entire week.

Bryant had a code set where a doctor's number would be announced over the public address system.

When the code was called, the SAC chief was to go to truck outside the stadium for a hot line call "and Bob Devaney said he would have taken the team to the basement of the Fieldhouse," Bryant jokingly said. But the general was summoned to conferences over the Berlin Crisis and never attended the game, he added.

ALTHOUGH BRYANT, sports editor of the Lincoln Star from 1954 before assuming SID duties, said he missed writing the big story, but that he has

gained more satisfaction from working with the athletic department.

"I've enjoyed my association with Bob Devaney and the other great people such as Chancellors Hardin and Hobson and Soshnik (Lincoln campus president)," he said. "I had great respect for them as a newspaperman and I wanted to work for them."

Bryant, named Nebraska sports writer of the year in 1961 and 1962 by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association, said NU athletes have given him his greatest thrills.

"Seeing Frankie Solich playing in the Orange Bowl with a knee so badly hurt that it had to be operated on following the game or seeing Bill (Thunder) Thorton playing against Michigan in 1962 with a dislocated shoulder — that's what makes athletics what they are," he said.

A NATIVE of Lincoln and a graduate of the University, he served as chairman of the Nebraska Centennial Commission's All Sports Committee for the 1967 celebration, a job which coincides with his attitude on Nebraska and sports.

"Nebraska sports fans are the best," he said, "and working with the young people at the University and all sports fans have given me satisfaction that practically no other job has."

Next —Who has the tickets?

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APPLAUDS

Newly elected officers of Kappa Kappa Gamma are Susan Deitemeyer, president; Ann Kohlmeier, 1st vice president; Linda Fosler, recording secretary; Judy Wright, corresponding secretary; Janine Schoening, treasurer.

New officers of Alpha Omicron Pi are Susan Grothe, president; Donis Motl, recording secretary; Sandy Arthur, traveling secretary; Lynn Bantam, scholarship chairman.

Gamma Phi Beta officers recently elected are Barbara Hansen, president; Diane Theisen, vice president; Jeanne Mathes, recording secretary; Julie Taylor, corresponding secretary; Sherry Crow, treasurer.

Members of Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic honorary, will hold a dinner meeting at 6:15 p.m. in the Nebraska Union. Guest speaker will be Norman Geske, director of the Sheldon Gallery.

The Nebraska Free University skydiving class will meet at 7 p.m. in Love Library Auditorium. Textbooks

NU freshman cagers end with 9-3 record

Nebraska's freshman basketball team ended its season with a 78-66 victory over Kansas State Saturday night, giving coach Bill Harrell a 9-3 record in his first season as head coach.

Four players, Chuck Jura, Al Nissen, Jim White and Mike Peterson, dominated final rebounding and scoring figures. Jura led in scoring with a 24.2 average and with 291 rebounds. Nissen had an 18 average with 199 season rebounds, while White had an 11.1 average and 134 rebounds and Peterson had a 10.5 average with 127 rebounds.

In outscoring opponents on the average 80.1 to 67, Nebraska committed 962 personal fouls to foe's 805. The frosh also had a .475 field goal percentage and a .667 free throw accuracy mark.

The team defeated Augustana, Kansas State, Iowa Western, Creston Jr. College and Missouri once, beat Nebraska Western and Iowa State twice while losing to Kansas State and twice to McCook Junior College.

will be sold for \$2.75.

★ During March, the Ralph Mueller Planetarium at the State Museum is featuring a discussion of the famous zodiac, its influence on the calendar, astrology and religion.

The sky show will be presented at 8 p.m. each Wednesday, 2:45 p.m. Saturdays and 2:30 and 3:45 Sundays and holidays. Groups can arrange special showings at other hours by calling the planetarium.

Residential thoroughfare underground

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For this reason the class has been raising the question whether it would not be better if the radial be sunken below ground level.

Ferguson said that the elevated type of road would create many problems for the residents of the area. Sound could become a major problem along with the bright lights that are used on the roadway.

By sinking the radial, it would be put out of sight, lessen the problem of noise and lights and permit the residential community to remain residential in its basic characteristic, Ferguson said.

He said that at the present only the question of "what is to be gained by sinking the radial?" has been raised and no consideration as to cost and feasibility has been made.

"If it is economically feasible and there are things to be gained by going into the ground, I would like to see this done," Ferguson said.

When asked whether the final project would be presented to the City Council, Ferguson answered, "I don't know if they would listen. I'd like to think that they would like to know what would be possible if urban renewal would be available."

GE sponsors lecture series in business

The General Electric Corporation has informed the University college of business administration that it will join with the college in sponsoring a series of annual lectures in memory of the late Gerald L. Phillippe, University graduate and past chairman of the board of directors of G.E.

General Electric will provide \$1,000 per year to help finance the lectures, announced Dr. Charles S. Miller, dean of the college. He said that the lectures, which will start next year, will bring to the campus distinguished men in the field of business to talk with students and faculty.

Phillippe received his bachelor's and masters degrees from the University and maintained a close relationship with the college and its faculty until his death last year.

World ports are classrooms

A University junior, Janice Hoover, went to school in Copenhagen last semester. She also attended classes in Punta Arenas, London, Athens and the middle of the ocean.

Twenty ports in 18 countries became laboratories for Miss Hoover and 500 other students enrolled with Chapman College's World Campus Afloat (WCA). Classes met an hour a day apiece, six days a week aboard ship. When the ship docked, students got a first-hand look at what they'd been studying.

They docked at Rome after studying Vatican art. An oceanography class dived for specimens at one port, she said.

Course content was more specific and specialized than would be possible in a land-locked university, she said. The anticipation of seeing or experiencing something made it more important to learn about it. Thus, for Miss Hoover, the rigorous studies were enjoyable.

"I'D NEVER been out the United States before and I had a yen to travel," she commented. "I decided this (WCA) was the best way to both travel and receive college credit."

But she didn't see as much of the world as she would have liked. The full itinerary and limited time made the stay at each port short. "We barely got used to the port before we'd have to leave it," Miss Hoover lamented.

She is not dissatisfied, though. She made friends in several ports and found out which places she wants to spend more time at and which places to avoid.

One difficulty was pleasant to her, she said. That was learning to transcend the language barrier. She related an experience in which she spoke with a man who spoke only French and German. She speaks only English and Spanish. She finally used an interpreter who spoke Spanish and French. She often used hand signs as well.

WCA charges \$3,400 a semester, she said, but scholarships paid about half

her cost. Although granted on the basis of scholarship and need they are easy to get, she added. As a result, WCA generally runs in the red, she added, being supported by Chapman College.

Anyone interested in talking with her about WCA is welcome to contact her, Miss Hoover said. She lives at 817 Pound.

Diplomatic step-in proposed for Biafra

A letter to President Nixon explaining the plight of the Biafrans and requesting U.S. non-military intervention for ceasefire is being drafted by the Keep Biafrans Alive committee of Lincoln.

According to John Anaza, member of the group's central committee, various sub-committees have been formed. Their work would involve obtaining speakers, drafting letters and other publicity means to make people aware of what is happening in Biafra.

He added that two reknown Biafran novelists would be touring the U.S. in April. The committee will address various civic groups in Lincoln.

"One of the objectives of the Biafran committee," said Anaza, "was to get the U.S. government involved. It can best be done by making the American people aware of the plight of Biafra."

According to Anaza, such committees have been set up all over the U.S. In Lincoln, the movement started on the campus and now encompasses Lincoln.

Anaza added that Americans are showing great concern for the matter. He said that a committee of inmates at the New Jersey state prison have been attempting to contribute earnings to Biafra. Their plan is to coordinate a blood drive among the inmates for Biafran casualties.

According to Anaza, the campaign to save Biafrans snowballed into a nation wide campaign by various local businessmen and ministers whose goals range from relief and ceasefire to recognition of Biafra by the U.S. government.

Match box

Pinnings

Pam Kluever, sophomore in elementary education from Columbus, to Galen Kluck, Kappa Sigma junior in animal science.

Carol Walter, Zeta Tau Alpha junior in English from Scottsbluff, to Norman Barney, Alpha Gamma Sigma junior in animal science from Bradshaw.

Peggy Peterson, Fedde Hall junior in dietetics from Osceola to Keith Zeilinger, Brown Palace junior in zoology from David City.

Vickie Bender, Delta Zeta grad from Lincoln, to Robert Strager, Triangle graduate from Pallsade.

Claudia Galbraith, Delta Zeta junior in biology from Beemer, to Carl Bleyhl, Triangle senior in mechanical engineering from Wisner.

Gloria Klein, Delta Zeta junior in art from Omaha, to James Jefferies, Theta Xi graduate from Omaha.

Engagements

Linda Fellows, Pound Hall junior in speech therapy from Stromsburg, to Jim Jankowski, sophomore in accounting from Omaha.

Barb Green, Smith Hall sophomore in sociology from Seward, to Dave Steinheider, Harper Hall freshman in mathematics and chemistry from Goehmer.

Joyce Riggie, Smith Hall senior in speech pathology from Endicott, to Mark Blackwell Fairbury Junior College student in physical therapy from Fairbury.

Kerry Chaulk, Smith Hall freshman in arts and sciences from Humphrey, to Rex Fangmeyer, NU graduate from Beatrice, now serving with the U.S. Navy in Rhode Island.

Jane Pedersen, junior in dental hygiene from Hardy, to Jerry Stratman, Theta Xi senior at Kearney State in physical sciences from Fairfield.

Anne Munson, Delta Zeta junior in art from Morrestown, N.J., to James Moore, NU grad from St. Joseph, Mo.

Colleen Ehman, Chi Omega freshman from Lincoln to Mike Renker, U.S.N., from Lincoln.

Sue Frerichs, Burr Hall junior in medical technology from Bloomfield, to Mark Sorensen, Burr Hall junior

in mechanical agriculture from Bancroft.

Patricia Carter, Selleck sophomore in dental hygiene from Colorado Springs, Colo., to Steven Flodman, Selleck senior in political science and international relations from Polk.

Arllys Cramer, senior in English from Beatrice, to Craig Monson, Delta Upsilon senior in business administration from Osceola.

Kathy Hanna, in pre-nursing from Sargent, to David Shoemaker, Alpha Gamma Sigma alum.

ROTC reform suggested by Civil Liberties Union

The American Civil Liberties Union has directed three strong recommendations to presidents of colleges where the ROTC program has been questioned.

The policy statement, developed by the ACLU Academic Freedom Committee and approved by the ACLU National Board, suggests that "where ROTC programs exist, they should be completely voluntary."

According to the policy, "compulsory participation in an ROTC program as a condition of enrollment at an educational institution challenges the concept of an open university. Academic freedom cannot flourish where an element of coercion is present."

THE ACLU urges that where ROTC is compulsory, this regulation be revoked and where it is required by state law, the institution should press for repeal.

Secondly, the union recommends that "academic credit should be granted only for those ROTC courses which are acceptable to and under the control of the regular faculty."

ACLU feels that "the granting of academic credit for courses prescribed by, taught by and controlled by an outside agency weakens the integrity of the university and infringes on its traditional prerogative of academic autonomy." The university coexists with ROTC, makes its facilities available to it and accredits its program but exercises little or no control over its curriculum, instructors and activities."

FINALLY, the policy states that "ROTC instructors should not hold

academic rank unless they are members of a normal academic department subject to regular procedures of appointments and dismissal."

Faculty rank is usually regarded as a recognition of scholarship and academic standing, yet surveys prove that "the educational level of the average ROTC instructor falls well below the norm for the average college instructor," according to the ACLU.

College presidents have been asked for their views on a fourth question: "Can ROTC, no matter how well designed, become compatible with the spirit of free inquiry, scholarship and academic autonomy which must characterize a university community?" The Union is currently pursuing an answer to that question.

The ACLU statement is the product of intensive examination of ROTC by the national Board Committee. The Union has also concluded that so-called Junior ROTC programs conducted in some secondary schools should be terminated as inconsistent with the primary objectives of secondary school education.

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AUF to help retarded

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The annual spring drive is aimed at University faculty and directs the funds raised to some local need, said Wiese. This year the Capital Association for Retarded Children (CARC) will be the beneficiary, he added. AUF hopes to raise \$3,000 between March 3 and 28.

CARC operates programs such as the Lincoln Association for Retarded Children (LARC) and Teach Retarded Youth (TRY). Funds from the AUF drive are to be channeled through CARC to provide scholarships for retarded children whose parents can't afford the programs available, Wiese said.

Nebraska is "way under the na-

tional average" in state appropriations to help retarded children, he explained. Gov. Norbert Tiemann has been working to remedy the situation, he said, and is contributing some effort to the AUF campaign.

Wiese wants the University to get involved, too. "We're very interested in seeing the faculty become more integrated into the community," he said.

"The main problem with mental retardation is understanding," Wiese commented. The drive's theme symbolizes this need, he explained.

The drive will be conducted strictly by mail. A letter explaining the drive and CARC, and requesting a donation, should reach most faculty members by the middle of the week. About the middle of the month, a supporting letter from Gov. Tiemann will be mailed, Wiese added.

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