

Devaney:

Disgusted and disappointed

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State Sen. Terry Carpenter said late Monday that Gov. J. J. Exon's veto of LB 87 was "a means to an end of driving coach (Bob) Devaney out of the state of Nebraska."

Devaney, speaking at his regular news conference after football practice, had no comment concerning his future at Nebraska. But the Cornhusker athletic director was quick to express his disappointment over Exon's veto of the bill which, among other things, would construct a new fieldhouse at NU.

"I'm disgusted and disappointed," said Devaney. "It's tough to be competitive when other Big Eight schools have better facilities, but I have no comment about my future at this time."

Devaney charged Exon with using the athletic department and Nebraska's No. 1 ranking in football for his own political purposes.

"It would be better if the governor didn't go around pinning No. 1 buttons on everybody," said Devaney in reference to Exon's giving U.S. Sen. Edmund Muskie a No. 1 pin during his trip to Lincoln last weekend. "But that's his own thing."

Devaney, who addressed the Legislature

during the bill's first reading, is still hopeful that the Legislature will override Exon's veto Tuesday.

"I can't understand why the legislators who voted for the bill last week would change their opinion just because one man (the governor) decided he was against it," said Devaney. "If they thought the bill was right last week they should still think it's right this week."

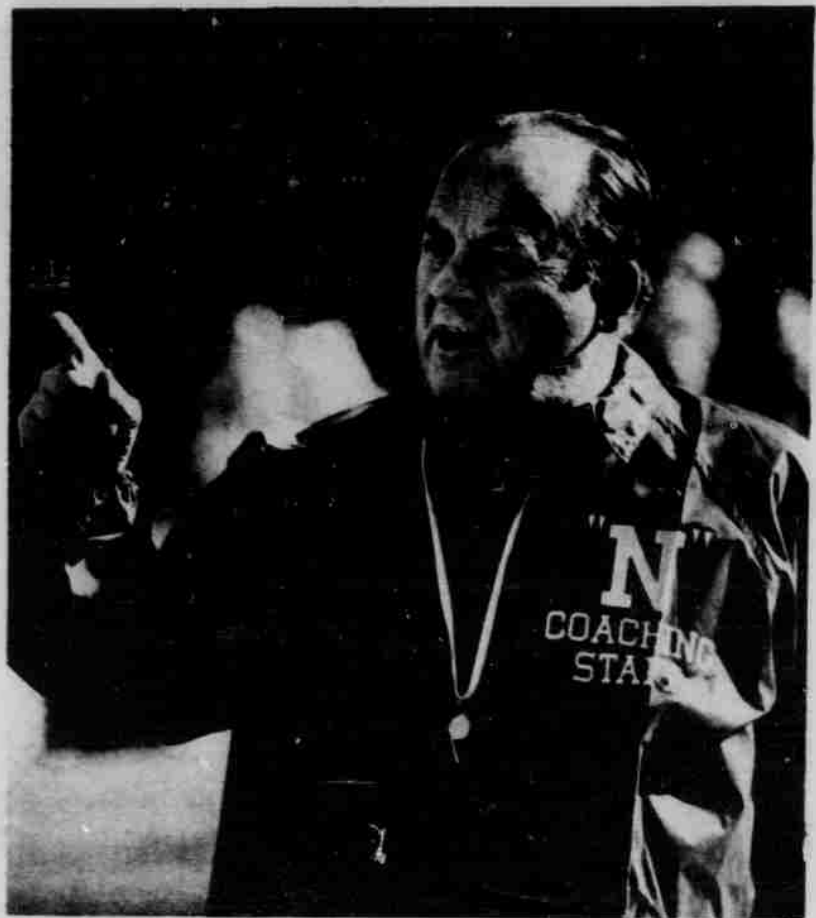
Devaney, possibly discouraged by limited outside backing of the bill, questioned people's interest in Nebraska's athletic program.

"It does make me wonder just how many people are interested in our athletic program," said Devaney. "I'd like to have people speak out in favor of the bill instead of just having the smokers complaining. The others are just taking it for granted."

According to Devaney, the present Coliseum would be turned over to the intramurals and men's physical education departments, which would help solve another desperate problem on the Lincoln campus.

Nebraska's athletic department seeking money from the state's taxpayers is rare. About the only other time tax money has

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Exon vetoes fieldhouse measure

Gov. J. J. Exon sent a last-minute veto of the cigaret tax hike bill to the Legislature Monday opening the way for an override showdown Tuesday.

Exon delivered the message shortly after the Unicameral had adjourned Monday afternoon saying that passage of the bill over his veto would "seriously jeopardize the prospects of holding the line on sales and income tax rates."

LB 87, sponsored officially by Sen. Roland Luedtke of

Lincoln and unofficially by Sen. Terry Carpenter of Scottsbluff creates an additional five-cent tax per pack on cigarets to fund a state offices building and NU field-house.

Carpenter, angry over the veto, released a three-paragraph statement saying he would not be surprised if Devaney moves into other areas in which he would be "more appreciated and more respected."

Exon's 5-page veto statement said that the state

office building should not be built at this time and suggested that the NU Athletic Department finance a portion of the fieldhouse with athletic revenue or other non-tax funds.

He termed the tax bill "a hastily conceived measure, an unsound and unfair adventure" in taxation and appropriation techniques.

"Have you, as senators, considered what this amount of money could do in the next five years to reduce property tax loads by additional state aid to education with properly spelled out safeguards to reduce local taxes? I think not."

Exon reiterated his proposal made last week that half the revenue be placed in the general fund and half in a capital construction sinking fund. He added that earmarking expenditures to be "extracted from a limited number of citizens is unacceptable by any standards."

Exon also denounced "blank check authorization" which he said would result from passage of the bill in its present form without limiting the amount of money to go for the fieldhouse and office building.

The first \$695,000 of the new revenue would go for a recreation building at the Beatrice State Home; this rider was added by Sen. Fred Carstens of Beatrice to the bill on second reading.

The Beatrice appropriation, Exon said has merit at this time, but the other projects would be "unproven and non-priority needs."

Speaking to newsmen later, Exon said he has already explained to Devaney his reasons for objecting to the earmarking of tax funds.

"If I were the athletic director, I too would be pumping for a new fieldhouse," Exon said. "I am not critical of Coach Devaney but, as governor, I have to take

an overview of priorities and needs."

The governor claimed Saturday that any attempt to override his veto would require thirty-three votes, but Vincent Brown, Legislative clerk, confirmed Monday that only thirty votes are required to bury the veto.

If supporters of the bill succeed in overriding Exon's veto Tuesday, as some observers are predicting, it will be the second day in a row that the Governor has suffered a setback.

Monday, the Legislature voted 26-15 to kill a bill eliminating the sales tax on food, one of Exon's chief campaign promises. The vote freed \$4.8 million for possible appropriation by the Unicameral which Exon had already counted in his budget as lost revenue.

While this has no immediate impact on the University budget, it does, as a veteran Legislative reporter said, "loosen things up a bit."



Brightman . . . condemns "white-is-right, white-is-might" doctrine.

Brightman:

'Indian people don't care for you'

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"Let me tell you something, you white people out there," Lehman Brightman said, pointing at about 100 people in the Nebraska Union ballroom Monday morning. "Indian people don't particularly care for you."

The Sioux Indian director of Berkeley's Native American Studies program said "I don't really hate white people, I just hate what white people have done."

Brightman opened NU's Indian Culture Week with an angry and emphatic condemnation of what he called "the white-is-right, white-is-might doctrine" punctuated by many "colorful little adjectives."

As he put it, "if you don't like my cuss words that's too damned bad. They're your words. There aren't any cuss words in Indian languages."

BRIGHTMAN LASHED out at white

men living and dead, calling Christopher Columbus "some damned lost honky who thought he was in India," and sarcastically praising John Wayne as "the only man alive who can knock three Indians off their horses with one shot."

For the last 300 years whites "have been trying to force Indians into the great white melting pot," he said. "Maybe blacks wanted in it for a while, but not any more. And Indians never have."

"We have our own languages, culture, and heritage," he said. "Our forefathers fought and died here. Their blood covers every inch of this country."

Brightman, editor of The Warpath, largest Indian newspaper in the country, said Indian 12th graders have the lowest self-image of any minority group in the U.S., and he blamed this inferiority complex and a resultant high suicide rate largely on historians and Hollywood.

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