

'Middle man' likes job

The middle man for Don Bryant, UNL sports information director is his assistant Bill Bennett.

Bennett joined Bryant's staff last January as a part-time student assistant. He became assistant sports information director June 1 when Tom Simon, Bryant's full-time assistant for the past three years, left for a publicity job with the St. Louis Cardinals.

Included in Bennett's duties is cooperating with various public relations departments, newspapers, and other forms of the media.

Bennett schedules interviews, compiles team and individual player information, and figures statistics.

Besides handling all minor UNL sports, Bennett is in charge of all university basketball public relations. He recently sent to press a Husker basketball guide similar to Bryant's "Huskers 74". The guides should be distributed by Nov. 1, Bennett said. He will travel with the team and handle all other public relations matters during the basketball season.

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Presently he is in charge of the game programs for home football contests. He sets up the layouts and handles information put into the programs.

Quite a bit of traveling is involved in Bennett's job. He attends some away football contests and will make all the Cornhusker basketball road trips.

Bennett said he works with Bryant and enjoys his job. "I got the job on account of being in the right place at the right time. When Simon left I was right there—it's something I've always dreamed of doing," he said.

In speaking of Bryant, Bennett said, "Don's been at this for 12 years. I can't learn from anybody better."

Being around people that excel in what they do is the aspect of his job that Bennett said he enjoys most.

The relationship of the department with coaches and players was termed good by Bennett.

"They are very cooperative," he said. "The guys don't mind coming up for an interview when we ask them."

Bennett is a 1974 graduate of UNL with a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism. Before he was graduated, Bennett served as sports editor for the Daily Nebraskan.

Wildcats to face Huskers

By Steve Taylor

The Northwestern University Wildcats have given up an average 45 points in their first two games. They have scored only a total of 10 points themselves while averaging 2.9 yards on each offensive play.

Pitiful as these statistics are, improvement doesn't appear to be on the immediate horizon.

Tomorrow the Wildcats must face Nebraska, a team infuriated by an unexpected loss last weekend. And they must challenge the Huskers without the services of ace quarterback Mitch Anderson.

Anderson has led the Big 10 in passing the past two years and has piled up two conference and five school records. Saturday the only record Anderson will be piling up will be on his stereo in Evanston since he will not be making the trip to Lincoln.

The Northwestern defense returns 17 lettermen and six starters. They place ninth in the conference in total defense (last in passing defense) while allowing Ohio State 60 points and Minnesota 52.

Wildcat coach John Pont said this about his team prior to the season opener: "Northwestern is a better football team than last year and will improve upon their fourth place finish in the Big 10."

As for Nebraska, it will be interesting to see how the Huskers rebound after their disappointing loss. Despite the defeat, Nebraska remained in the top ten and is undoubtedly anxious to start climbing the rating ladder after falling off the fourth rung.

Apparently Earl Everett will be guiding the Huskers tomorrow with passing wizard David Humm still nursing a hip injury.

Everett is a deceptive runner and a potentially good passer who needs only a little confidence. Last week he was thrown into a hostile arena and expected to direct a team he had rarely worked with in practice.

This week Everett had drilled with the first team and should be ready to prove he is a competent signal-caller.

Kick-off time is 1:30 p.m. with the usual sellout expected.

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The University Water Polo team will open its season Saturday at home against Drake University. The match, held in the Coliseum pool will begin at 10 a.m.

The Nebraska freshmen open their football season today against the Kansas State University junior varsity team. Game time is 1:30 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.

Husker fans will be getting their first look at such highly recruited players as Curtis Craig and Tom Sorley.

David Humm has not been counted out of action for the Saturday contest against Northwestern. Except for Humm and John O'Leary, all Huskers are expected to be at full speed.

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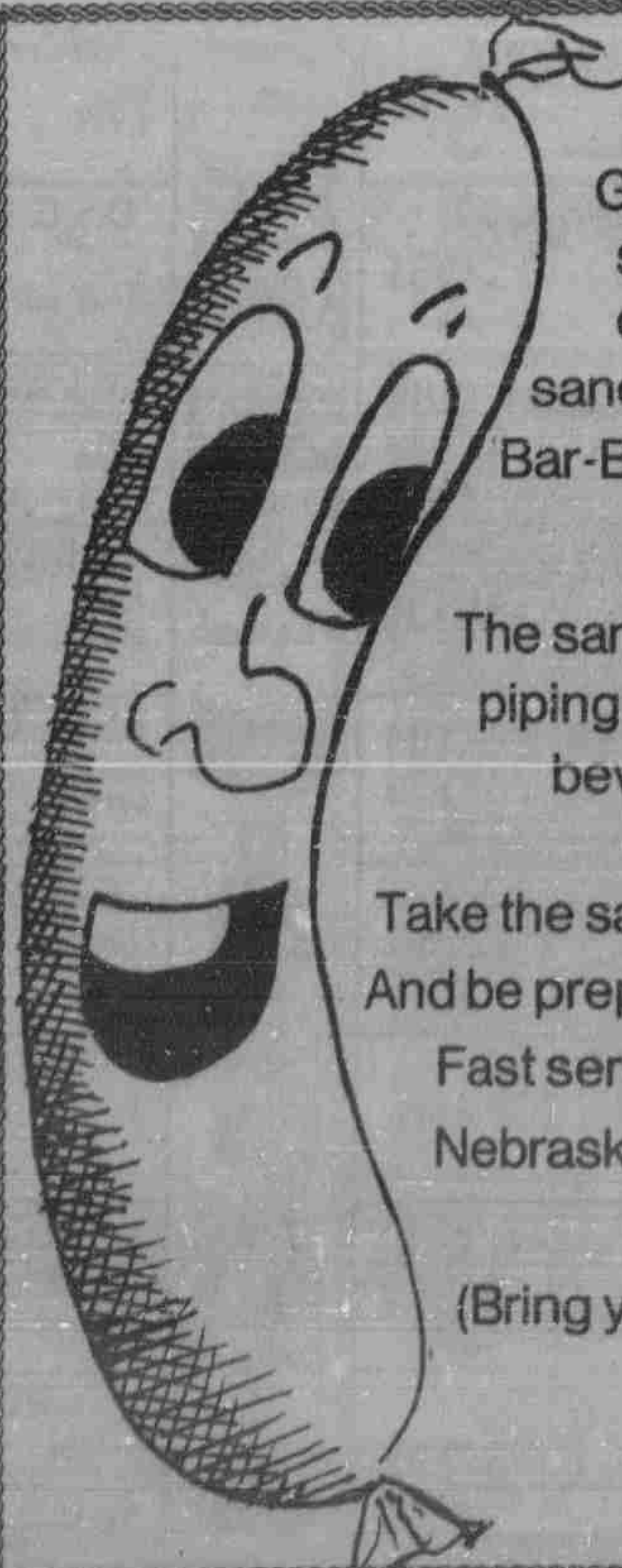
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