

Devaney: athletics expansion unlikely

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Memorial Stadium, the office complex/locker rooms beneath it and the Ed Weir outdoor track.

Among the top three sports which lost the most last year were track (\$141,675 compared to an income of only \$10,191), basketball (\$84,455 deficit after an income of \$169,950.18) and baseball (\$70,279 while making only \$2,103).

All of this is bad news for those programs that are currently sports clubs, and are asking for athletic department help.

Devaney said there is no possibility of the athletic department expanding into any other sports.

"We do not fund non-Big 8 sports," Devaney said. "I don't think any will be added; in fact, some could be taken away. The Big 8 has been meeting to try to cut down spending."

One proposal would limit football coaching staffs to 10 full-time assistants and four graduate assistants who would not be able to recruit. Nebraska now has 12 full-time assistants and four graduate assistants, all of whom helped recruit this winter.

Another proposal has been elimination of scholarships for minor sports such as tennis, golf, wrestling, gymnastics and swimming. Last year Kansas State proposed to eliminate such scholarships but then decided against it.

Rifle team

"Once we started funding one non-conference sport, the others would have a right to demand funding," Devaney said. "The only non-conference sport that had been funded up to two years ago was the rifle team."

"Adding more sports would also cut into and take away from our other programs," he continued. "One club is already getting outside contributions, some of which probably would have gone to other sports."

Devaney said the possibility of adding more sports has been brought up at Big 8 meetings of athletic directors, faculty representatives and presidents, but each time has immediately been tabled.

"Now nobody bothers to even bring it up," he added.

Athletic objectives

Current objectives of the athletic program, according to Devaney, are to raise some of the floundering minor sports to a competitive level, while trying to maintain the quality of the successful programs.

NOTE: The fiscal year ends each June 30.
UNL athletic budget for fiscal 1973-1974

A. Sports	73-74 revenue	Profit
Football	\$3,619,456.88	\$813,914.56
Basketball	169,950.18	-84,455.74
Track	10,191.08	-141,675.93
Baseball	2,103.10	-70,279.01
Wrestling	1,200.00	-58,909.65
Swimming	2,052.00	-41,114.27
Gymnastics	2,528.11	-32,325.83
Tennis	392.00	-7,038.94
Golf	none	-18,179.73

B. Major expense items:

Salaries, wages-\$640,500.89, guarantees to visiting teams-\$896,807.03, team travel-\$142,275.23, recruiting-\$120,935.45, medical expenses-\$126,670.52, grants-in-aid-\$831,937.36, player equipment and supplies-\$125,622.25, concession costs-\$175,368.22, bond debt retirement, capital outlays-\$485,104.71.

Total expenses-\$3,821,107.40 Profit-\$30,438.42

A. Estimated Income	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77
Home football tickets	\$2,740,000	\$2,740,000	\$2,590,000
Other sports' sales	110,000	200,000	200,000
Guarantees, road football	475,000	470,000	530,000
Guarantees, other sports	40,000	45,000	50,000
Conference distribution	150,000	200,000	200,000
Concessions	325,000	375,000	375,000
Contributions	175,000	180,000	185,000
Other	40,000	45,000	50,000

Total estimated revenue \$4,056,000 \$4,255,000 \$4,170,000

NOTE: conference distribution is money from televised games and bowl appearances divided among the eight conference teams and guarantees is the money promised from ticket sales at opposing schools.

Estimated expenses	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77
Guarantees to football visitors	\$1,125,982	\$1,095,000	\$1,122,000
Guarantees other sports	40,000	80,000	80,000
Grants-in-aid	670,000	700,000	725,000
Operating costs	1,712,000	1,832,000	1,960,000
Debt retirement	269,000	269,000	230,000
Capital outlays	50,000	50,000	50,000
Contingency reserve	100,000	105,000	110,000
Total estimated expenses	\$4,141,982	\$4,336,000	\$4,487,000
Projected deficits	86,982	81,000	317,000

NOTE: guarantees to visiting teams is a percentage of the income from ticket sales when that team plays in Lincoln.



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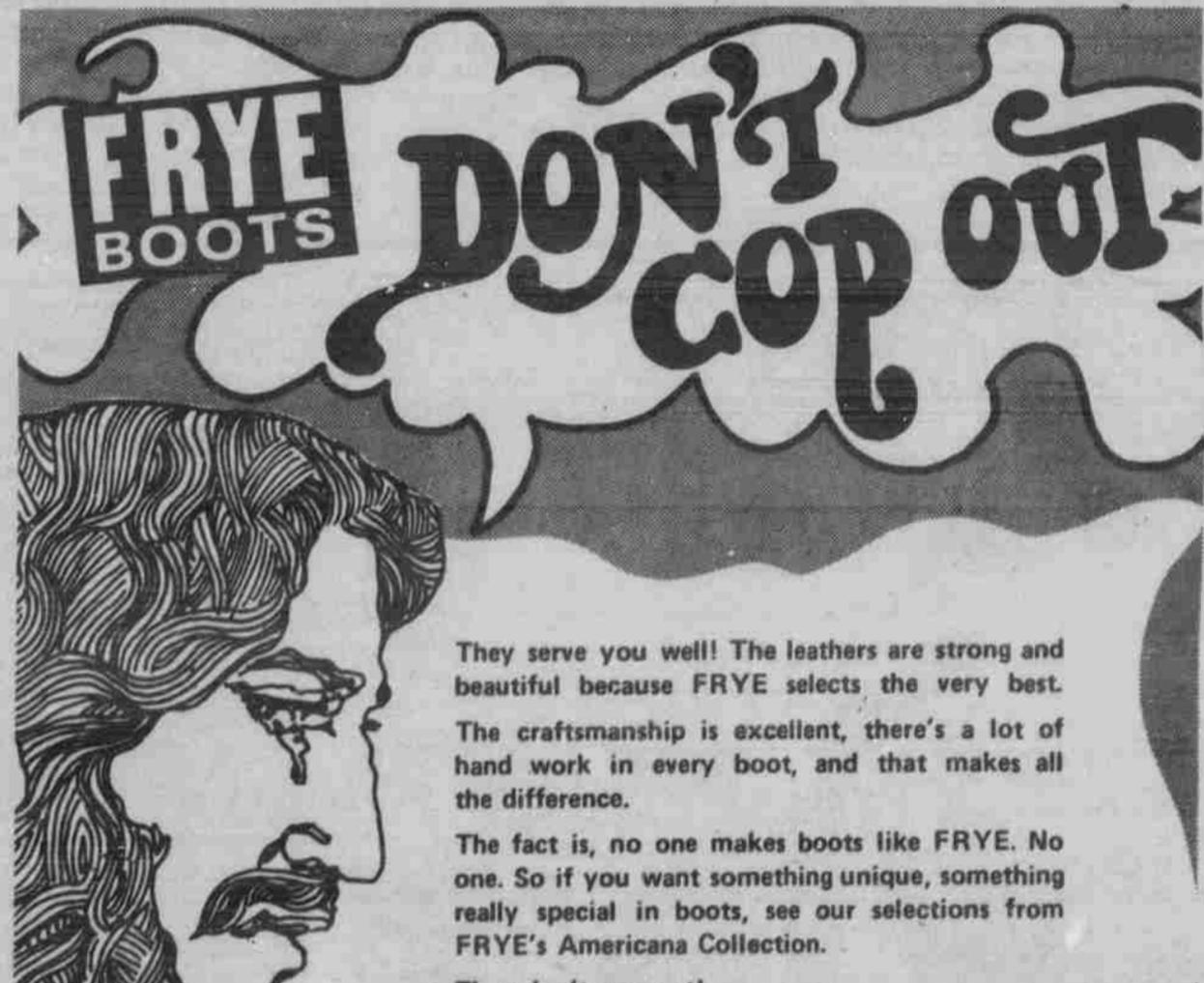
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