

nebraskan sports

Fieldhouse delayed; cagers remain in Coliseum

By Jim Hunt

The chances of UNL's basketball team playing in the new \$13.8 million field house during the 1975-76 season are slim because of strikes on the field house

construction site this summer.

Strikes by local engineers, plumbers and steamfitters unions halted work on the structure four times. The strikes were against nonunion T&M Construction Co.,

the cement contractors for the field house. Union workers protested the lower wages earned by T&M workers for the same work done by higher-paid union members.

Construction on the 15,000-seat field

house started in November 1972. Original estimates were to have it completed by the 1974-75 basketball season. Now completion of the field house is expected to be "sometime next spring," according to Athletic Director Bob Devaney.

Head basketball coach Joe Cipriano said he is disappointed the team probably won't play in the new complex this season, but added the odds are very good for being in the new field house for the 1976-77 season.

"We didn't get to use the field house for recruiting purposes last year," Cipriano said, "but we should be able to get some recruiting out of it this year if finishing touches are being completed."

"Our seniors would like to play in a new place, but they also realize they have a better home court advantage at the Coliseum, and that should be an advantage in the upcoming season."

Some teams on this year's schedule decided to play UNL because they thought the building would be done by this season, he said.

Plans to remodel the Coliseum into classrooms for the Physical Education Dept. also have been delayed. Ticket manager Jim Pittenger said construction has not begun on remodeling and the Coliseum will be available for athletic department use until the new building is completed.

"When the move is made to the new field house there will be some consideration made to price adjustments (on tickets) in some areas," he said. "For example, with the installation of theater-type seats in some areas, consideration is being given to increasing prices in those areas," Pittenger said.

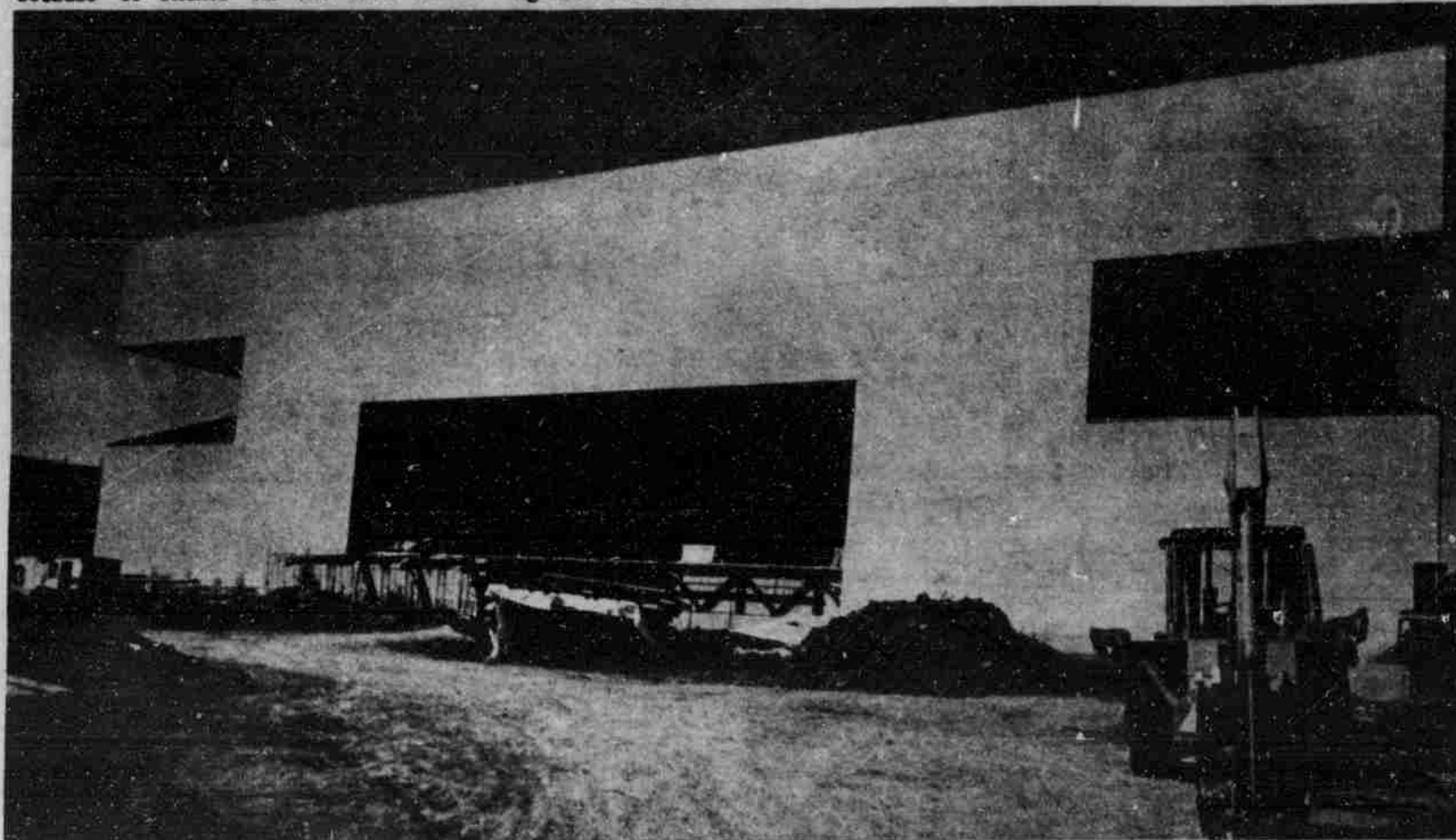


Photo by Ted Kirk

Still looking more like a cardboard box instead of a sports complex, UNL's new fieldhouse won't be completed until next spring.

Women's sports meeting

Capacity crowd greets new director

By Susie Reitz

A capacity crowd greeted UNL's women's athletic director and coaches for an organizational meeting of women's sports Thursday evening.

The meeting for all women athletes interested in intercollegiate competition drew more than 200 women to the South Stadium theater.

"Just this summer, we've seen a change in the athletic department's attitude toward women with a recognition of the need for a full-time athletic director and an assistant sports information director," Athletic Director Aileen Swofford told the crowd.

Swofford discussed athletes' personal commitment to sports.

"This is not going to be recreational," she said. "We have what we think are the

top athletes in the state—maybe in the nation—and we are not going to play pitty-pat games.

"It takes work to win." You have to work hard to achieve what you want. If you're involved, you can get people interested and excited about sports," Swofford said.

"We want to get people fired up and show that women in sports are beautiful," she added. "That will take a lot of time, a lot of training, listening to coaches and a lot of sacrifices."

"We're excited they've accepted us here. The athletic program has been built up for men and we want a good women's program, too," she said.

Building

"This is a building year," Swofford said. "You've heard it before, but if we're going

to have teams that can even compete in the state of Nebraska, it will take athletes who want to work. "It will take a commitment by you to go to practice and work for yourselves, the teams, and the school."

Swofford introduced the coaches and women's sports information director, Jay Davis.

Coaches listed by season, include: Pat Sullivan, volleyball, swimming and diving; Larry Romjue, golf; Elizabeth Petrakis, field hockey; Karen Balke, gymnastics; George Nicodemus, basketball; Gail Whitaker, Tennis; Roger Capan, track and field, and Myreen Loveless, softball.

The department's academic counselor, Ursula Walsh, also was introduced. Walsh said she is available if the athletes have any academic problems and that they also should work with the academic counselor in their major areas.

Tryouts started

Swofford introduced women's head trainer Priscilla Nash, her assistants Sandy Stewart (fall) and Beth Pillen (spring).

Tryouts and practices have started for volleyball, field hockey and golf. Winter sports organizational meetings are scheduled later in the month.

sports shorts

Anyone interested in officiating flag football for the coming season should attend a meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in the Nebraska Union small auditorium. For information call Gale Wiedow, 472-3467.

Entries for men's flag football are due tonight at the Recreation office, 1740 Vine St., 472-3467.

UNL's water polo team begins practice tonight at 6:30 in the Coliseum pool. Practices will be Monday through Thursday. For further information call Mark Rinne, 466-0811.

Sports Illustrated announced Friday that it has rated UNL's football team fifth in the magazine's annual preseason football lineup.

Ron Pruitt, senior defensive tackle for the Husker football team, underwent surgery on his left ankle after breaking it in a Sunday scrimmage. Trainer Paul Schneider said Pruitt is out for the season.

UNL women athletes to use new sports emblem design

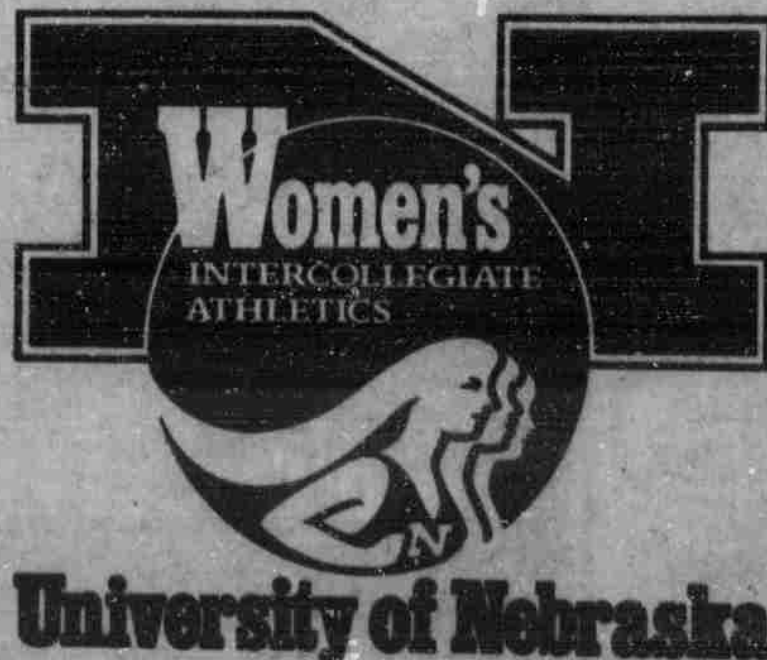
UNL's Women's Athletic Dept. has a new logo for use on all women's athletic uniforms, letterheads and equipment.

"The women's Athletic Dept. is excited about the new logo," said Aileen Swofford, Women's athletic director. "We believe it will become the identifying mark of the highly competitive athletic program we will offer."

The new emblem has the university "N" as mainstay and incorporates a design exemplifying the female athlete, said Jay Davis, women's sports information director.

A women's athletic logo was needed, so it was put on high priority, Davis said.

The logo was designed by a Lincoln advertising agency.



The new sports logo for the UNL Women's Athletic Dept.

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