

Devaney skeptical of telecasts

By Scott Jones

Telecasting sellout Nebraska home football games would not be as simple, or profitable, as setting up the screen and selling tickets, said Bob Devaney, UNL athletic director.

State Sen. Richard Maresh of Milligan introduced LB828 Jan. 19 calling for closed-circuit telecasting in the new sports complex of sellout Husker home football games.

"It really isn't as easy as it sounds," Devaney said. "If you telecast a game, you have to get permission from the NCAA, the Big 8 and the school you're playing."

Devaney also questioned whether such telecasts would make money.

"We're not against it, but from what has happened in the past it has not been a money-making project," he said. "We're still studying it, and if we can find a way to let more people see the games and still make money, we'll do it."

Closed-circuit telecasts have been tried before at Nebraska.

The 1963 Oklahoma-Nebraska game in Lincoln netted \$2,060 in closed-circuit profits. At Oklahoma the next year, \$2,568 was made. Only \$505 was netted after the Missouri football game at Columbia in 1965.

In the last telecast, Devaney said the university lost \$1,834 for the 1971 Kansas grid game in Lincoln.

Nationally, 24 games were telecast closed-circuit in 1971, but that number fell to six last year. All six telecasts were for students and faculty on campus only, not for the public.

Unlike watching the game on television at home, Devaney said, fighting traffic, paying for a ticket and

watching the game in an auditorium may "not be so great."

Maresh disagreed with Devaney about the possible interest and said not to worry about the cost to the university.

"With the interest in Nebraska football, I'm sure people would support it," he said. "I don't think we should be concerned with making money, but rather in giving service to the people who want to view the game."

Maresh said some "seed money from the legislature" could be used until the success of the project is determined.

"I think we need to have an objective view on this and give it a chance," he said.

But Devaney said other NCAA television regulations may make the telecasts difficult to implement.

Telecasts are prohibited when another game is played within 45 miles of the telecast game. This means that if Doane or Concordia Colleges or Nebraska Wesleyan University have home games, telecasts would not be possible.

"We would hurt more of the little schools by the telecasts than we would gain financially," Devaney said.

Also, any revenue made from the telecasts would be shared with the other Big 8 schools.

"It's not that we're against it, but some people don't understand," Devaney said.

The bill also provides for an advisory committee to assist with the telecasts. The athletic director, the lieutenant governor and the general manager of the Nebraska Educational Television Commission would be on the committee.

A hearing on the bill before the Labor Committee is scheduled for Feb. 11.

Swim coach expects tough dual

By Jim Hunt

The UNL's women's swim team will open its home dual season Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Women's Physical Education Bldg. with a triple dual against Iowa State University (ISU), Missouri University (MU) and Stephens College (at Columbia, Mo.).

"Both Iowa State and Missouri are tough," said swim coach Pat Sullivan. "Stephens College might not be as tough; we don't really know because we haven't swum against them before."

"We hope to beat Missouri and Stephens College to be competitive with Iowa State."

Last week's double dual victories over Northern Iowa (91-36) and Northern Illinois (85-45) have left Sullivan cautiously optimistic about the season.

"The team swam two good meets last weekend," she said. "It will be hard to tell anything until this week, though. This week we will be performing in a regular pool against better overall competition."

In last week's meet at Cedar Falls, Iowa, Husker swimmers set nine Cedar Falls pool records while swimming in a 30-yard pool. The Huskers usually swim in a 25-yard pool.

Sullivan said she thinks the team will be ready for the Big 8 Conference meet Feb. 19 through 21 at Oklahoma State University (OSU). The Huskers are strong enough to do well, she said.

"I've made reservations for seven for the national meet in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.," Sullivan said. "I just hope we can fill those places."

"The team is really ready for this weekend's meet," swim team captain Ruth Spencer said. "This meet should give us some indication of what this team can do this year."

Spencer, a senior physical education major from Omaha, said a lot of changes have taken place in the four years she has been swimming at UNL. As a freshman, the team swam mostly against in-state schools and saw no Big 8 competition. Now the team is more competitive and faces conference competition with better training and staff, she said.

"In years past we worried about doing well in-state and in the Big 8," Spencer said. "Now we concentrate on getting some good times for the national meet."

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Husker basketball

1. At what school did Joe Cipriano coach before coming to Nebraska?
2. Jerry Fort is Nebraska's all-time leading scorer. Who is second?
3. What former Husker star plays for the Harlem Globetrotters?
4. Who is the all-time leading Husker rebounder? (a) Chuck Jura (b) Leroy Chalk (c) Brendy Lee.
5. Who is the only former Husker playing in the NBA?
6. One Husker made 83.9 per cent of his career free throws for the Big 8 Conference record. Who was it? (a) Tom Baack (b) Marvin Stewart (c) Tom Scantlebury.
7. True or false: Nebraska has never been Big 8 basketball champion.
8. Tom Scantlebury, star Husker guard in 1967-70, is now (a) a dentist (b) a basketball coach (c) an insurance agent.
9. Which Husker coach holds the record for most career victories at Nebraska? (a) Joe Cipriano (b) Harry C. Good (c) E. O. Stiehm.
10. Jerry Fort holds the Nebraska one-game scoring record. How many points did he score? (a) 37 (b) 40 (c) 44.

Answers

1. Idaho.
2. Tom Baack, 1965-68.
3. Nate Baack, 1964-67.
4. (b) Leroy Chalk, 782 rebounds.
5. Stu Lantz, 1965-68.
6. (a) Tom Baack.
7. True.
8. (b) Ft. Calhoun, Neb. basketball coach.
9. (a) Joe Cipriano.
10. (b) 40, against Missouri, Feb. 22, 1975.

sports shorts

UNO's wrestling squad, with an 11-3 dual record, invades the Coliseum tonight to face the Huskers at 7:30. UNL is 3-3 in duals.

The UNL gymnastics squad dropped a dual to third-ranked Louisiana State University, 210.55-209.15, Tuesday night in Baton Rouge. Senior Gene Mackie took the all-around with a score of 50.6. The other Husker winner was junior Duane West, who had a 9.3 in floor exercise.

Sophomore Larry Gerard finished second in rings, parallel bars and high bar, while senior Steve Dickey took second in the pommel horse.

Saturday's Big 8 Conference basketball showdown in the Coliseum between Missouri University and UNL is sold out, according to a Ticket Office official.



Photo by Kevin Higley

UNL women's swim team captain Ruth Spencer.

Migraine avoided; first-year track team triumphs

By Dennis Onnen

First-year teams have been known to give coaches headaches. Athletes are an unknown quantity, and wins usually are hard to come by.

"The first year is a bear," admitted Roger Capan, whose UNL women's track team made its debut last weekend. "You don't know exactly what you've got until you go out and compete."

But put away the Excedrin: Capan may not need it. His team won its first meet ever by beating Wichita State University and Missouri University (MU) Friday. Although his squad was overwhelmed by "powerhouse" Kansas State University (KSU) Saturday, Capan remains optimistic.

"It's a young team, and we're going to improve," he said. "We're pleased with the freshmen, especially Peggy Liddick, Pam Baker and Debbie Raddatz."

Liddick of Lincoln won the long jump Friday with

a leap of 17 ft. 2 1/4 in. and the 60-yard hurdles in 8.6 seconds. Baker of Omaha placed high in the 60-yard hurdles and the 60- and 300-yard dashes. Lincolnite Raddatz put the shot 38 ft. 7 1/2 in. to win the triangular before improving to 41 ft. 2 1/2 in. against KSU.

Capan also cited sophomores Cindy Dixon of Utica and Doris Hitz of Lincoln, middle- and long-distance runners. He praised sophomore Judy Dostal of Howells for her all-around ability—last weekend she competed in the 440-yard dash, mile relay, long jump and 60-yard hurdles.

One thing that Capan said he has worried about is a lack of depth. Although there are 22 women on the team, only 14 made the trip to Columbia, Mo., Friday and Manhattan, Kan. Saturday. Some competed in four events each day, and the Friday meet lasted until 11:30 p.m.

"The girls were extremely tired in the second meet,"

he said. "They weren't as mentally sharp as they should have been."

Like the other women's coaches, Capan has been given \$1,500 for his team, which must cover all traveling expenses. The team traveled last weekend in a van, and Capan said the team will save on some meals by buying in grocery stores.

"I'm trying to cut corners to add a few more meets," he said. There are seven indoor and nine outdoor meets planned. The only home meets are April 6 against Kearney and the state meet April 27.

Practice began last semester with weight training, and some team members ran cross country. The squad now works out in the afternoons from 3:30 to 6. Capan still is encouraging women to try out.

"Nebraska has so much talent just on campus here," he said. "Hopefully, we'll have some walk-ons."