

NU regents vote to name complex after Devaney

By Anita Stork

The NU Board of Regents decided Friday to name the new UNL Sports Complex after UNL Athletic Director Bob Devaney.

To name the complex the "Bob Devaney Sports Center", Nebraska Gov. J. James Exon or the Nebraska Legislature will have to make special provisions. It currently is against the law to name a state building after a state employe.

"Devaney has brought a winning tradition here. He was the inspiration and guiding force behind the sports

complex," said Grand Island Regent Robert Koefoot, who proposed the name change.

Steve Shovers, University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) student regent, objected to the name change, saying it was improper.

"We should consider naming it after Terry Carpenter," Shovers said. Carpenter sponsored the legislation authorizing construction of the complex with funds from a cigarette tax.

Calendar approved

In other action the board approved a common calendar for the three campuses in the system. The board tabled until November a student fee increase and a \$1 increase in the ticket price of non-conference football games, and approved a \$3.9 million budget for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR).

The common calendar will take effect in the 1978-79 academic year. UNL, UNO, the College of Nursing and the portions of the School of Allied Health Professions of the NU Medical Center that use the Semester system will be affected.

No action will be taken until November on the proposed student fee increase.

The board voted last spring to increase student fees by \$4 to finance the Nebraska East Union, scheduled to open in January 1977. However, because of miscalculation in the cost of the Union, another \$1 increase is being proposed. The \$4 increase, approved last spring, will go into effect July 1977.

Mueller pleased

UNL Student Regent Bill Mueller said he was happy it was set aside until "we can educate the students on the reasoning and rationale behind the increase."

Although the matter was discussed last spring, Mueller said new students were not informed.

"Students might feel we're railroading this through," Mueller said. "We need to take the time to give reasons why the increase is necessary."

Action on a football ticket price hike also was deferred. The proposal would add \$1 to the price of non-conference football game tickets.

The \$3.9 million improved programs request approved for the IANR is in addition to IANR's continuation portion approved last month with the \$108 million NU budget.

The improved programs portion was not submitted at the September regent's meeting because UNL Chancellor

Roy Young and Martin Massengale, vice chancellor for IANR, wanted more time to review the budget, said Charles Koopman, assistant to Massengale.

IANR salaries low

The budget approved Friday also calls for \$500,000 to increase IANR faculty salaries.

A 5.5 per cent salary increase for all staff members, with an additional 3 per cent increase for faculty members, was included in the IANR continuation request, Massengale said.

"Faculty salaries here are 9.9 per cent below the average of other land grant institutions," Massengale said.

"The amount requested here, along with the 3 per cent requested by the regents and the \$200,000 received by IANR in 1976-77 (from the Legislature for salary improvement) will bring the average salaries to the level of other land grant institutions," he said.

The board also:

Approved a UNO request to apply for \$7.1 million in federal money set aside for areas of low employment, with the funds used for construction of a Health, Physical Education and Recreation building at UNO. Only Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska have high enough unemployment levels to qualify for federal money.

Approved a UNO request to apply for \$7.1 million in due process for faculty members with grievances or those who face dismissal.



Photo by Ted Kirk

UNO Student Regent Steven Shovers opposed action by the NU Board of Regents to name the UNL Sports Complex after UNL Athletic Director Bob Devaney.

Anglo-American debate Tuesday

The effect of television on democracy will be debated by two British students and two members of UNL's debate squad at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Nebraska Union Ballroom.

Gigi Hall and Leslie McGraw, both juniors, will debate the topic *The House Believes That Television Diminishes Democracy* with two British students from Oxford University.

The debate will be in parliamentary style with audience members deciding the outcome. The UNL Speech Communication Dept. and the Union Program Council are sponsoring the debate.

Cornhusker spectators get high off top-row view

By Mary Jo Fitzl

"I've got some last row jokes for you," the smiling fellow in the card section said. "Not to say those seats are very high up, but I asked the guy next to me if he was for NU or KSU (Kansas State University) and he said he was just passing through on a Detroit-to-Dallas flight."

This exaggeration may be a little absurd, but from the vantage point of seats a few yards away from the huddle on the 50-yard line, the top rows rimming Memorial Stadium may seem like the outer limits.

Top row seats, however, are not the big disadvantage

many people imagine them to be, according to spectators who see Big Red action with a bird's eye view.

"It's the best seat in the house," Vernon Feye said of his seat in the last row of Section 105 in the east stadium. Feye has been sitting in the same place since 1960, the year he graduated from UNL.

"With 37,000 seats and 18,000 fans, you could sit anywhere you wanted," he said of the football crowds in his college days. "Now I think you could sell 20,000 seats for up here alone. This is where it's at."

"When you sit down further, you can't see the end zone," UNL sophomore Evan Hindman said of his perch on the top row of Section 12 in the South Stadium. "These seats are higher—you can't get much higher," he added, then laughed.

A clear view of the game with no interference is one of the advantages of top row seats in the South Stadium, according to William Meyers of Lincoln, who ushers at home games. Meyers said he requested to usher in Section 12 because of the view of the game. "I enjoy it more. You can see everything that's played," he said.

"We enjoy football," fans from the farthest west corner of the North Stadium said. "That's why we're here, that's why we freeze." Their seats, in row 78 of Section 32 catch the north wind.

Blanket breaks wind

A blanket stretched across the chain link fence in back of their seats broke some of the chilly October wind, but they suggested the university install canvas or plastic backing.

"It's chilly, but the view's worth it," a fan in the North Stadium said. "If it wasn't, I wouldn't be here."

Most spectators seemed happy with their seats. Preferred seating for many would be in the glass-encased comfort of the press box.

"I think this is the best place to sit as far as I'm concerned," Rosemary Haase said. "If I'd rather sit anywhere else, it would be behind the glass (in the press box)."

Disadvantages too

Top row seats also present disadvantages.

Fans in Section 20 of the South Stadium complained of no vendor service.

"I don't blame them," one woman said. "By the time they'd (the vendors) get up here, they'd be sold out."

Because of the distance of the seats from ground level, "anything important has to wait," a fan from the North Stadium said. "We're the last ones in and the last ones out," she said, explaining that it generally takes from half an hour to 45 minutes to get out of the stadium.

"It's great up here, only it gets a little scary," a freckle-faced 12 year old said, pointing to a narrow crack beneath his top row seat in the South Stadium.

"When everyone stands, we can see over the top of them, one spectator said. The Section 20 crowd also demonstrated one of their favorite pastimes—catching the balloons that fans set free when the Huskers score.

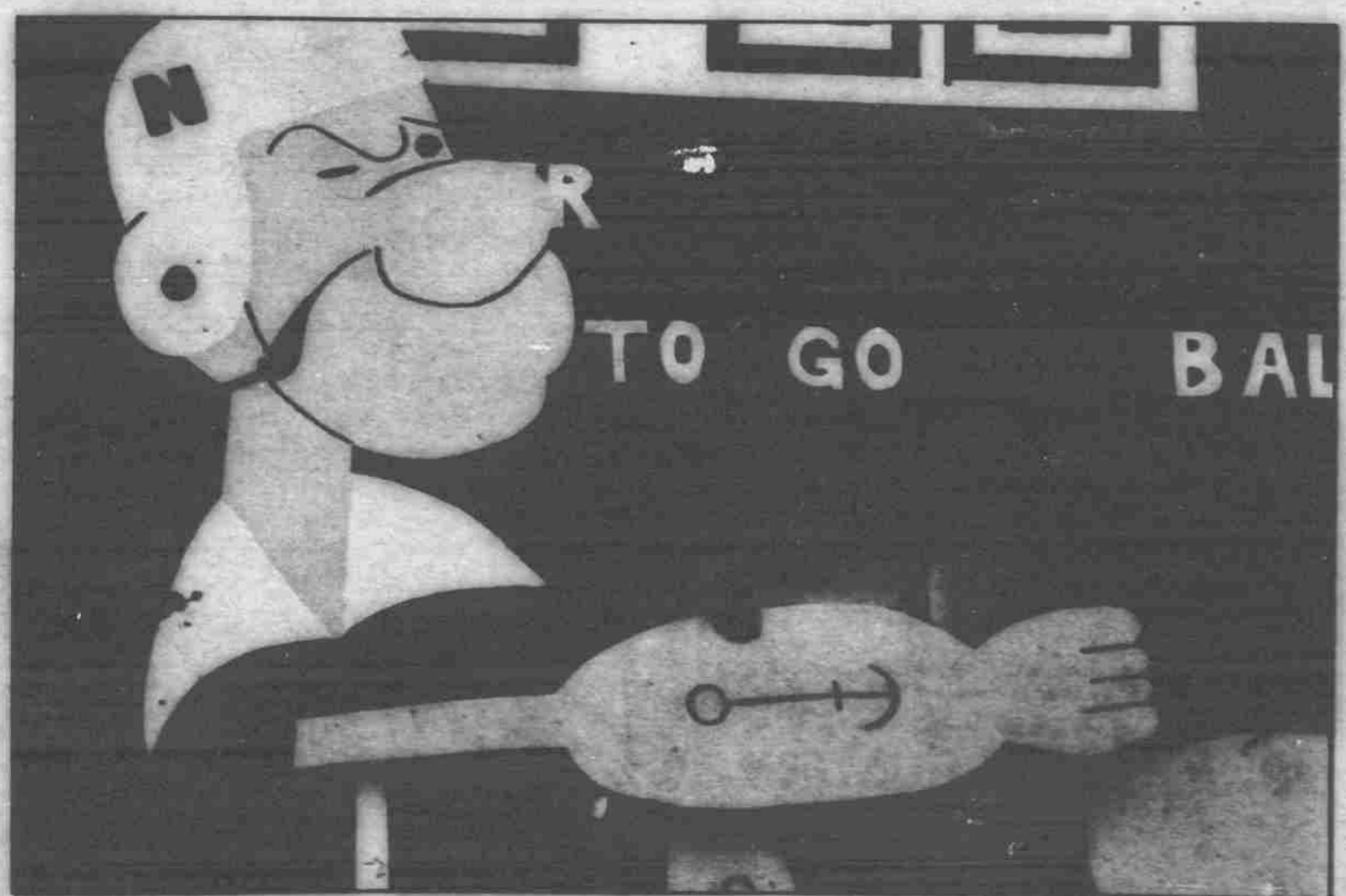


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Even Popeye needs a helping hand during weekend homecoming activities. This display was the creation of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.