

Former pro football player still works for goals

Stresses on teamwork and drilling on skills may seem, to some, more at home on a football field than in a classroom.

But not if one knows that the instructor, Al Kilgore, 45, is a former college and professional football player and high school coach.

Kilgore, in his first year at UNL, is director of NUSTEP, a secondary teacher education program.

Kilgore said there is a "strong team component in the secondary education program at UNL. Everyone is working toward the same goals."

Kilgore said some of these goals are to develop new

ways to prepare students to become teachers. Another is to create a strong relationship with the public schools. Finally, Kilgore said, the UNL program is seeking new knowledge and ways to apply it.

Kilgore, originally from Ohio, said he came to UNL because he wanted to build a career connected with the public schools system.

Public school experience

He had 20 years of public school experience, in teaching and administrative positions, in schools in Ohio and New York.

Kilgore said the goals he has for NUSTEP are much

the same as those he had while a football coach at Cleveland Heights School, in Ohio.

"Both the kids on the field and the kids in the classroom have certain skills they have to perform. They must master these skills before the whole team can move ahead," Kilgore said.

He said his coaching experience has helped him in his administrative positions.

"A coach and an administrator have to be able to get different kinds of people to work together."

Much of his coaching experience has helped him in other positions, Kilgore said, but nothing he learned in professional sports helped him in coaching.

Kilgore said when he entered the pros as an offensive guard he had some misconceptions.

Having played college football at Kent State and made all-conference in the mid-American conference, he said he thought football was supposed to be fun. Wrong.

Training camp

"Training camp was definitely work. Our coach's philosophy of football was that the game was a jungle-survival of the fittest."

Kilgore was drafted into the pros in 1954 by the St. Louis Cardinals.

Kilgore said he was disappointed by the lack of team cooperation in pro ball. The Cardinals seemed to concentrate on individuals, he said.

He said he thought all pro teams were run like Paul Brown, coach of the Cleveland Browns, ran his team.

According to Kilgore, Brown "revolutionized" football. He held highly organized practices and emphasized the "intellectual" aspect of the game.

Kilgore said Joe Stydah, coach of the Cardinals at that time, emphasized long physical workouts which lasted nine hours a day.

The essence of coaching is to teach skills and promote team work. But the two also apply in the classroom.

"A new teacher must learn to teach in order for the whole program to be successful, just like a lineman must learn to block if the team is to score," Kilgore said. "Both need careful coaching along the way."

Omaha service and government jobs good choice for employment seekers

By Jane Johnson

If you're job hunting in Omaha, the places to look are in services and government, according to this month's issue of Business Nebraska News, published by the UNL College of Business Administration. The article states that job opportunities in these areas have doubled since 1960.

Steve Bair, manager of Research and Industry for Omaha's Chamber of Commerce said these areas have increased with Omaha's population.

"As the population grows, so does the need for services and government employees," said Bair.

Services include jobs in the areas of education, legal, business, repairs and others. The government jobs are state and local rather than federal.

Manufacturing, the second largest employment area in 1960, dropped considerably. By 1976, Omaha's manufacturing had dropped below that of Nebraska and the nation. This is the opposite of the services and government sector which increased in Omaha more than Nebraska and the nation that same year.

Omaha's manufacturing has been affected by the loss of meat-packing plants, once located in Omaha, which have moved out-state. Bair said this is generally because the plants want to be near the fresh meat, because it is more profitable. He also said many workers at Western Electric lost jobs due to a cutback in the demand for their product.

The article said the possible upgrading of Omaha meat-packing plants could create a positive outlook for the Omaha meat-packing industry. Bair said he does not think the upgrading would help, and does not think it's necessary since the meat-packers want to be near their supplier.

Machinery is an Omaha industry that has remained stable since 1960, but lately has been increasing. Omaha has maintained a 50 percent share of the state's machinery employment since 1960.

Bair attributes the machinery industry's success to farm equipment production which always is in demand.

The fastest growing industries in the Omaha Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas in relation to the nation were, trade, finance, real estate, insurance, service and government. Bair said since 1970, finance, real estate and insurance have increased 20 percent and still are growing.

The industries dropping were manufacturing, construction, mining, transportation, communications and utilities.

Vicki Stepp of the business research department, who researched and prepared the article, used the "shift-share" method for surveying the subject. This method uses United States employment growth rates as a reference to sort the differences in employment areas. It breaks the employment areas into participation and growth in the national economy, economic structure of the region and the comparative advantages.

Lung-power pedalers bike for bucks

Members of three sororities and fraternities will "pedal for lung power" Saturday outside the Nebraska Union.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the students will ride Exercycles set up on the Union plaza, seeking donations from Big Red fans.

The cycling concludes two weeks of soliciting donations for the Nebraska Lung Association.

Sororities and fraternities participating include Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Delta Delta, Alpha Phi, Kappa Sigma, Theta Xi, and Tau Kappa Epsilon.

The students will be divided into three teams of eight members each, according to Mary Kay Wingender, fund drive chairman. Each person will pedal 15 minutes.

The cycles are equipped with odometers to record the miles pedaled, Wingender said. The total number of miles

pedaled then will be divided into the amount of money collected by each team, she said. The winning sorority and fraternity will each win an Exercycle.

The Exercycles also are equipped with large baskets so that people passing by on their way to the football game can contribute, Wingender said.

"This is a way for people throughout the state of Nebraska to contribute to the fund," Wingender said. "It also gives people the chance to see how university students get involved with such projects."

The money will go to the Nebraska Lung Association general program fund, Wingender said. She said she also hopes the "Pedal for Lung Power" drive will become an annual event.

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