

Football, education among topics in Hayes' speech

By Shelley Smith

Woody Hayes discussed subjects ranging from football to the Vietnam War, computers and the importance of college education in his Monday night speech.

But there was one topic the former Ohio State head football coach refused to discuss—the circumstances and actions which led to his dismissal as head coach last year.

Looking a bit like a gray-haired Red Skelton, Hayes told about 1,500 people in the Nebraska Union Ballroom that he had made some mistakes in his life, said that everyone has, and added that he has paid.

Hayes was dismissed last December after he struck a Clemson football player who was returning an Ohio State interception during the 1979 Gator Bowl.

Hayes' speech was sponsored by the University Program Council's Talks and Topics Committee in conjunction with the beginning of homecoming week at UNL.

Hayes told the audience in a question and answer period after his hour-long speech that he didn't want to discuss the incident saying: "You've seen it on television enough.

"And with people who ask questions like that, it makes me wonder what they've done," he said to the approval of the crowd.

Hayes was given warm ovations throughout his speech, and in closing, he thanked the audience for its courtesy.

He said he had enjoyed his visit to UNL, and said the enthusiasm he had seen can be compared to that of Ohio State. The two universities can also be compared, Hayes said, by the good, clean type of football they represent.

"The biggest thing in a league that is not known for being clean, is respect, and by golly, you're at the top of that league," he said.

"You always hear that everyone's doing it (illegal athletics), and I've heard that in the Big Ten, too," he said. "The two best teams are the two cleanest teams," he added.

About a year ago, Hayes said, a television reporter asked him by what he would like to be remembered most.

"Hell, I knew what he was talking about, but rarely does a man get to say what he wants to be remembered by. I don't know what my record is, and I won't ever know. There were a heck of a lot of games I should have won, but I was too dumb to win them," Hayes said.

"But, in all the years that I coached, and on my squad, I never had a player that was critically injured. I know that man upstairs was taking care of me," he said.

Hayes said that before every game, his team never prayed for victory, his players knew they had the ability to win. The team prayed that no one, on either team would be seriously hurt, and that they would behave themselves the way in which the "man upstairs" would be proud.

"Sometimes the coach didn't always do that," Hayes joked.

Hayes reminisced with the audience about his 1954 national championship team, his fondness and admiration for Philadelphia baseball player Pete Rose, and about old friends and old places.

He seemed to revel in his philosophy of the importance of a college education, and his belief that "nothing is worth a dime if it comes easy."



Photo by Mark Billingsley

Woody Hayes

He was aloof and candid with the crowd, and billed the game of football as the "greatest sport ever invented."

Hayes said he most respected people who would "go that extra mile, and squirm for that extra yardage.

"They're winners. They lead by begin out front," he said. "They get out in front and they make the difference."

He said he could relate football and what he has learned from the game to just about every facet of life.

"In football, you learn that when you get knocked down you get up and go again, and when you go again you go together; you're running the same play," he said.

"Too many times in our society, people run their own plays."

Council seeks study proposals

By Betsy Miller

The UNL Teaching Council is requesting proposals for a special grant to study the communication effectiveness of graduate teaching assistant, according to the Director of the UNL Teaching and Learning Center and an administration member of the teaching council.

Director Delivee Wright said, "We need a better definition of what the dimensions of the problem are."

Wright said there has been much "hearsay" about graduate assistants who have problems communicating with students.

"Some people feel there is definitely a problem and the teaching council is concerned," Wright said.

According to Wright, communication problems may appear in classes taught by non-foreign graduate assistants as well as those taught by foreign graduate students.

"You might have a graduate assistant from Canada who would then be considered foreign, but could speak perfect English," Wright said.

However, even though the Canadian might speak proper English, he might not be able to communicate well with his class, Wright explained.

The study's purpose should be to gather "objective data" on any communication problems which graduate assistants may have, Wright said.

The data may be analyzed and some method created to help future graduate assistants with communication problems they may have, Wright said.

She said the council is interested in proposals for the

grant from UNL student groups or faculty.

The proposals should include a comprehensive survey of classes taught by teaching assistants and, especially, student assessment of graduate teachers' instruction skills, Wright said.

ASUN President Renee Wessels said that ASUN, which has discussed the problem of graduate assistant communication problems, has not planned to apply for the grant.

However, Wessels said that ASUN would pay close attention to any results of the survey.

Wessels said that in almost every semester, student complaints about graduate assistants' lack of communication are heard.

Money for the grant will come from the teaching council and Wright said that no specific amount has been allocated for the project.

Preliminary proposals will be reviewed by a teaching council subcommittee until Oct. 27, Wright said.

During this time, those who have rough ideas for a study can show it to the subcommittee and it may help the presenter develop the idea, Wright said.

All grant proposals must include a representative from visiting foreign scholars, according to council grant application rules.

Final draft of proposals must be received by Wright no later than noon on Nov. 3, Wright said.

The council hopes the grant can be awarded and the study completed before the end of this academic year, she added.

Football support praised by James

By Pat Carraher

A university's athletic program will prosper best if it also attracts economic growth to the community, said Big Eight Commissioner Carl James.

James Monday addressed a conference of representatives from Big Eight schools which is meeting in Lincoln.

James complimented Lincoln and the state on its tremendous support of Big Red football.

"There's nowhere in the country where football has it better than here, where you've had something like 108 consecutive sellouts," James said.

The former director of athletics at the University of Maryland was quick to point out, however, that many of the nation's universities were not having the success that Nebraska, and most of the Big Eight schools have.

He said that last year, 32 percent of the nation's colleges and universities "lost ground financially." James cited UCLA, Yale, USC and Alabama as schools which were forced to drop competition in some sports and reduce them to the "club" level. James said that while these clubs gave students some competition, he did not like to see athletic curriculums reduced.

As an example of a program bringing growth to the community, James cited the University of Tennessee.

He said the people there were in the process of constructing additional seating for the football stadium, which will make it the largest university stadium in the country with 106,000 seats.

James said Syracuse currently is building a new \$27 million dome stadium for both football and basketball.

The Syracuse Dome, James said, also will be used for community projects and activities like concerts and trade shows.

James said the reason schools such as Tennessee and Syracuse were able to finance such projects is because the schools' athletic programs gave their community an economic boost and fostered growth in many area financial programs.

This economic boost comes back to the school through channels such as alumni donations, James said.

"This is the decade of the 80s, and it's our job to sell our programs to the community," he said. As commissioner of the Big Eight, he said, he hoped to make the Big Eight a leader.

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A small lad gets an early start on the cherished boyhood tradition of wandering down to the old fishin' hole with Rover in the crisp days of autumn. Slightly higher temperatures are expected to warm the brisk fall air today, a cheering reprieve from the first chills of colder weather.