

Sports

Business manager stays busy with job at athletic department

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When the UNL Athletic Department is concerned with money, it comes to Gary Fouraker.

Fouraker, UNL athletic business manager for five years, is constantly busy with the financial responsibilities of Cornhusker athletics. Fouraker's office handles all the business functions of the athletic department, including the payment of bills and personnel payroll forms.

Fouraker is also in charge of concessions at all events at athletic facilities on campus. For example, Fouraker is in charge of concessions for sporting events as well as concerts and other social activities at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Fouraker said the part of his job he enjoys least is the long working days he must put in, especially in the fall when football season is in full-swing.

"It's pretty much a seven-day-a-week job," Fouraker said. "I very seldomly see any of the home football games because I'm involved in the concessions."

Though the long hours are annoying, Fouraker said he enjoys the variety involved in the job.

"There's always something different happening and there's always different people to meet," Fouraker said. "It's a very changing job."

A native of Nebraska, Fouraker received a Bachelor of Science degree at Nebraska in 1973 and completed his Masters Degree in business in 1984.

One aspect of financial budgeting Fouraker is not heavily involved in is

fund raising. Though he does some work with fund raising and booster clubs, Fouraker said his primary job dealing with fund raising is approval of spending.

"The way we're set up now," Fouraker said, "they (the fund raisers and booster organizations) come through us for approval to spend funds, but other than that, I'm not involved very much."

According to Fouraker, this approval is necessary so the budget department has some control over how organizations spend their funds.

Fouraker said most of the athletic funds come from football and basketball ticket revenue.

"Football and basketball are essentially what raises most of the money to support the athletic department," Fouraker said.

Football television revenue also raises a large portion of the athletic budget, Fouraker said. Money from TV games is split up among the schools in the Big Eight Conference. For conference games, Fouraker said, Nebraska has a contract which allows for a maximum payoff of \$175,000 to other Big Eight schools.

"Right now, the only teams that are making those payments are Oklahoma and Nebraska," Fouraker said. "Missouri has payed that much in some games, but mostly it's been Oklahoma and Nebraska."

Fouraker said the standard payment for nonconference games is 40 to 50 percent of the gate revenue, depending on which team Nebraska is playing that week.

"If you get a name team like Florida State, you're going to pay them half of

the gate," he said, "but if you get someone like New Mexico, you can probably pay them a little less."

Fouraker said Nebraska still has a few contracts that are made on a set-dollar basis, but "that's very rare," he said.

Football is the most expensive sport, Fouraker said, costing around \$4 million dollars annually. Most of the money spent on the football program goes toward scholarships, which include tuition, fees, housing and books. Fouraker said other major expenses in the football budget include salaries for the coaching staff, trainers and equipment personnel. The purchasing of equipment also comes through the budget office, Fouraker said.

Golf and tennis are the least expensive sports at Nebraska, primarily because of the smaller team rosters and less frequent traveling expenses.

Fouraker said there is usually not much of an excess in funds, but when money is left over, it's set aside for maintenance and repair of existing facilities.

"A couple of years ago, we had to replace the artificial turf in Memorial Stadium," he said, "and right now we're looking at possibly having to replace the track surfaces (outdoor and indoor tracks)."

Fouraker guessed the cost of resurfacing would be \$150,000 to \$200,000.

Though the work sometimes gets hectic and long, Fouraker said he has no plans to leave the budget department to pursue other jobs.

"I like it here," Fouraker said. "I enjoy Nebraska and the people who live here."



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There have been many changes since the architect created this original UNL stadium drawing. Athletic department business manager Gary Fouraker has been involved for 5 years in budget matters for UNL sports that finance those changes. The 60-year-old drawing was dredged from storage, framed, and now hangs in Fouraker's office.

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