

Indoor practice field dedicated Saturday

By Jane Hirt
Staff Reporter

As thousands of football fans made their way to Memorial Stadium Saturday for the Nebraska-Oklahoma game, hundreds wearing Husker red attended the dedication of the Cook Pavilion and the George B. Cook Indoor Practice Field.

The dedication began with an open house and a brief pregame concert by a Cornhusker Marching Band ensemble. The dedication included remarks from Gov. Kay Orr, the University of Nebraska Board of Regents and university administrators.

The ceremony honored major pri-

private contributors to the project, which was built entirely with private gifts to the NU Foundation and proceeds from a football ticket surcharge. The building and practice field were named after the George B. Cook family of Lincoln and the Dan W. Cook family of Dallas, who contributed the most money to the project.

D.B. Varner, president emeritus of the NU Foundation, began the ceremony, calling the pavilion and practice field a "remarkable facility."

Gov. Kay Orr said she approved of the field for "our wonderful football program."

Nebraska football "unifies us as a state," she said. "It's the force that

brings us together."

"The pride shines from our eyes," she said.

Bob Devaney called it the "finest indoor practice field in the entire country."

He said the facility is "badly needed to keep up the type of program we want to have."

But he added that 70 to 75 percent of the time the center will be used by students and faculty members, "not just for football."

NU President Ronald Roskens said, "Great universities become great universities because of the people who support them." There is "one word that conveys our appreciation—

thank you."

UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale said the completion of the practice field indicates that the university is correcting some deficiencies.

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-Cook

"This kind of investment, people with vision, has made this university

what it is," he said.

The Cook family was presented with original color prints of the Cook Pavilion and plaques.

The dedication of Cook Pavilion and the George B. Cook Field marks the completion of the first phase of UNL's campus recreation and athletic center.

The 78,000-square-foot pavilion provides sheltered practice area for the Nebraska football team and other intercollegiate sports teams.

Dan Cook, speaking for the Cook family, said the building and practice field really belongs to everyone.

"This is not the Cook house," he said. "This is your house."

UNL faculty salary question

Faculty groups raising money to hire lobbyists

By Linda Holmes
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About \$4,000 has been donated to the Friends of Faculty Fund and \$3,000 to the American Association of University Professors to hire lobbyists to push for higher pay for University of Nebraska-Lincoln faculty members.

Jim Lewis, UNL Faculty Senate

president, said he would be pleased if faculty members raise \$5,000 for the Friends of Faculty Fund, a program the Faculty Senate started. He said it is unrealistic to expect every faculty member to donate to the fund. But he said he hopes at least one-fifth of the UNL faculty donates \$1 for each \$1,000 of salary.

Lewis said faculty members from every college donated the \$4,000 al-

ready received.

He said the Friends of Faculty Fund enables faculty members to get involved personally with the fight for higher salaries.

The Faculty Senate is not the only organization that is raising money for a lobbyist.

Susan Welch, past president of the American Association of University Professors, said UNL's AAUP chap-

ter has raised \$3,000 for a lobbyist the organization hired last May.

AAUP hired a lobbyist last May when it was obvious the faculty would need one, she said. But by May the money for his fee had not yet been raised, she said.

The organization has set a \$3,500 goal to be reached by January, she said. She expects the fund to exceed that goal.

Money is coming in every day, she said.

The UNL chapter includes more 20 faculty members. Besides sending a newsletter to all faculty members in October, she said, the AAUP members have talked to professors on campus about the fund.

Although both the AAUP and the Faculty Senate are raising money for separate lobbyists, both organizations are working for the same cause and no conflict exists between the organizations, she said.

Switzer says team will challenge Miami

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week, some Nebraska players had predicted victories with scores like 35-10 and 42-14. Switzer said that wasn't possible with the Sooners' defense.

"We didn't even miss Boz today," Switzer said of Brian Bosworth, who played linebacker for the Sooners last season but moved on to professional football this year.

The Sooners are headed to the Orange Bowl to play Miami, the only team that has beat them in the last three years. Switzer said this season's Oklahoma team should challenge Miami.

"This team plays better than any other team we've had play," he said.

Kerrey joins Senate race

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advantage.

"It helps already having a campaign under my belt," Kerrey said. "There is just so much that can happen between now in the elections though. You never can tell."

Tom Monaghan, chairman of the Nebraska Democratic Party, said he is pleased to hear Kerrey plans to run for the Senate. Monaghan said Kerrey will probably be the only democratic candidate for the position.

"How would you like to be spending one or two million dollars to run against Bob Kerrey," he said.

Sittig said he believes there will be others on the democratic ticket against Kerrey, but that Kerrey will be the nominee.

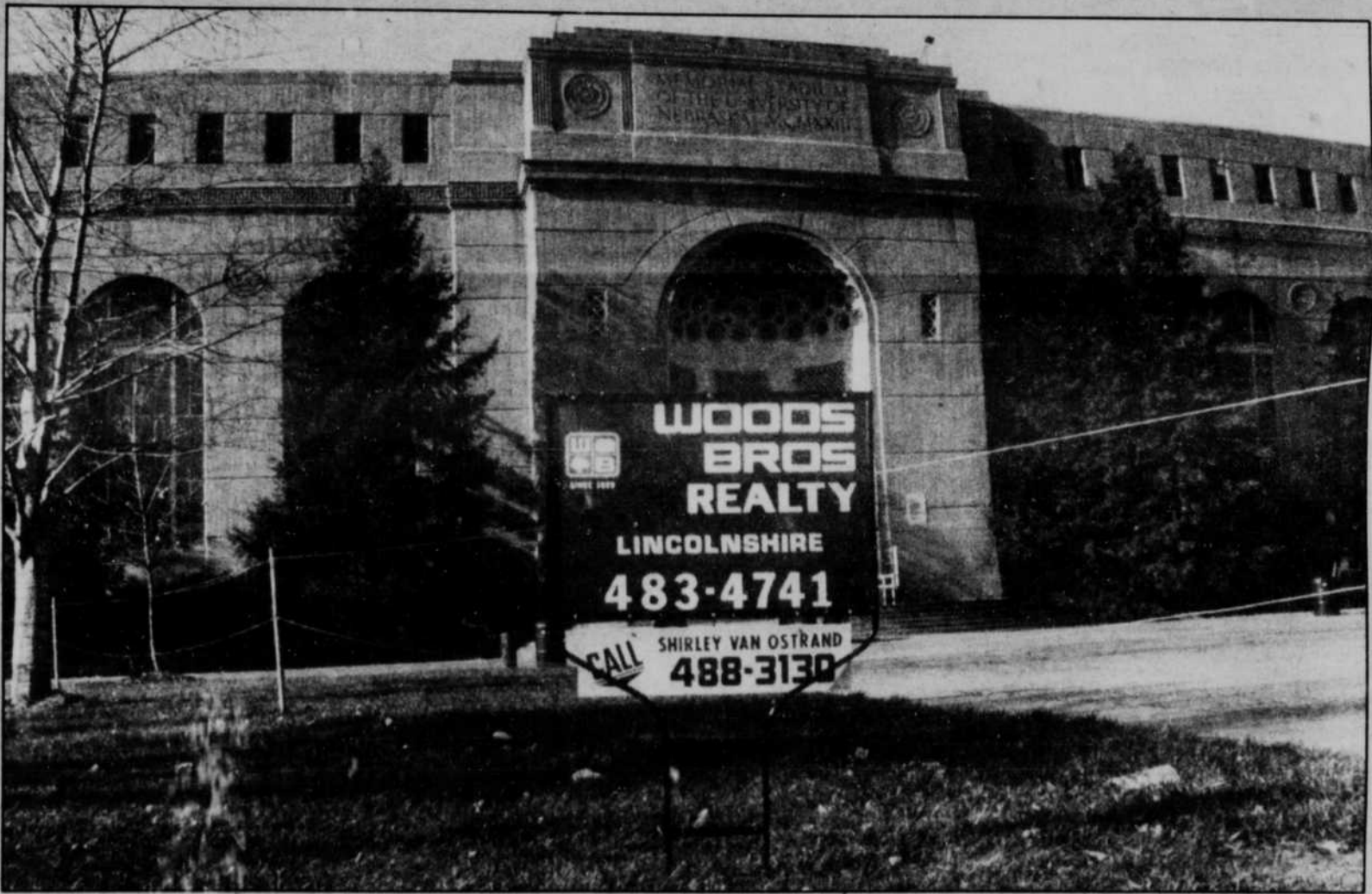
Sittig said this Senate race is also unusual because it started much earlier than most Senate races. He said Daub kicked off his campaign almost five months ago and Karnes followed soon after.

Sittig said Kerrey's mid-November announcement is not unusually late.

Kerrey said he decided to announce Friday because he felt an obligation to his supporters to make a decision.

Kerrey had previously said he would announce in mid-October.

Karnes and Daub could not be reached for comment.



Dave Hansen/Daily Nebraskan

'Our hOUse for sale'

Pranksters placed a realty sign in front of Memorial Stadium early Sunday morning following Oklahoma's 17-7 upset of Nebraska. Nebraska defensive end Broderick Thomas nicknamed the stadium "Our House."

Kearney State looks at education testing

By Amy Edwards
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Kearney State College is researching "value-added education" testing to assess the amount of knowledge students gain from a college program.

Lon Weber, KSC vice president for academic affairs, said the college is collecting information on value-added education to determine what, if any, programs should be implemented to better serve students' needs.

Weber said several types of testing could be implemented in the program. Testing could begin when students enter college and finish after a student finishes college. Another method of testing could be done before and after each semester.

Weber said the testing is not one-dimensional. Students would be tested on lifestyles, study habits, extracurricular activities and choice of major, along with testing for educational course work.

Joe Rowson, director of public affairs for the University of Nebraska, said value-added education testing is a "worthwhile concept" that has been discussed at the university. Rowson said that although no program for such testing is being actively pursued at the university, the council of academic officers is trying to gather more information on the subject.

Difficulties in the testing program include the types of programs that could show solid results, whether

graduating students would take the tests seriously, and which students should be tested, Rowson said.

Rowson said another problem with the testing would be if faculty members began teaching toward the tests, instead of following normal course outlines.

Even with the problems the testing brings up, Rowson said it would be helpful in addressing concerns employers have about the education students are receiving.

The concept of value-added education is a longitudinal look at the whole educational process, Weber said. If testing is done before and after college, the first results will not be back for five years.

Weber said the test results will be worth waiting for if they can be used to improve students' education.

"There are no quick ways to analyze this," Weber said.

Weber said value-added education testing is a good concept to explore because it "brings into focus the whole teaching-learning process."

A study group from the KSC faculty senate is looking into the options of value-added education testing, Weber said. No programs will be implemented until all options are studied and the one that suits KSC best is found, he said.

Rowson said he didn't know when or if testing programs would be implemented at the university. The concept is still in exploratory stages, he said.