Student football tickets sell out after two straight national titles

By CHAD LORENZ Senior Reporter

For the second straight year, some University of Nebraska-Lincoln stuets were turned away at the ticket win- Bell said.

partment ticket manager Cindy Bell applications with their admissions said. packets.

shrunk to 8,400 in 1991 after student should see if there's any trends here," ticket sales took an all-time dive since 1977. Even though enrollment was increasing, students were buying fewer

In 1994, the ticket office hit bottom, selling only 6,375 students tickets.

After winning the first National Championship in 24 years, students rushed to the ticket office in 1995 to jump on the Cornhusker bandwagon, causing UNL's first student ticket short-

The first shortage wasn't enough to make the athletic department expand the student section for this year, Bell

The remaining 63,600 seats in Meery year, so the athletic department highest price in the Big 12. dents who wanted season football tick- couldn't give that seating to students,

The 8,400 tickets allocated to stu-require a collective decision by the is 18,500. Nebraska's 8,400 are sold dents sold out in mid-July, athletic de- university, starting with the chancellor, to a student body of 24,300. Bell said. Before a move starts, stusaid. Student tickets went on sale April dents would need to prove they will 1. Incoming freshmen received ticket keep demanding plenty of tickets, she

Before we jump the gun and start The allocation for student tickets throwing people out of their seats, we I'll still be able to get them.' Bell said.

> ticket sales picked up following couldn't afford them. She later regret-Nebraska's National Championship ted her decision. win in 1971. But in 1972, the Huskers won only nine of 12 games, and in I've had football tickets since my fresh-1973, student ticket sales dropped by 1.464.

"If we don't win a National Championship or lose a few games, we might be sitting here at this point next year trying to figure out what to do with the rest of these tickets," Bell said.

In past years when students didn't here. buy all 8,400 tickets, the rest were sold

to the public, Bell said.

Compared to universities in the Big morial Stadium are sold to faculty and 12, UNL students receive the smallest the public, Bell said. Public ticket hold-ticket allotment. And the cost of stuers can renew their season tickets ev- dent tickets, \$87.50 for 6 games, is the

Oklahoma State University comes close with an allotment of 8,500 stu-Expanding student seating would dent tickets, but the student population

Stephanie Sharp, a second-year graduate student in urban planning, waited until July to look into her student tickets.

"I thought, 'It's only mid-summer.

Sharp didn't try to buy tickets when they were first available during the Past records showed that student ticket lottery in April because she

"I was really disappointed because man year," Sharp said.

Sharp said the athletic department should have arranged seating so more students could still buy tickets.

"I realize they make more money off public tickets, but it's our school,' she said. "We're the ones paying to go

"They're obviously not accommo-

Big 12 Student

Nebraska students are in poor shape for football tickets

| School | Student ticket Allotment | Stadium capacity | Ticket price | Enrollment |
|-------------|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Nebraska | 8400 | 72700 | \$87.50 (6 games) | 24300 |
| Oklahoma | (no limit) | 74000 | \$40 (5 games) | 20000 |
| Kansas St. | 9000 | 39000 | \$60 (6 games) | 21200 |
| Texas Tech | 10000 | 50700 | \$42.50 (5 games) | 24300 |
| Iowa St. | 10000 | 45000 | \$42 (6 games) | 24700 |
| Missouri | 13000 | 62000 | \$71 (6 games) | 24000 |
| Colorado | 14000 | 51000 | \$25 (6 games) | 25000 |
| Texas | 15 - 23000 | 75000 | \$ 95 (sports pass) | 50000 |
| Texas A&M | 23600 | 70210 | \$115 (sports pass) | 40000 |
| Baylor | (no limit) | 49500 | Free (5 games) | 12200 |
| Oklahoma St | 8500 | 50000 | \$65 (7 games) | 18500 |
| Kansas | (no limit) | 51500 | \$37 (5 games) | 25000 |

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dating students."

student-athletic relations committee, said. said he and athletic department offilast spring.

"They were meeting supply and demand earlier, but now there's too

much demand," Bynum said. "I don't he said. think it's anyone's fault."

Athletic department officials told Bynum the student ticket allotment movement equal to the one that saved would be expanded if tickets keep selling out. No one specified how many

seasons would need to sell out before Jason Bynum, head of the ASUN the allotment would be increased, he

"As far as expanding seating or getcials discussed the anticipated sell-out ting more tickets, that might require a lot of discussion," Bynum said.

Students should tell the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska their complaints and concerns,

If enough students voice an opinion through ASUN, they could start a student football seating from being

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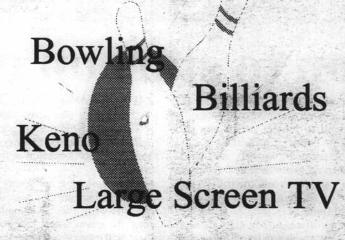


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