

Money does buy everything

BY PETE ROSE
Sports ethics adviser

In a surprise move to crush pesky regulators and dissenters, the NU Athletic Department ditched all facilities improvement projects Wednesday and used the money to buy the entire University of Nebraska.

"I knew I could scratch up the dough, and I thought, 'Why the hell not?'" said department Director Bill Byrne at the university rededication and ribbon cutting. "Becoming my own boss sounded a lot more attractive than a new practice field or stadium waterproofing. And now everyone will do what I say."

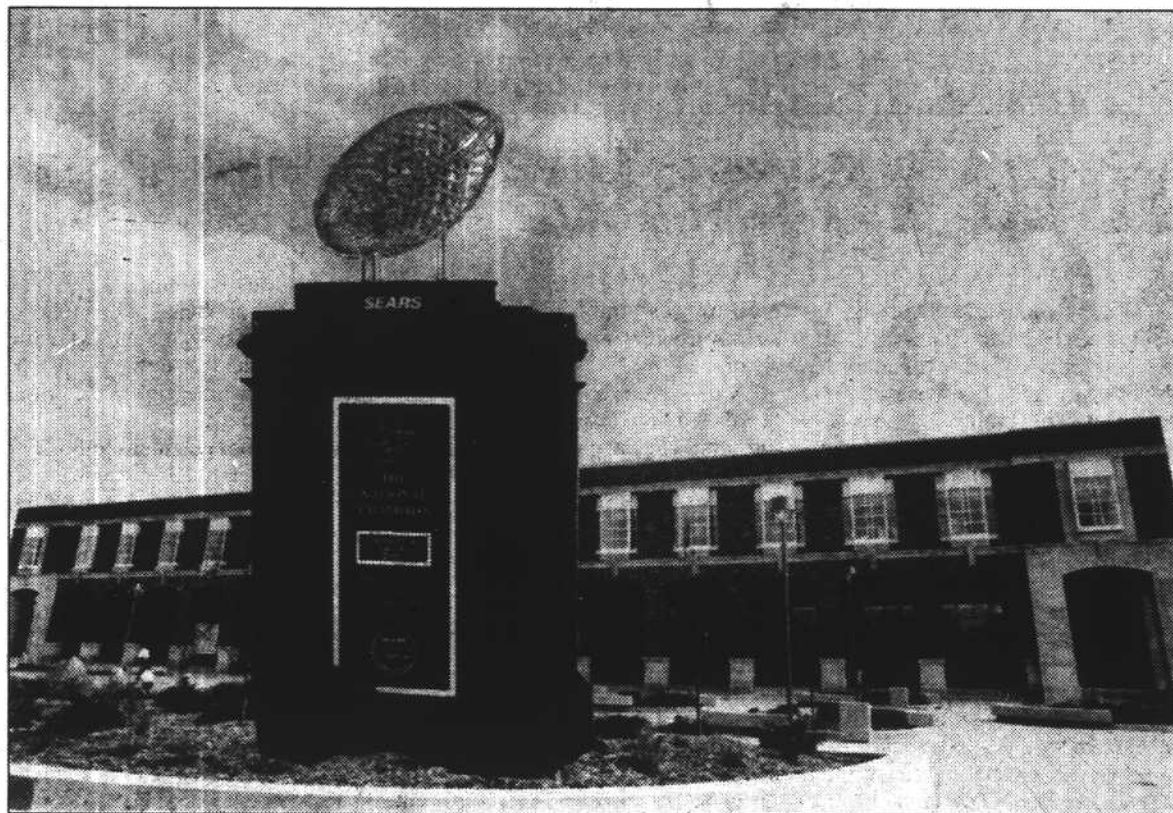
Byrne said the first change would be ditching ASUN and the Daily Nebraskan, "who just can't stop bitching about me," as well as the Office of Admissions, who "doesn't know a decent admissions standard from a hole in the ground."

New admissions standards include running 100 meters in 9.84 seconds, completing a pass to a slightly injured receiver and speaking to a statewide press conference without saying, "Aww, shit, woman" or "Guess what? I'm packin' heat!"

Any non-athletes who meet those standards will live, eat and attend school at UNK, so as to not disturb the athletes who work doubly hard here in Lincoln.

And non-athletes who travel to Lincoln for home football games will commit to having their legs broken and crippled when they sign up for season tickets. That way, they can't stand up and annoy older, wealthier Husker football fans.

As a symbol of NU's new ownership, the new Nebraska Union "freak fountain" will be appropriately



THE SEARS TROPHY, formerly a symbol of pride for NU, now looms over UNL's campus as a reminder of the awesome and unstoppable power of the Athletic Department, which recently bought the university. Bow down, fools. And while you're down there, kiss my championship ring.

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altered to include a Sears Trophy crushing the bed of protruding, spear-like rocks that symbolize non-athletes on campus.

Byrne also proposed the following changes to NU:

■ Starting Monday, all researchers who can't develop a lighter running shoe will be canned and shipped to Iowa State University.

■ All university parking will be reserved for athletes, because every-

one else could use a good walk anyway.

■ Library 101 will be replaced with "How Much Money NU Athletics Gives to the Library 101."

■ Phi Beta Kappa would be reserved for graduates who were four-year members of Husker Fury.

■ The Sheldon Art Gallery will be renovated to include AstroTurf and renamed "The Super Humper Husker Hall of Fame." Johnny Rogers will

sign autographs on opening day, scheduled for the first home football gameday in fall 2000.

Byrne, when asked how we would respond to any opposition to the university buyout, smiled and patted sports reporters on their heads.

"We don't expect any opposition, little boys," he said. "You just report to all the students and professors they're Frauline Byrne's orphans now."

News Briefs

The Queen is dead! Oh, never mind, she's OK

LONDON (Agence France-Press) - Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II fell down a flight of stairs about 11 p.m. Sunday, resulting in the canning of Parliament.

No one important was injured. According to witnesses, dear ol' Lizzy was "going to the little girls' room to take care of No. 1" when she slipped and tumbled approximately 50 feet down a flight of stairs.

Her Majesty promptly got up, dusted herself off, pushed her way through a pack of tabloid newspaper werewolf photographers who had swarmed out of the walls and walked out.

After 10 minutes of fuming, Her Majesty stomped into parliament and announced that "everyone has been canned."

When reporters asked her whom she meant was canned, the queen replied:

"Shut up. You're all canned. Every last one of you. I'm a monarch for crying out loud. Now go home and do whatever it is you common slob do."

Albright's got the fever for the flavor of ass-kicking

NEW YORK - U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright called for an emergency meeting of United Nations ambassadors today in New York, just so she could kick every male world leader in the shins once.

"It's completely necessary to world peacekeeping," she said. "Male leaders don't think a woman in a skirt can inflict pain upon their countries, so they're almost impossible to reckon with. With one kick from me, they'll behave themselves."

"Until then, they are, plain and simple, a bunch of old crotchety fools with tremendous egos who could use a good, swift kick in the shins. They're lucky I didn't choose a more useful body part."

British Prime Minister Tony Blair quickly commissioned a British government jet to make the trip.

"If America wants to kick every other world leader in the shins, I as a Briton stand behind that 100 percent," Blair said. "It's a duty of world superpowers. A couple of centuries ago, it would have been the British monarch doing the kicking, and that would have been OK."

Blair said he would also approve of Albright cutting off one of each male leaders' toes, and perhaps more if Saddam Hussein attended.

Hussein, however, announced on Iraqi television that he wouldn't attend, because the United States was weak and none of its leaders would follow through on a threat to kick his shins.

Hussein press conferences now to be shot from waist up only

BAGHDAD - In an unusual display of self-realization, Saddam Hussein announced Wednesday on Iraqi television, "I've decided to stop starving little children, and I just want to be loved. Is that so wrong?"

He then broke into a heart-wrenching impromptu of Elvis Presley, saying: "I just want to be your te-ed-dy bear."

Iraqi citizens responded by parading through the streets with giant pictures of their leader, shooting guns into the air, burning the American flag and just generally taking care of business.

Members of the NATO thought they should bomb the country before Saddam became too adorable and teen girls - especially white girls - started swooning with every move of his hips.

"The Western nations wholeheartedly reject the notion that a leader who isn't white could have the popularity of the King," a statement said.

Welcome, my friends, to the Port of Nevada

The state of California fell into the ocean on Wednesday when all computers were turned forward in a statewide Y2K test and everything failed massively.

"Oh shit," said President Bill Clinton, "guess that was a bad idea, huh?"

The fatalities, however, were considered to be minimal, as many of the citizens bobbed to the surface, their air-filled heads sustaining their buoyancy. "Like, wow!" said one citizen, identified only as Muffy. "This is totally cool."

In theory, the March 31 test of California's computer systems was supposed to discover any remaining bugs in the system. What started as a relatively simple test turned into a severe disaster, however.

As all the clocks were set forward, the power grid in Los Angeles shut down, thus setting off a nightmarish chain reaction that set water pumps firing water deep into the ground. This caused a major rift on the San Andreas Fault, which then splintered the state and shuffled it into the Pacific Ocean.

In its place, however, the states of Arizona, Oregon and Nevada are thrilled about all the new beachfront property. Donald Trump quickly issued a reaction: "Hell, son, the value of Vegas just shot through the roof!"

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Wee man receives wee key

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called the event a success and said future plans could include giving a key to the city to other leprechauns, including Tam O'Shanter and the little leprechauns that jump out of Lucky Charms cereal boxes.

Baldridge said that was a really, really groovy idea.

"They are so funny, man. You should totally come over and play with them."

Wack-ass MCs to feel tha f'in pain

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But Casady said the real problem with these MCs is all the related offenses that come with their performances.

"When one of these guys gets up on stage, all hell breaks loose," Casady said.

Police cited people at the performance for public stupidity, indecent exposure by way of baggy pants, resisting common sense, blasphemy and insulting a cop's mother.

Evidence was also seized from the MCs including turntables, mixing boards, bottles of "Old E" malt liquor and stacks of wax.

Police coordinated their efforts with university officials to help eliminate these MCs on campus.

"This was a conscious and coordinated effort with Lincoln Police," said James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs (and misaffairs).

Griesen said these performers keep students from learning.

"(The university and police) have to work together to diminish the MCs, not just move them," Griesen said. "These guys are wacked and have no place on the stage or at this university."

If anybody's left, all streets are one-way

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The council then promptly OK'd the measure and declared all roads immediately one-way westbound, through the Haymarket and all the way to Seward.

The council had planned to vote to postpone a vote until hell froze over. The council decided to take action on the vote not to take action, and had planned to pass a temporary resolution to resolve nothing.

But then, minutes after breaking its six-week inaction streak by approving Wrenholdt's one-way proposal, the council also voted 4-3 to purchase and install, at great expense, large wrought-iron "You Are Here" signs on all the lamp posts in the Old Market Haymarket area.

"People get lost in the Old Market Haymarket," said Cecil Steward, city planning commission member and dean of University of Nebraska-Lincoln's College of Architecture, one of the team who came up with the two-way P Street idea in the first place. "We just want them to know they are not entirely lost."

In other council news:

■ Interim Mayor Dale Young announced his plan to submerge the Remodeled City County building in mayonnaise.

■ The council voted unanimously to adopt Goo Gone as the city's official lubricant.

Students, like, protest or something

BY JACQUELINE SUSANNE
Snotty intellectual

About 50 students gathered in front of the Nebraska Union on Tuesday to protest U.S. involvement in a conflict somewhere.

"People are dying in, like, Asia I think," sophomore biology major Ted Gonnor said. "We're bombing people over there, you know. It's like, we're killing them and stuff."

The rally was caused by the broadcast of a new program in a political science class last week. Professor Jim Dugan said he liked to keep his students aware of what is going on in the world by making them watch live news broadcasts.

Junior business administration major Brandy Williams said she was shocked by the news footage of live combat.

"I'm like, you know, used to watching people die on TV. I mean, a first I was like 'Oh boy, 50 people were just napalmed to death in the Balkans, like big deal,'" Williams said. "But then someone said it was real and after I thought about it for a week or so, I decided killing people isn't right."

Other students rallied in front of the union to show support for U.S. actions overseas.

Freshman general studies major Cal Borman said he supported the actions.

"It's cool," Borman said. "We have to make the world safe for democracy by supporting totalitarian regimes like Kuwait's."

Borman added that he did not think violence would solve ever problem, but could be useful.

"What else are you supposed to do when someone disagrees with you? I mean, isn't that what democracy is all about? Kicking ass?"