

Woody Varner, who was president of the university from 1970-77, during Nebraska's first two national championships, said he knew Devaney when he was an assistant coach at Michigan State.

"He came (here) with real devotion to Nebraska," Varner said.

"He was always a fighter for Nebraska. He never swallowed the story that Nebraska was second-class in any respect. He wanted Nebraskans to feel proud of themselves and of the state."

Varner added that what Devaney did for athletics helped build the reputation of the university.

"It was easier to recruit students and faculty," he said. "The state of Nebraska held its head high, thanks to Bob Devaney."

Don Bryant, UNL associate athletic director and former longtime sports information director, said, "I have lost a dear, personal friend and it results in a feeling of numbness and shock to realize that Bob Devaney no longer is a force in Nebraska and intercollegiate athletics."

Bryant said Devaney's coaching ability and administrative leadership "raised the standards of excellence and the visions of highest expectations for all Nebraskans."

Osborne said that besides being a great coach, Devaney was "a great friend."

"He was the one who gave me a chance to be a graduate assistant, an assistant coach and a head coach at Nebraska," Osborne said. "Most everything I know about coaching I learned from him. He was exceptional at handling players, always had a great sense of humor, and the players enjoyed playing for him because of the type of person he was. We will all miss him dearly."

UNL Athletic Director Bill Byrne described Devaney as "a giant in the world of college football, a dear friend and national leader." Devaney's leadership "created a football dynasty and athletic program that is the best in America," he said. "Our goal at Nebraska will be to continue the legacy created by Bob. We all will miss him very much."

UNL sports historian Ben Rader described Devaney as "a modern icon of success, in as much as his victories represented success for the entire state . . . He was also an example of a self-made man, who came from modest origins. Success is very difficult to measure in the world of bureaucracies, but an athletics or sports, it's very clear-cut."

UNL volleyball coach Terry Pettit recalled that when Devaney came to Nebraska, he had two missions.

"First, he turned around an average football program and made it into the best in the nation. Then, as athletic director, he (took) a mediocre athletic department and built it into one of the best all-around athletic programs in the country."

Petit credited Devaney with helping make Nebraska competitive in women's athletics.

"He gave me the resources and opportunity to succeed," Pettit said.

"He did have, and he will continue to have a lasting impact on the Nebraska athletic department and the entire state of Nebraska. His energy, enthusiasm and drive shaped our athletic department. For a lot of people, especially the coaches under him, he was a sort of father figure. We looked to him for guidance and support, and he always showed great loyalty to his staff."

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BOB DEVANEY, BUILDER OF PRIDE

Bob Devaney.

The name unleashes a flood of symbols and memories.

Johnnie the Jet.

Gotham Bowl.

The Game of the Century.

Tagge-Brownson.

Back-to-back national football championships.

Tom Osborne.

Expansion after expansion of Memorial Stadium.

A sea of helium-filled red balloons, released by thousands of football fans on Nebraska's first touchdown of the game, hanging in the air above Lincoln on a brilliant fall day.

Even before Devaney's death on Friday, it has been an often-repeated cliché that Devaney's impact on Nebraska went far beyond football, that he brought Nebraskans together, east and west.

But like most other clichés, this one is backed by solid evidence.

A stumbling athletic program wasn't the only negative that greeted Devaney when he accepted the head coaching job in 1962. The state's spirit in general had been bruised by events of the previous five years. The Starkweather mass murders were still fresh in people's memories. A governor had recently died in office. Angry debates over tax policy and school financing, gathering steam since the 1940s, were dividing urban and rural Nebraska interests.

Nebraskans were ready for a little good news. Devaney gave it to them.

Under him, the Cornhuskers played with noticeably greater verve.

They won games that they would have lost in earlier years.

They began appearing in the national ratings. Then the Top 10.

Finally, in 1970 and 1971, they were national champions.

Interstate 80 was pushing westward across Nebraska in those days.

Westerners sometimes asked what good it was.

Devaney's success gave people in Hyannis, Kimball and Scottsbluff a reason to use the new superhighway.

Cowboy boots and Stetsons, often bright red, became a familiar sight in Lincoln on autumn Saturdays.

Lincoln's economy benefited.

East-west friendships grew stronger. The financial success of the football team made it possible for Nebraska to have a high-caliber women's athletic program. The classy Devaney football teams gave the university national visibility.

Some people say that too much is made of college athletics, and they're right. Devaney knew that. Remember, he told fans before a game in 1965, there are 800 million people in China "who don't give a damn whether Nebraska wins or loses." There are bigger things in life than whether the team wins.

Devaney never seemed driven or angry. He respected his opponents. His spirit of good sportsmanship lives on in the Memorial Stadium fans who traditionally applaud Nebraska's opponents at the end of each game, even when Nebraska loses.

Devaney never set out to transform Nebraska. He would have laughed if someone in 1962 said he was responsible for propping up the self-esteem of an entire state. He was just a man with something he could do very, very well. But excellence on the football field inspired excellence in other walks of life.

Devaney's success, and the positive influence his accomplishments had on his adopted state, constitutes a memorial that will long bring honor to his name.●

WEI JINGSHENG

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I rise to join my colleagues who have so elo-

quently praised China's most prominent dissident and advocate of democracy, Wei Jingsheng, and who have called for his immediate release from prison. Yesterday marked the publication of Mr. Wei's remarkable book, "The Courage to Stand Alone." The book is a compilation of his valiant prison letters to the Chinese leadership.

As a result of Mr. Wei's outspoken and articulate views on human rights and democracy the Government of China has imprisoned him—mostly in solitary confinement—for the greatest part of two decades. His personal sacrifices in the name of fundamental freedoms are a testament to his heroic spirit.

As one who has always supported commercial engagement with Beijing to encourage greater openness and freedom in China, I find China's repression of Wei's views and cruel treatment of Wei himself offensive.

As we are about to embark on our annual debate on renewing normal trade relations with China, Beijing must realize that its treatment of Mr. Wei in particular, and its repressive human rights policies in general, trouble all of the Members of this body, especially those of us who favor renewal.

While Mr. Wei has been outspoken in his own support of continuing China's MFN trade status—noting at his trial that the direct victims of MFN revocation "would be the already poverty-stricken Chinese people" rather than the authorities in Beijing—China would do its people and its position in the world well by heeding this brave man's calls for greater freedom and democracy.●

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT ACT

● Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, it is a privilege to cosponsor the Early Childhood Development Act and I commend Senator KERRY for introducing this important legislation.

Recent research has clearly demonstrated what parents and others have intuitively known for generations: that experiences in the early childhood years lay the foundation for much of later development. Children thrive and grow on positive interactions with their parents and other adults. Quality child care, quality nutrition, and quality health care can make all the difference in enabling infants and children to reach their full potential and become contributing members of society. Ensuring that children have these experiences early in development is much easier and less expensive than coping with later crisis problems such as substance abuse, school dropout, and criminal behavior.

The Early Childhood Development Act is a significant step toward helping children obtain the multiple supports they need to grow and thrive. It builds effectively on the White House summit in April that emphasized the very great

importance of this issue. It will help State and local jurisdictions expand their efforts to assist young children and their families. It will strengthen Early Head Start, and increase resources for child care and nutrition.

This initiative is extremely important for the Nation's children. I look forward to continuing to work with Senator KERRY and others to provide children with the opportunities they need and deserve and must have in

order to help our country for the generations to come.●

SENATE QUARTERLY MAIL COSTS—SECOND QUARTER

● Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, in accordance with section 318 of Public Law 101-520 as amended by Public Law 103-283, I am submitting the frank mail allocations made to each Senator from the appropriation for official mail ex-

penses and a summary tabulation of Senate mass mail costs for the second quarter of fiscal year 1997 to be printed in the RECORD. The second quarter of fiscal year 1997 covers the period of January 1, 1997 through March 31, 1997. The official mail allocations are available for frank mail costs, as stipulated in Public Law 104-197, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 1997.

The material follows:

Senators	Fiscal year 1997 official mail allocation	Senate quarterly mass mail volumes and costs for the quarter ending Mar. 31, 1997			
		Total pieces	Pieces per capita	Total cost	Cost per capita
Abraham	\$143,028	1,520	0.00016	\$403.90	\$0.00004
Akaka	43,336	0 0		0.00 0	
Allard	59,148	0 0		0.00 0	
Ashcroft	97,617	0 0		0.00 0	
Baucus	41,864	12,443	0.01510	10,242.54	0.01243
Bennett	50,841	0 0		0.00 0	
Biden	40,023	0 0		0.00 0	
Bingaman	50,582	0 0		0.00 0	
Bond	97,617	0 0		0.00 0	
Boxer	382,528	815	0.00003	273.31	0.00001
Bradley	33,378	0 0		0.00 0	
Breaux	82,527	0 0		0.00 0	
Brown	20,625	0 0		0.00 0	
Brownback	52,198	0 0		0.00 0	
Bryan	50,755	0 0		0.00 0	
Bumpers	62,350	0 0		0.00 0	
Burns	41,864	0 0		0.00 0	
Byrd	53,135	0 0		0.00 0	
Campbell	77,822	0 0		0.00 0	
Chafee	43,384	0 0		0.00 0	
Cleland	90,218	0 0		0.00 0	
Coats	100,503	0 0		0.00 0	
Cochran	62,491	0 0		0.00 0	
Cohen	12,042	0 0		0.00 0	
Collins	35,217	0 0		0.00 0	
Conrad	38,762	14,900	0.02343	1,976.46	0.00311
Coverdell	118,346	0 0		0.00 0	
Craig	44,496	0 0		0.00 0	
D'Amato	232,926	0 0		0.00 0	
Daschle	39,578	0 0		0.00 0	
DeWine	164,923	1,720	0.00016	448.000	0.00004
Dodd	71,425	0 0		0.00 0	
Domenici	50,582	0 0		0.00 0	
Dorgan	38,762	6,600	0.01038	864.74	0.00136
Durbin	125,121	0 0		0.00 0	
Exon	13,199	0 0		0.00 0	
Enzi	28,054	0 0		0.00 0	
Faircloth	121,600	0 0		0.00 0	
Feingold	91,527	0 0		0.00 0	
Feinstein	382,528	0 0		0.00 0	
Ford	77,040	0 0		0.00 0	
Frahm	0	0 0		0.00 0	
Frist	96,062	0 0		0.00 0	
Glenn	164,923	0 0		0.00 0	
Gorton	97,506	2,170	0.00042	564.31	0.00011
Graham	230,836	0 0		0.00 0	
Gramm	251,855	1,400	0.00008	448.19	0.00003
Grans	85,350	57,080	0.01274	34,094.58	0.00761
Grassley	65,258	0 0		0.00 0	
Gregg	44,910	4,176	0.00376	3,357.88	0.00302
Hagel	38,444	0 0		0.00 0	
Harkin	65,258	0 0		0.00 0	
Hatch	50,841	0 0		0.00 0	
Hatfield	18,477	0 0		0.00 0	
Heflin	22,240	0 0		0.00 0	
Helms	121,600	0 0		0.00 0	
Hollings	76,388	0 0		0.00 0	
Hutchinson	47,286	0 0		0.00 0	
Hutchison	251,855	0 0		0.00 0	
Inhofe	73,454	0 0		0.00 0	
Inouye	43,336	0 0		0.00 0	
Jeffords	38,357	192,100	0.33702	32,489.42	0.05700
Johnson	29,826	0 0		0.00 0	
Johnston	21,919	0 0		0.00 0	
Kassebaum	16,457	0 0		0.00 0	
Kempthorne	44,496	0 0		0.00 0	
Kennedy	104,638	0 0		0.00 0	
Kerrey	50,818	0 0		0.00 0	
Kerry	104,638	0 0		0.00 0	
Kohl	91,527	0 0		0.00 0	
Kyl	83,872	0 0		0.00 0	
Landrieu	62,755	0 0		0.00 0	
Lautenberg	124,195	0 0		0.00 0	
Leahy	38,357	0 0		0.00 0	
Levin	143,028	0 0		0.00 0	
Lieberman	71,425	0 0		0.00 0	
Lott	62,491	388,500	0.14862	57,001.87	0.02181
Lugar	100,503	0 0		0.00 0	
Mack	230,836	0 0		0.00 0	
McCain	83,872	5,640	0.00147	4,692.98	0.00122
McConnell	77,040	0 0		0.00 0	
Mikulski	90,835	0 0		0.00 0	
Moseley-Braun	163,870	0 0		0.00 0	
Moynihan	232,926	0 0		0.00 0	
Murkowski	37,990	0 0		0.00 0	
Murray	97,506	17,800	0.00347	3,910.47	0.00076
Nickles	73,454	0 0		0.00 0	
Nunn	31,770	0 0		0.00 0	
Pell	11,158	0 0		0.00 0	
Pressler	10,108	0 0		0.00 0	
Pryor	16,371	0 0		0.00 0	