

**TRACK TALKS**

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"Mike" Finney, Track '15, '16

Mike Finney is the holder of Nebraska's record in the high hurdle at 15.3. This record was made in his Sophomore year. In his Junior year Finney looked like one of America's top hurdlers until his year's promise was spoiled by a "pulled tendon"—neuritis. He was not entirely out of the game; but the top edge was taken off his performance.

A chronological sketch of his track career is interesting. The following is his very illuminating history as secured over the telephone:

"In high school, I didn't do anything."

"Um-m yes I was out."

"Yes, I ran in one meet—the hundred and two-twenty—but I didn't place."

"Yes, I ran the high hurdles too, but I didn't finish. The last hurdle got in my way."

"My Freshman year? Um-m yes, I was out, but I don't think anybody knew it. I guess I ran the highs in about seventeen."

"As a Sophomore? :15 3-5 for the highs and a :25:4 for the lows."

"My Junior year—that was the year I pulled a tendon."

"Yes, I won some points but couldn't do very much at time."

If pressed hard enough about this year—his Senior year—"Mike" probably would have said: "Um-m yes, I'm out."

Griffith Owen, Track '15, '16

Griffith "Squir" Owen, ranks with Byron McMahon and Guy Reed as one of Nebraska's great quarter milers.

Owen comes from Johnstown, Pa. While in high school there he ran the 100 in 10.3, the 200 in :23 1-5, and the quarter in :55.

In his Freshman year he brought these times down to :10 1-2, :23 and :53.

As a Sophomore, he again reduced his records to :10.1, :22.3 and :51.2.

In his Junior year Owen ran all three dashes in most of the dual meets. His best time was :10.1 and :22 and :48.4. He did :49.4 in the Minnesota dual for a first place. In the Valley Conference he was nosed out in :49.3 by Barden of Grinnell.

Owen this spring is a candidate for the 440 and probably the sprints. He looks like a certainty for Nebraska's mile relay team.

Harold "Buzz" Gearhart, Track '18, '19

Gearhart is one of Nebraska's veteran pole vaulters. In his high school days "Buzz" vaulted for two seasons for Newman Grove. His first season he did 8 feet 4 inches, for a second place in the local tri-county meet. His Senior year of high school competition he got over the 10' mark for another second in the tri-county, and a third in the state meet on University field.

As a Freshman at Nebraska work, he raised his record to 10.4.

His Sophomore year he won his letter. His height for the year was 11 feet 3 inches, in the Minnesota dual meet.

Last year as a Junior, Gearhart got up to 11.9 again in the Minnesota dual. Gearhart asserts: "Track is the one sport in which a chap must depend upon himself. He has no team of men to make up for his failure to do his share. And it is the one sport in which a man can 'make' himself."

**SPORT SPLINTERS**

The Missouri Tigers' big track star this spring is Scholz, who is now co-holder of three world's records. He has made the 70-yard dash in 7 1-5 seconds, the 50-yard dash in 5 1-5 seconds, and a few weeks ago at the Illinois University games he ran the 75-yard dash in 7 3-5 seconds. Scholz is a diminutive athlete, weighing only 138 pounds. Another Missouri star is Brutus Hamilton, who took the all-around title at the Illinois meet. He placed high in eight events.

The School of Mines at Golden, Colorado, which has neglected track for several seasons, is undertaking a pretentious schedule this spring. A triangular meet will be held against the University of Colorado and Denver University. Dual meets will be held with the Colorado Aggies and Colorado College. On May 22 the state meet will be held at Colorado Springs.

The athletic department of the Uni-

versity of Wisconsin has negotiated an agreement whereby for five years the Badgers will complete their football schedule by playing the University of Chicago at Chicago, it is announced. Wisconsin is to furnish the homecoming attraction at Chicago, each year, it was stated.

The Manhattan school has gathered together a splendid array of track talent this spring, including such men as Captain Jack Evans, the fastest sprinter in Kansas; Gallagher, a hurdler of note, and Jack Frost, who tied for first with Slaughter of Michigan in the pole vault at the Illinois games with the bar at 12 feet 2 1/2 inches.

Winning four matches out of four, the Denver University wrestling team has practically won the conference championship in the sport for this year. The Denver team has thus far successively defeated Colorado College, University of Colorado and Mines teams.

Rudimentary football practice began at Yale at the earliest date for this sport in the records of the college. The squad of eighty or more will work in the gymnasium under Captain Callahan and Trainer John Mack, and boxing will be a part of the daily grind. The fall practice will begin September 10.

Frank Coughlin, giant tackle, was elected captain of the 1920 football team at Notre Dame, to fill the place of Captain-elect George Gipp, who has withdrawn from the university. Coughlin is a Junior in the law school.

**PROVOST LEES TALKS AT FRESHMAN LECTURE**

Takes His Audience on a Trip Thru Greece.

Provost J. T. Lees addressed the Freshmen lecture course Tuesday morning, with the aid of the stereopticon, taking his audience on a trip through Greece. The lecture combined also with his views of Greece, some which he had taken in southern Italy and Sicily. A large portion of the lecture was devoted to Athens as the center of Greece. The Acropolis, both in ruins and restoration, was shown. Particular attention was given to the Greek temple with its columns of marble and decorated facades. The lecturer explained that the Greeks used neither cement nor concrete but depended upon the nice adjustment of the marble pieces for solidity.

The Greek theater was an open air affair, with a capacity for sixty thousand observers. Acoustic arrangements were very perfect. The Museum at Athens contains a large number of pieces of statuary which have been mined out of the earth and even gathered from the sea. A Roman galley laden with Greek marbles had once gone to the bottom and at this spot many statues have been found. One was shown, in part still perfect, the rest eaten away by the salt water.

Dr. Lees explained how archeologists excavated ruins of ancient cities to discover their hidden treasures. He explained that cities were gradually covered with earth at the rate of a foot a century. Rome was more covered over than Athens. To get at the treasures of ancient Greece the workmen go down about twenty feet. Here they find remains of buildings, and bones of buried people. With the latter are found almost innumerable funeral vases, which the ancients bestowed upon their dead as moderns do flowers, under the mistaken idea that they still had a sort of existence and needed to partake of the liquid food which was always placed in the urns.

The marble stadium where the ancient Olympics were restored a few years ago was also exhibited, and the lecturer explained that now these games were held in the various capitals of the world.

The Italian views were of temples that lie just outside of the much traveled highways. Some of these are in ruins as the result of time and earthquakes; others are in a fair state of preservation and give a very good idea of ancient building. The columns are often immense shafts of marble which must have necessitated great labor in securing from the quarries.

Next week the Freshmen will be initiated into the development of architecture at the hands of Professor W. F. Dann.

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