

## RHODES NAMED AS GRID COACH

Former Cornhusker Backfield Star To Be in Charge of Yearlings

WEIR MAY BE ON STAFF

John "Choppy" Rhodes, backfield star on the Husker football team last season will coach the Freshman grid team at Nebraska next fall, it was stated at the athletic department of the University, yesterday. He is also expected to assist Coach Schulte in track and in that case, he will fill the position of a full-time coach.

Some plans have been made to get Ed Weir, Nebraska's all-American tackle to join the coaching staff, but no definite announcement of the contract has been made.

Rhodes was twice selected as all-Valley backfield man and did most of the ball-carrying last season. He distinguished himself throughout the season by his constant plunging and ground-gaining.

Due to his versatility, Rhodes is well prepared to hold the position of assistant coach in track as well as in football. "Choppy" is competing in track this season and will go to the Illinois relays where last year, he placed second in the all-round championship events. Since he is competing in track now, he will be ineligible as freshman track coach this spring.

**Bearg May Coach Only Football**

Coach Bearg will call out his squad of Huskers early in March, not however, until the present cage season has closed. At present Bearg is tied up with both the basketball and the football teams. It is the plan of the athletic department to give the head coach a chance to devote all of his time to football next year. This is also the desire of Bearg, so that he can devote his entire time to the development of a great football team beginning his work with an extensive program of spring football.

The conflict of these two sports make it impossible to give the right amount of training to either of them,

thus crippling the teams by a delay in their organization. With the chance of displaying his system of coaching on a new squad and taking them all through the season, Bearg should be able to construct a strong team for the next season.

Star Backfield Put On Coaching Staff



John "Choppy" Rhodes, who was chosen to be the freshman football coach for next year.

## IN THE VALLEY

...by...  
"Zim" and "Zim"

Nebraska basketball fans are wondering how come that the Kansas University quintet has lost two games this season. The team that Coach "Phog" Allen presented to Husker fans last Saturday night was by far one of the fastest ever to grace a Nebraska floor.

The Kansas squad had everything that goes to make a finished basketball team. In size the men would average six feet or better. They had speed and above all basket-shooting ability.

The Nebraska team is not out of the running yet for the conference championship, although their chances are somewhat diminished. Oklahoma has several hard games yet to play and a defeat in any of these would place the Huskers back in first place.

Three Husker football stars turned down professional gridiron offers the other day. As a matter of fact, these three men, Hutchinson, Captain Weir and Rhodes have been consistently rejecting neat sums of money since the end of the football season.

The man who successfully passes up the glitter of the pro-gold can find a greater future than could ever be given him through the paid game. Coaching is one field of activity and two of these Husker stars will take up their work in that field this fall.

On the face of it, that all looks well. It seems to open the doors to easy street immediately for the chap who accepts big money for his physical prowess. But there is no easy money. A man must pay the price some place, as Grange for example has done through the constant razing by the public.

The professional career in which a man is paid for his efforts is short at best. Jim Thorpe, great athlete of all time, though an Indian with all the sturdy qualities of the

race, has for the past several years been able to exist. Professional football cuts a man off from any other possible pursuit in the line of athletics and gives him no opportunity to follow another business.

The place for football is in the colleges. There is no legitimate excuse for the professional game. Football has its mission in building a man physically, as many men as possible. The professional game is for the sake of the sport from the standpoint of the athlete and the crowd, it has its mission. These missions are handled more effectively in the universities of the nations than they could ever be taken care of by the professional game.

These three athletes have been forced to work their way through school, paying all or at least part of their expenses from their own earnings. To them, the sight of money must have been a keen temptation, and the average outsider discussing the situation no doubt would point out that a man is foolish for not cashing in on the athletic reputation obtained in college.

And when the names of Grange, Wilson and the others have long been forgotten, the living personalities of these Huskers may be found constantly before the world, just as the names of Yost, Stagg, and Eckersall stand out today while the great Indian, Thorpe, is all but forgotten, though he struggled gamely against oblivion just as the Indian race has fought against extinction.

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