



SHUCKS
By Chris Petersen

It was on March 17, an unimportant date to be filed away with dirty socks, that revolution came to this page ushering in a new regime headed by one Christopher Petersen, an armchair athlete of wide rebuke.

As for participating in events of brawn and body prowess, Petersen's single claim to fame in the world of athletic competition consists of staying under water in Hudson river for three days on a bet from a fellow columnist, Henry McLemore, who writes of the insignificant in a significant manner. For that feat, he was made a knight, in manner traditional, at the service of the Queen of Transylvania. So steeped in traditions of knighthood is Petersen that he is often accused, and publicly too, of having lance in his pants.

Petersen's high school athletic career was one never before unequalled. He unofficially broke the state high school record for the mile running home at nights from Boy Scout meetings. His swimming feats were tops and he had his favorite style, the crawl stroke with the sun stroke running it a close second. The bottom fell out of diving records (and the pool too) when he took to the springboard. To this day, grade school children in Blair schools walk through those huge halls of learning purposely to gaze with awe upon the chunk of statuary which depicts this Petersen. However, the placard under the statue has been horribly jumbled and reads "An athlete on an all around bust" instead of "A bust of an all around athlete." That is the only logical reason why his fan mail has diminished from two letters a day to one meager postcard.

That, sports addicts, introduces you to the new mentor of white and black jargon. We've probably been thrown for a loss on this play but there are still some passes to be made. Hope you can stand this prattle with your coffee and crayfish at breakfast each morn because we're sports editor now and if we can't do a job, well . . . well.

Yes, there was no sport page yesterday. But there was Betty Rathburn where the sports were going to be and when there is a decision to be made between Betty Rathburn and sports—well, you know how decisions aren't!

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Gridiron . . . Youngsters spike team prospects

Game-length scrimmage tomorrow puts rookies in interest spotlight

By Chris Petersen.

These are tough times for Nebraska's hundreds of lunch-counter coaches.

There are a lot of question marks in their line-ups as promising rookies move up from the frosh squad to press the old hands for top berths. To complicate matters, there aren't many veterans back from last year's starting lineup. List these three: Vike Francis at fullback, Fred Preston on the end, and Clarence Herndon at tackle. Herndon played second to Forrie Behm during the memorable 1940 season but due to Behm's leg injury, put in as much time on the gridiron as the All-American.

The big query in the minds of those watching the spring practice sessions is "Who will be replacements this fall?" With the squad split into two groups, the Harvards and Yales, predictions for anything near a definite lineup are impossible.

Saturday Scrimmage.

With the possibility that Major "Biff" Jones and his staff will pit the two squads against each other in a full time game scrimmage, Saturday afternoon, eyes will be on the bunch of youngsters coming out of the frosh ranks.

To bear watching among the new backfield men are Roy Long of Blair; Marvin Athey of Wauwata; Wilmer Hansen, Loomis. Long will probably be on the tailback spot, a position that he played for three years on a championship prep outfit at Blair. A big, rangy lad, he tips the scales at 190 and was fast enough to capture wins in the 100 yard dash in high school competition.

Athey at signal station.

Athey, at the signal calling station, should keep Marv Thompson busy holding his spot at quarterback. With his 180 pounds and prep school experience at that position, he is the compensation to coaches for the loss this year of three veteran signal callers.

Nice material for the wingback spot is Hansen who got his start in this game with Holdrege. At 175 he is a stocky lad who should be able to do more than his share on blocking duties.

Spiking these three men are Jack Hazen, Omaha, who is already known to Husker fans, having one year of varsity under his belt. Randall Salisbury, Elmwood boy, should prove his worth at spinner back post. Note too, Dean Jackson, former Lincoln high end star, whose six feet and 180 pounds should be a valuable asset.

Tackle spot strong.

Coming up at the tackle positions are Joe Byler and Bob McNutt to make that part of the line particularly strong with veterans Vic Schleich, Clarence Herndon, and Francis Leik, all ready for service.

Getting plenty of note is Gene Wilkins, Omaha, and Herb Von Goetz of North Platte, both at the guard positions. Von Goetz is considered by some as a likely replacement at that post.

A tall boy at 6-3 and aspiring end is Ed Nyden of College View. He and Jackson both look good at the wing positions.

At the center position again this year will be experienced men, Fred Meier and Howard Kelly. Both men kept Bob Burruss busy last season holding down his starting position.



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—Lincoln Journal.

Husker trackmen clear decks for dual compet

Clear the track tomorrow for Bob Ginn, the short sophomore runner whose speed in the middle distance events is warming the cockles of track coach Ed Weir's heart.

Ginn, who broke the Nebraska indoor record for the mile with a time of 4:19 at the Illinois Tech relays last weekend, will this Saturday run the mile and returning about a half hour later will attempt to lower the indoor half mile record of 1:59.1 set last year by Harold Brooks.

King returns.

Bob will be running against Oklahoma A. and M. in the Cornhuskers' last indoor dual meet of the season. Ralph King, the sophomore cinderman, will return to competition in this meet, competing in the 60 yard high hurdles and the high jump. King has been out since the first meet of the season with the mumps.

Bob Morris, upon whom Weir hoped to call for the broad jump, is still nursing an ankle cut and

will be unable to compete. Oklahoma A. and M. has a broad jumper, W. L. Clapham, who has pitched himself just under 25 feet. Husker Bill Smutz will jump against him in addition to traveling both the hurdle courses.

Gene Littler's thigh has been bothering him but he will run his 60 yard and 440 events.

Prochaska outside.

With war weather Ray Prochaska moved outside to get in form with the discus. Ray held the Big Six discus record for eight minutes last year until fellow-Husker Edsel Wibbels rebroke the record with a toss of 160 feet 5 1/4 inches. Prochaska is getting an early start this year in preparation for an attempt to regain the plate-tossing crown.

Coach Weir hopes to turn his whole track squad outdoors next week in preparation for the first outdoor meet of the year to be held with the University of California at Berkeley, April 11.

Northwestern . . . Phys ed prof decries waste in athletics

EVANSTON, Ill. (ACP). The millions of dollars spent by America for sports and physical education have been largely wasted, Leon G. Kranz, professor of physical education at Northwestern university, believes.

"Far from producing a physically fit people, our sports program is in a large way responsible for the physical shortcomings indicated by the large number of draft rejections," says Kranz.

It is Kranz' belief that physical educators have placed too much emphasis on sports and that as a result individuals who are poor in sports become discouraged and even those with considerable skill give up their training after passing out of the competitive age.

The physical education program at Northwestern university is cited by Kranz as a model for a more adequate American body-conditioning plan. A wide variety of sports—golf, swimming, baseball, basketball, and others—are offered to the students, but the emphasis is placed on making these activities bring about good physical condition rather than on developing individual skill.

Kranz challenges the exercise value of two of America's most popular sports, golf and bowling. He says it is a delusion to believe that weekly participation in these sports will provide adequate exercise.

'N' Club brings Doghouse band

Bend down brother and hear them doghouse blues, both sweet and hot!

Come Friday, April 4, the "N" Club will bring Bob Strong and his band to the university coliseum to play for their annual dance. Strong's orchestra is heard every Tuesday night over a national hookup on the Raleigh Tobacco program, titled "Uncle Walter's Doghouse."

"N" Club prexy, Don Fitz and John McDermott announced last night that the band had been definitely signed for the night when campus athletes entertain the student body.

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An eye on Girls Sports

By Jeannette Mickey

Newest feather in the WAA cap is the decision of the council to buy eight new bicycles to rent to students at a low cost for riding around the campus on these beautiful spring days. There will be two girls', four light weight, and two men's bicycles. The decision came as a result of suggestions from other WAA groups at the A.F.C.W. convention in Illinois last spring which several members of the council attended.

From another suggestion from this same convention, a state WAA convention will be held here for the first time. Nebraska Wesleyan will be host to the Nebraska WAA group which will act in an assisting capacity.

Last night the Gamma Phi's took another close game over Raymond Hall by a score of 15-12. And on Tuesday the Tri Deltis topped Alpha Chi in the semifinals by a score of 15-12.

In the society column line: That new diamond found on the left hand of Miss Loize Montgomery, phys ed instructor, was a birthday present Tuesday from Cy Yordy, Jackson high athletic coach. We're looking for some candy around the department soon.

Kappa Sigma to meet DU team in handball finals

Trouncing the Sammies in the first three matches, DU yesterday evening advanced to meet Kappa Sigma, later this week, in the handball finals. DU took the doubles match and the first singles game, enough to give them a win.

The winner of the handball match between the Kappa Sigs and DU's will receive 100 points toward scoring for the Jack Best trophy.

Meeting in the finals of the tournament will be Wayne Mack, KS, and Harry Ankeny, DU; Warren Rounds, KS, and Roy Nye, DU in the two singles matches. In the doubles, Butch Luther and Forrie Behm will play for DU against the Kappa Sig team of Dick Hitchcock and Leonard Van Buskirk.

A plan for students to raise money for the needy by economizing on one meal a week is under consideration at Oberlin college.

UN diamond nine workout outdoors

With the crack of a bat and the thud of a ball in a glove, Coach Wilbur Knight's varsity baseball squad held their first outdoor practice last night in preparation for a season's tussle with the "great American game."

With a rugged schedule of 18 games facing them, the squad took advantage of their first day out to work on play situations, infield practice and batting exercise. Their first game is set for April 11 with the University of Colorado eleven at Boulder.

Good weather during the forepart of the week brought the ice out of the ground on the diamonds making outside drill impossible. However, the squad spent their time in the coliseum with concentrated drills on bunting and batting along with a study of infield situations.

Indefinite yet, are lineups for this year's varsity squad. With several veterans of other seasons missing, the NU nine will draw new men from the ranks of last year's frosh squad.

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