

Track Squad Leaves For Drake

Four Men Named by Weir; Kratz Best Bet for Scarlet

A four man squad of UN trackmen left for Des Moines and Saturday's Drake Relays early this morning, facing prospects which Coach Ed Weir called "impossible to predict."

Dean Kratz, quartermiler; Buzz Hollins, weightman; Norvall Barker, hurdler, and Dick Miller were the four men accompanying Weir. Kratz Husker Hope.

Kratz, invited to compete in the special 440 yard dash, will carry the brunt of Husker hopes in the Des Moines carnival. With times under 50 seconds to his credit, Kratz should make a good showing in the special quarter mile event, which is being run off this year in place of the customary 440 yard low hurdles.

Prospects of the other UN entries are much harder to foretell. Weir, before yesterday afternoon's light workout, emphasized that the Drake meet is particularly tough to forecast this year. "The great number of naval trainee entrants complicates the situation," the Husker mentor declared. "It's impossible to get an accurate check on these boys, or any other of the entrants, for that matter."

Head Home Saturday. Bad weather conditions which have prevailed over most of the country make prospects for the meet even harder to predict, Weir pointed out. "Rain and chilly weather have held track squads indoors and kept coaches from getting any accurate check on their boys in outdoor performance," said Weir. "This further complicates Saturday's prospects."



—From Lincoln Journal.
DEAN KRATZ . . . carries UN hopes at Drake Relays tomorrow.

Gopher Naval Swim Course Draws Praise

More than 2,400 United States Navy enlisted men and additional hundreds of NROTC and V-12 sailors have taken swimming training in University of Minnesota pools in a program which Chief Specialist Harold J. Boyer says is the best in the United States. Boyer conducts the courses for the machinists and electricians mates. "Both the splendid facilities for swimming in Cooke Hall and the general tempo and swing of the program make the Minnesota training outstanding," he said.

Three Objectives.

He finds that about 23 percent of the "ratings" can not swim when they enter the course. All learn before they leave it, that being a Navy requirement. Among the NROTC and V-12 contingents, most of them college men, the percentage of non-swimmers is considerably lower, possibly nine or ten percent.

Objectives of the course are three, said Boyer—first, of course, to learn to swim if the man cannot; second, to learn to swim well enough so that the sailor could be of help to a companion in the water; and last, special military swimming, such as swimming under water to escape surface flames, the use of nets for going overboard and the like.

Men are also taught to float if they can possibly learn. One main objective of swimming in the Navy is to stay afloat, if one is plunged into the sea, until help arrives.

Prof. August C. Krey has been made chairman of the University of Minnesota department of history, succeeding the late Dr. Lester B. Shippee.

UN 1944 Outdoor Track Schedule

April 29
Drake Relays at Des Moines.
May 6
Nebraska - Kansas - Kansas State triangular at Lawrence.
May 19, 20
Big Six championships at Lincoln.

YW Inaugurates Coed Coffee Hour Program Friday

Coffee hour, an innovation in the YWCA program, will be held in Ellen Smith hall from 3 to 5 for the next two Friday afternoons.

Purpose of the scheduled coffee hours is to provide a place for coeds to meet their friends and get together over coffee on Friday afternoons, when the week's classes are over, according to Barbara Arnold, YW secretary.

This plan will be carried out next fall by the YW. Everyone is invited to come to Ellen Smith on Friday afternoon and join with the YW secretary and members in tea or coffee and cookies.

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Sports



Nineteen Answer Tennis Team Call At Cyclone School

AMES, Ia., April 28.—Nineteen men are working under Coach Harry Schmidt for positions on the Iowa State college tennis team.

The tennis schedule has not yet been completed, but tentative matches have been scheduled with the University of Minnesota and the University of Kansas.

Heading the Cyclone squad will be three returning lettermen from the 1943 Cyclone net team—the Dunn brothers, Harry and Fay, V-12 trainees from Des Moines,

and David Hanighen, Omaha, Neb., V-12.

Men who are pushing the veterans for spots on the team include Harold Johnson, Des Moines, civilian and 1942 state high school singles champion; Larry Vogt, Philadelphia, Pa., Pennsylvania high school runner-up; William Kreska, Readway, Pa., Pennsylvania high school doubles champion; Donald Johnson, Des Moines, civilian; Richard Lord, Burlington, V-12; I. F. Shepay, Miami, Fla., V-12, and O. K. Snyder, Maywood, Calif. V-5.

Cornell co-eds are helping to solve the pin-boy shortage. For a current bowling tournament a squad consists of eight young women. Any four may participate as a team. Of the four, two bowl, another sets up the pins.

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