

Riley Named Athlete Of Year

Kappa Sigma, Industrial Arts Move To All-University Finals

By ED KEMBLE
Sports Staff Writer

Kappa Sigma and Industrial Arts will tangle Friday at 5 p.m. on the Coliseum field for the All-University softball championship. The finale will feature pitching arms of Arnie Boich and Norb Schuerman, both undefeated this spring, and a wealth of potential hitting power on both sides of the ledger.

Both teams have run rough-shod through all opposition in their respective leagues, with only a bit more trouble encountered in the play-offs.

Kappa Sig's Win
Kappa Sig's advanced the final step to the big game with a 12-7

DU's Win Tennis, Horseshoe Meets

Delta Upsilon copped both the intramural spring tennis doubles tournament and the intramural horseshoes tournament this week. The DU's whipped Ag Men, 25-16, for the horseshoes title. Third place went to Alpha Gamma Rho.

Though results are incomplete as yet in the tennis doubles tourney, probable second and third place teams, based on scores to date, are Delta Tau Delta and Theta Xi, respectively.

win over FarmHouse, the League A champs, Wednesday. FarmHouse chucker Lowell Hummel gave up 9 hits and was troubled by wildness, issuing 11 walks and hitting 4 batters. Schuerman fared considerably better as he was touched for 7 hits but exhibited more control.



CHUCK JENSEN . . . Husker linksman, played his last golf match in the Big Seven Golf Tournament last Friday and Saturday.

Jensen was number one man on the squad most of the season. The League B kings did all their scoring in the initial two innings. In the first they tallied four times as Adam Karavas banged a lead-off single, Lauren Faist followed

with another, Don Neimeier was a hit batsman, Clint Webb walked, Charles Dobry also got winged and Carl Bodensteiner doubled.

Karavas walked to open the Kappa Sig 2nd, Faist singled and Neimeier and Schuerman clouted back-to-back home runs to temporarily clear the base paths. Hurler Hummel quickly cluttered them up again, though, hitting Rog Klepinger and walking Webb.

Dobry followed with a single and Bodensteiner walked, both finally scoring as three more walks forced them in. When the smoke had cleared, 8 runs were in.

FarmHouse also had a big second inning, pushing across five runs on singles by Jim Feather, Frank Morse and Marv Coffey, and a homer by Bill Mannlein. They added two more in the 5th as Dwight Jundt and Jack Aschwege collected bingles.

Twelve Gustavson I hitters went down swinging as Arnie Boich and Industrial Arts chalked up a 9-1 win over the Selleck Quadrangle champs. Gus I scored its lone run in the third inning on a walk to Ryan Bloomquist and a single, the Quad men's only hit, by Ken Bowers.

Edwards Doubles
IA countered twice in the first as Ladd Hanscom on an error, and Andy Loehr and John Edwards doubled.

Four more IA men crossed the plate in the second when Lyle Nannen got on an error, Boich doubled, Al Deines hit a sacrifice fly, another Gus I miscue put Jim Worth on and Phil Haas socked a home run.



RILEY . . . "Athlete of the year."

N Club Wagner Selected President

Bob Wagner was elected president and Jack Moore vice president at the annual N Club banquet Thursday evening in the Lincoln Hotel.

Other officers selected were Bill Wells, secretary treasurer; Harry Johnson and Jack Braley, sergeant-at-arms, and Rex Ekwall, Student Week representative.

IM Bowling Tourney

Theta Chi, paced by the high scoring of Keith Bauman, raced over the intramural bowling field to gain first place.

Initiates into the N Club were: Football: Robert Berguin, Jack Braley, Le Roy Butherus, Don Erway, Don Hewitt, William Holoran, Harry Johnson, Tom Kripal, William Taylor, John Morrow and John Edwards.

Gymnastics: Wayne Strickler, Donald Langdon and Robert Burns.

Swimming: Hugh Barnard, Tom Houchen, Wyman Kenagy, Robert Sanstedt and Dean Stoneman.

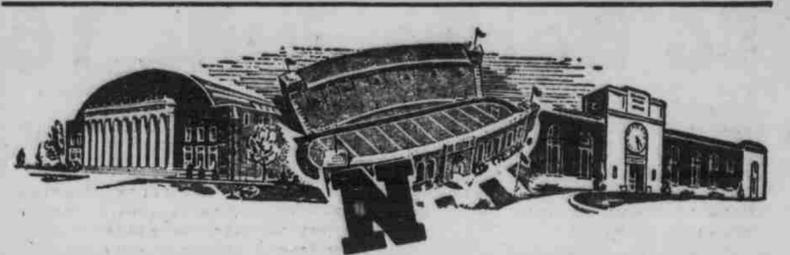
Wrestling: Jack Bryans, Jim Owens and Marshall Nelson.

Basketball: Arnold Boich, Rex Ekwall, William Roy, Bill Wells, Edward Kaplan, Lloyd Castner and Chuck Smith.

Golf: Chuck Jensen.

Baseball: Dick Olson.

Coaches: Walter Milligan, Bob Faris and John Kovatch.



NU Gymnast Given First AOY Award

By JIM O'HANLON
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The Nebraskan's first Athlete of the Year is Bruce Riley. Bruce, whose home is in Omaha, is one of the most outstanding gymnasts in Nebraska history. This season as a junior he was among the leading gymnasts in the nation.

The versatile Riley was the spark plug of Nebraska's powerful gymnastic team. The Huskers posted a 10-1 record. Bruce tallied 249 points in these matches.

But it was in the three big meets at the end of the season that Riley really proved his greatness.

66 Points
In the All-College Invitational at Denver, he scored more points than any single team as he led Nebraska to a smashing victory. Bruce won three firsts, one third and a fourth for 66 points at Denver.

Bruce was Nebraska's only entry in the NCAA meet at Los Angeles. Single-handedly, he scored enough points to make Nebraska the ninth place finisher in the nation.

Continuing his tremendous performances, Bruce placed in 10 events, winning two firsts in the National YMCA meet at Dayton, Ohio.

At this meet it was revealed to Bruce by Pennsylvania Coach Gene Wettstone that he was the only gymnast in the country to use the highly difficult "double fly away" in his high bar routine. At both the NCAA and the YMCA meets, this routine brought standing ovations from the audience.

Versatile Performer
The Athlete of the Year enters all gymnastic events. His best events are the free exercise, high bar, the parallel bars, and tumbling.

Husker Coach Jake Geier believes that Riley will make his 1955 accomplishments look small in his senior year. His improvement has been so rapid in the past two years that he is almost certain to be even higher among the nation's gymnasts next season.

Twenty-six year old Riley is an Army vet. He was a wrestler in high school and did not take up gymnastics seriously until he entered college. He didn't really start to show his great class until he came back to school after two years in the service.

Hard Working
Riley is without a doubt one of the hardest working athletes in Nebraska sports. In his striving for perfection, Bruce spends many extra hours working out. He works as hard during the off-season as most athletes do during the regular season. Coach Geier believes that it is Bruce's "great determination



Award Presentation

BRUCE RILEY, versatile Husker gymnast, receives the first Nebraskan "Athlete of the Year" award from Bruce Brugmann.

Nebraskan Photos By Le Roy Marquardt sports editor of The Nebraskan. Riley, a junior, has one year of eligibility remaining.

to better himself" that accounts for his stellar performances. Geier says "Bruce knows what he needs to work on and spares nothing in overcoming his faults. He is always planning for the future."

As gymnastics is a minor sport on the NU campus, it has not been given much publicity in the past. Bruce, however, is a great promoter for the sport. Just his presence at Nebraska draws many high school gymnasts here. He "lives and believes in his sport."

Bruce's coach has great praise for his star pupil. "Wish I had a dozen like him," says Geier, who believes Bruce is the best he has ever had. A wonderful trainer, Bruce is quite mild and modest.

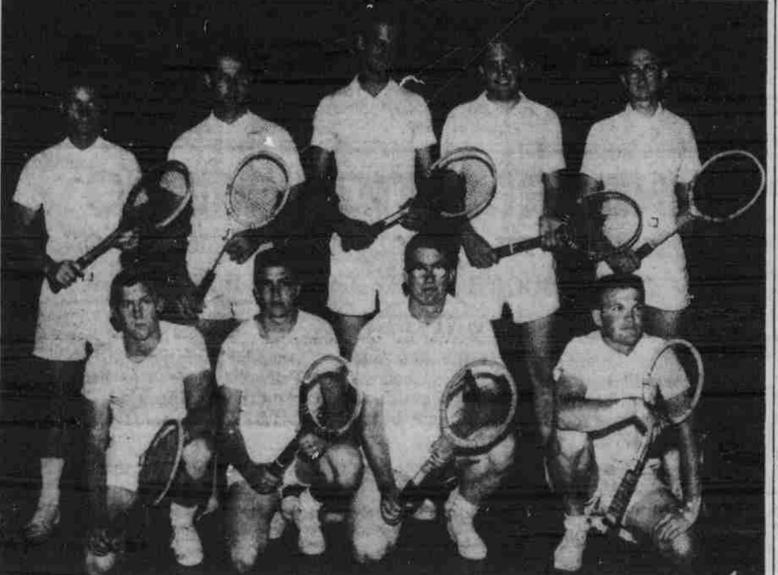
He was quite surprised when told he had been picked as Athlete of the Year. The popular star is also a good cartoonist. He is interested in music and literature, and in his studies, as in his sports, hard-working.

Bruce plans to coach when he graduates. He hopes to get the opportunity to coach gymnastics in some high school in the state.

The Athlete of the Year was chosen by the male members of the Nebraskan staff to supplement the Star of the Week series which was inaugurated this spring.

Chosen for honorable mention were Bob Smith, Bob Oberlin, Don Glantz, Willie Greenlaw, and Dan Brown, football; Charlie Bryant,

football and wrestling; Will Fagler and Rex Ekwall, basketball; Cal Bentz and Dave Gradwohl, swimming; Brien Hendrickson, track; Bill Giles, Fran Hogmaier, and Don Brown, baseball; and Jack Moore, golf.



Nebraska Tennis Team

Pictured above is the University tennis team, which finished the season in the Big Seven Tourney at Lawrence, last Friday and Saturday. Back row, left to right, John Moran, John Schroeder, George Fisk, Art Weaver and Tom Stitt. Front row, Brent Donnelsen, Richard Kaufman, Ernie Turnwall and Al Ford. Hayward Hawke and Coach Ed Higginbotham, are not pictured.

From The Pressbox Athletic Perspective At Crucial Point

By BRUCE BRUGMANN
Sports Editor

The University athletic perspective has reached a critical point. This point resolves in the question, "Just how far does the athletic department intend to go to produce winning athletic teams?"

Already Nebraska has had to ask for donations from its alumni to establish a scholarship fund to attract other athletes.

The University has stepped up its recruiting program, including among others, a group of high school football players from Pennsylvania.

Bill Orwig, University athletic director, is now out looking for a track coach who not only is a track coach, but a recruiter as well.

An athletic proposal to ease eligibility requirements for all students but designed especially for athletes, was passed by the faculty senate. The proposal makes it easier for the athletes to remain eligible.

The Husker athletic department, just as any other athletic department at any other major university, has been caught in the web of "eat or be eaten" dogma that has struck reason from the collegiate ranks.

Athletics today is big business. Not only must teams win to please the alumni and the people out-state, but they must win to keep the businesses downtown happy.

Such a premium has been placed on winning that a coach must not only be able to develop and train his material, but he must be, rolled into one, a clever after-dinner speaker, public relations man and advertising promoter to draw promising high school talent into the fold.

Thus, every major school finds themselves in a vicious orbit, each trying to outdo the other in the feverish recruiting race. If all coaches stopped recruiting, the scramble would level. But this isn't likely.

The NCAA could institute a regulation similar to the rule governing baseball recruiting in which the high school student cannot be approached before he graduated. If enforced, this might work.

However, I think, the ultimate character of the athletic program rests upon the athletes and their handling when they go through the University. An athlete, like any other University student, is first and foremost working toward a degree.

It isn't hard to tell when someone isn't interested in working toward a degree. It isn't hard for a coach or an athletic director, if he has the guts, to whip a man into shape fast. He has a tighter hold on the athlete than any other administration official has on any other student. And he can use this hold, that of holding a man from competition, until he gets down to business.

I think this is what Bill Orwig has set to do.

And with this, the last dispatch from the pressbox has been released.

Lack Of Football Savy Doesn't Deprive Blonde Diver Of Athletic Prominence

By DICK WATSON
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Ann Nothnagel, a trim blonde who stands but 5'11" and has never played a quarter of football, is one of the outstanding sports personalities on the Husker campus.

The petite Miss from Lincoln, a sophomore in Teachers College, is one of the best women divers in the country. She is the Midwest AAU indoor and outdoor diving champion and has a good chance for a berth on the 1956 Olympic Team.

She won her first Midwest AAU title when she was 15 and has now won it for five consecutive years. She placed fifth in last year's National AAU Championships where she competed against Olympic Champion Pat McCormick, two time National Champion Paula Jean Myers and the other outstanding divers in the country.

Miss Nothnagel began diving when she was 12, but it was "just a summer pastime" until 1950 when she started to take it seriously. She began spending her summers in Omaha where she could take advantage of the Omaha Athletic Club Pool and the coaching of their director, Bill Ohearn, who has been her coach for the past five years. She spent part of last summer in California where Pat McCormick's husband and coach gave her some valuable instruction in platform diving.

"When diving from a platform," she explained, "your takeoff is like a tumbler. You don't get any spring like you do from a diving board."

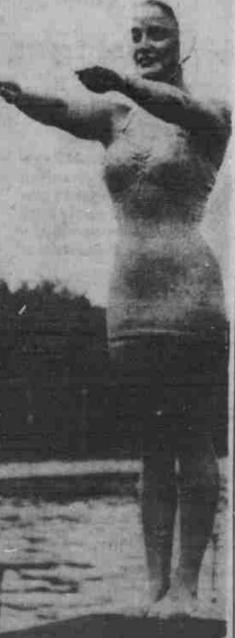
Surprisingly enough, her biggest thrill came not from winning a diving championship, but when she went off the 35 foot tower in the Los Angeles Olympic Stadium.

"It looks like a long way down, and it seems like you're never go-

ing to hit the water," she said, smiling.

Miss Nothnagel thinks her optional dives, half-gainer, half twist layout with a front one and one-half tuck (one dive) and gainer one and one-half tuck are her most polished dives. The reason is that she gets to use these dives more in open competition.

During the summer the shapely



NOTHNAGEL . . . A champion diver.

blond competes in open events in Nebraska, Iowa, Oklahoma and Minnesota. She plans to begin workouts as soon as finals are over, with her sights focused on the National AAU Championships the second week in August.

She is very grateful to Mr. Fehrs, an Omaha implement dealer, who has been her sponsor and made possible many of her trips the past three years. Since she has gained national recognition the Midwest AAU defrays part of her expenses when she travels to National meets.

Miss Nothnagel plans to continue diving for "a couple of years" or as long as she enjoys it.

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