

Charges Fly In War Over Elliott

Husker Mentor In State Of Indecision

By GEORGE MOYER
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Nebraska Athletic Director, Bill Orwig blasted the policy of the athletic department of the University of Washington, Thursday.

In a telephone interview from St. Louis, where he is attending a football coaches convention, Orwig said, "I honestly don't know what the situation is. This is the doggonedest shuffle you ever saw."

"I don't like the way Washington has proceeded. They are hunting a football coach. I have never stolen a coach. Stealing coaches is a rotten thing to do."

Washington athletic director, George Briggs said, "I have been unable to contact Orwig about this situation. We were unaware that there were any hard feelings over the matter. If there are, we are sorry."

Briggs also stated that "Washington doesn't have a head football coach yet."

Orwig's reply to Briggs statement was, "I assume when there is an announcement to be made, we will make it simultaneously in Nebraska and Seattle—that Washington has a new coach and I am trying to hire one."

Meanwhile, amid growing rumors that he will accept a \$17,000 offer to become head football coach at the University of Washington, Nebraska coach Pete Elliott remained silent Thursday night.

The personable young man who once quarterbacked the Michigan powerhouse teams of the late forties and more recently helped Bud Wilkinson build his gridiron terrorists at the University of Oklahoma, has become the object of a tremendous tug of war between



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Nebraska and Washington. Elliott's indecision shows the measure of pressure to which he is being subjected by both sides.

Chancellor Clifford Hardin said that he would "prefer that Elliott consult with me before he makes his decision."

"Of course, if he decides to go that's another thing. As things stand now the important thing is that the sooner we know what he's going to do the better." He's the only one who can make the decision."

A former football coach at Kansas State, Bill Meek, who specializes in rebuilding losing football teams has been quoted as saying, "I always figured that Nebraska has the best chance to catch Oklahoma. It has the facilities, the transition and the drawing power that no other school in the Big Seven except Oklahoma has. I always sort of hoped I'd be lucky enough to be offered that job someday. If I were Pete, I'd stay right there."

The Nebraska football squad made its stand on the issue clear when they sent Elliott a telegram urging him to stay at Nebraska. The telegram, signed "1957 Foot-

ball Team" read: "We all enjoyed working with you the past season and are looking forward to this spring and next year. Remember, there is no place like Nebraska."

Elliott was hired last February to replace Bill Glassford, who resigned under heavy alumni pressure. Glassford's first two years at Nebraska were highly successful, and after his second year, the University of Pittsburgh dangled a fat contract before him.

To counteract the Pittsburgh offer, the University Board of Regents gave Glassford a five year contract with an option which was Glassford's, to renew it for another five years. Glassford's teams, ex-

cepting his Orange Bowl squad, never lived up to expectations, and a general relief was felt when the former Pittsburgh All-American did not pick up the option.

Mentioned as successors to Elliott, should he resign, have been backfield coach Bill Jennings, and more recently former Maryland coach, Jim Tatum, who, it is rumored, is not happy at his alma mater, North Carolina University.

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Top Athletes Involved: F.C.A. Representatives Here For Conference

By BOB WIRZ
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A group of athletes from the National Fellowship of Christian Athletes Association will be on campus for several meetings on this coming Sunday, January 13.

The group which travels all over the United States visiting with groups of college students will include: Bob Feller, Carl Erskine, George Kell, Clendon Thomas, Bill Krisher, and Jim Robinson.

These national sports figures will be at University Religious Student Houses on Sunday evening from 5-7 o'clock. They also will speak briefly at the N-Club room in the Coliseum later on from 9:30-11 that night.

Each meeting at the Student Houses will be open to all students. The athletes will give short talks and then the meetings will be open for questions by the students. Each athlete will tell of why religion is necessary in their sport. The questions to be asked by students can be of the religious or sports type.

Each student house will host one

college athlete and one professional athlete for the two-hour period.

The Baptist Student House will have for its guests Erskine and Krisher. Erskine is a pitcher for the 1955 Brooklyn Dodgers. He is the holder of several major league records including the World Series single game strike out record. He also pitched a no-hit game last summer against the cross town rivals the New York Giants.

Krisher is a All-Big Seven tackle with the National Champion Oklahoma Sooners. Although taking a back seat in publicity to several teammates he was one of the important cogs in the drive toward the National Championship.

Speaking at the Lutheran House will be Feller and Robinson. Feller, was star pitcher with the Cleveland Indians for 20 years. He retired after last season with an incredible record. Included are several knockout records and three no-hit games.

Robinson was a halfback with the University of Pittsburgh this fall. He was the top draft choice of the Chicago Bears professional

football team two years ago.

Presby House will host Kell and Thomas. Kell is third baseman for the Baltimore Orioles. He also is a previous American League batting champion. Kell started his major league career with Detroit and later on starred for the Chicago White Sox.

Thomas, like Krisher, is a All-Big Seven footballer from Oklahoma. The junior halfback last season was one of the nations leaders in rushing. He also was the top scorer in the NCAA in 1956.

Also accompanying the athletes will be Don McClanen National Director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. McClanen probably will attend each meeting for a short period of time.

The N Club meeting is open to all varsity lettermen, freshmen, and would be athletes.

Some members of the group will appear on KOLN TV from 12-12:45 Sunday afternoon. They will be accompanied by Rex Knowles, University Pastor.

Bufs To Be Hosts

Colorado will play host to the Nebraska Cornhuskers Saturday night in the Colorado Fieldhouse. Nebraska scored a brilliant 74-52 victory over the Bufs Monday night at the Coliseum in a game which was the Big Seven Conference opener for both schools.

Sox Walseth, Colorado's freshman coach is beset with problems. His team, which finished second in the Big Seven season tournament, was nationally ranked until they met Jerry Bush's determined Huskers. Nebraska scored on 68% of their shots from the floor Monday, and it will be this kind of tremendous shooting the Bufs will have to cope with if they expect to master the Bushmen.

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