

True or False...Did Red Grange Fail Rhetoric?

By CLOYD CLARK

If the entire membership of a college fraternity begged you, if the school administration and the coaches pleaded with you, would you flunk their star football player?

This is the story of a woman who did just that — she flunked him. But it proved to be more involved than that — she flunked "The Wheaton Iceman," the three-time All-American from the University of Illinois, Harold E. "Red" Grange.

"He was the flunk of flunks," Constance Miriam Syford of Lincoln said forty years after she failed Grange in an English rhetoric course at Illinois. "If I had it all to do over again, I would do the very same thing; in fact I am proud that I was able to withstand the pressures of an entire fraternity chapter, the head of the University and the assistant coach of the football team."

Miss Syford, scholar, politician, farmer, counselor, world traveler, poetess and purebred Angus cattle breeder, had just turned thirty at the time of "the flunk of flunks."

Honorary Honors

She graduated from the University of Nebraska at the age of 19 at a time when the women of the country were not generally accepted as integral units in the economic or political

structure of the United States. She was a member of Mortar Board, Sigma Tau Delta, Chi Delta Phi, Theta Sigma Phi, and Gamma Phi Beta honorary and social organizations.

She received her Masters degree at Nebraska in 1913 and then researched in her special field of 16th Century English literature for two years. She had taught at Kansas State University in Manhattan before she joined the faculty at the University of Illinois.

Today, Red Grange can't remember the failure of the English rhetoric course, let alone the slender, energy-filled teacher who failed him, but he did comment in a telephone conversation that "if she says I flunked her course, I probably did, although the only course I remember flunking was one in transportation in summer school."

University of Illinois records, as is the case on most campuses, are not open to the public. The Illinois University athletic department has no records on Grange as a freshman. So the scholastic record of the Galloping Ghost may remain a mystery.

Fame Assured

Not that it need make any difference to Red Grange. His football skill, not his prowess in rhetoric, had assured him fame long before he was 30. In 13 years of high school, college and professional football, "The

Wheaton Iceman" carried the ball 4,013 times, gained 33,620 yards, a total of 19 1/4 miles, for an average of 8.4 yards per attempt. He scored 2,366 points in 247 games.

Any football fan knows of Red Grange, but few people know Constance Syford. She has respected education and has used it as one of her goals throughout her life. Although she has maintained residence in the family home at Lincoln, Nebraska, she has traveled and studied all over Europe, and in recent years she has been spending much of her time in research at Yale University. Raised in a "Moral," "Christian" home, she believes in the "workday" and cannot stand waste — whether it be of time, money or energy. She possesses unlimited energy even at the age of 71.

If there is a person who would tell a gubernatorial candidate that she was not going to vote for him — it's Connie.

If there is a person who would demand perfection, or at least, solid effort from her subordinates — it's Connie.

Sentimental Values

If there is a person who hates to destroy papers, magazines, correspondence, or any other thing of sentimental, educational, or cultural value — it's Connie.

And if there is a person who would enjoy an onion and bread sandwich be-

fore bed — it's Connie. She is a woman of principle and a kind heart. A spinster happy in spinsterhood, she is a firm believer that wives often ruin husbands. Graced with a luscious lilt, she doesn't waste time from telling her viewpoint. Miss Syford was once tired by one of her friends doing a thirty-minute conversation. In that time she touched on forty different topics.

"I was a timid girl when I was younger, but then I decided that I could not go through life like that, but in trying to overcome timidity, I suppose I have gone to the other extreme," Miss

Syford said about herself. Apparently her timid nature did not show in her classroom. "As a teacher Connie was hard talk and soft heart, and like most teachers, hated by half the class and very much liked by the other half," an old friend said.

"The instructor who flunked Red Grange was far from 'unattractive,' according to this same old friend. She was a young woman dedicated to education and the arts, a world traveler and a rapid-fire talker who would relate her experiences and thoughts of life along with the basic English course.

She failed Grange because she thought he deserved it, but she was not entirely unsympathetic. "You could hardly expect the young man to have any interest in writing English themes when he was Mr. United States football hero — when he lived football, thought football, slept football and headed ice all summer in order to play football," Miss Syford said in explanation of a sympathy which she couldn't allow to affect her judgment on the class performance of the "flunk of flunks."

Forty years later Red Grange doesn't remember the incident as he commutes

between his CBS pro football announcing job in Chicago and his home and wife in Lake Wales, Florida. At the same time Connie lives her life as a retired scholar in her quiet home nestled in sorority row on the University of Nebraska campus. It is one of the oldest houses in the city and one of the few with natural gas lamp hook-ups ready for use.

Connie keeps busy taking care of her Lincoln property, the Syford farms, and her scholarly research.

But anyway, what would you do if an entire fraternity, the head of the University...?

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Greek Houses At Wisconsin Must Become Independent

Madison, Wis. — University of Wisconsin faculty members passed a resolution this week stating that all fraternities and sororities must demonstrate autonomy from their national organizations in selecting members.

All chapters must now file with the university Human Rights Committee stating that

they have autonomy before February 1, 1963. If they fail to do so, they are subject to unspecified "university policing."

Chapters that cannot file a report stating that they have autonomy, must file annual reports stating they are "actively and earnestly" working for autonomy.

"Also, the measure states that chapters must 'demonstrate' autonomy in membership selection," Greenfield said. It does not define what "demonstrate" means.

File Reports

"The measure does not state exactly what action will be taken against chapters who do not file reports or who are not 'actively and earnestly working,'" Jeff Greenfield, editor of the campus newspaper said.

from the Human Rights Committee because the national Delta Gamma suspended a chapter in Beloit, Wisconsin, last spring.

National Delta Gamma claimed the Beloit chapter was suspended for 10 infractions of national rules. Wisconsin's Human Rights Committee charged the suspension came because the Beloit chapter pledged a Negro.

If national Delta Gamma suspended its Beloit chapter because it pledged a Negro, the national might take similar action if the situation arose in Wisconsin, Greenfield said. Such action would violate the university's non-interference policy.

PTP Sponsors European Jobs For Students

By SUE HOVIG
Nebraskan Staff Writer

University business and engineering students will have the opportunity to spend this summer in Europe, living with a family and training in their field of interest under a new program initiated by People-to-People (PTP).

Max Eberhart and Larry Moore, national PTP representatives from headquarters in Kansas City, Mo., talked to the student executive council of PTP yesterday and outlined some of the aspects of the program.

Moore explained that the program grew out of a desire to give American students the opportunity to acquaint themselves with other cultures much as foreign students do in the United States.

Eberhart explained that American students will have to live in situations where few people speak fluently in English.

Meet Officials

Moore said that students will go to Washington, D.C., and meet with important government officials and receive an outline of the summer program. They will then go to New York and fly by jet to Brussels. From there they will take a bus to Berlin and live for a week with a German family.

From there they will go to their jobs in various countries for eight to nine weeks, return to Brussels and fly home. The cost will be about \$300 for the transportation from and to New York.

Eberhart said that students should not expect to break even during the summer's work. For example, a typical average wage in Austria might be \$100 a month. He said that a student could get along quite well on this amount due to the cost of living, but that he will probably not be able to save much.

Baker Explains University Actions In Turkey to Faculty Senate

University interests and actions in Turkey were explained to members of the Faculty Senate yesterday by Marvel Baker, professor of Animal Husbandry and twice dean of the mission to Turkey universities.

Baker explained that the University became involved in setting up a school in Turkey after a request from the Turkish government.

The University officials had

planned to set up an agriculture program at one of the Turkish universities, but when a committee was sent there to investigate the possibilities, they discovered that the Turkish officials were seeking a full-fledged University, he said.

"Agriculture is generally the most important industry in countries of this kind," he said. Although there are other faculties, little attention is paid to them, he continued. People begin to specialize before they even begin to get an education, he said.

Besides agriculture, programs were planned in engineering and letters of science. The engineering phase was dropped because the Turkey administrators had planned to develop an engineering school, but they never did, Baker commented.

Most of the financial emphasis, which is appropriated by the Federal Agency for International Development, is given to the agricultural faculty because agriculture supports the economic development of the country and because the Turkey administration said they would take care of the other programs,

he explained. "However, they have done almost nothing about it," he said.

The University has been fortunate in Turkey with local support compared to other universities in other countries, Baker said, since Chancellor Hardin has taken a personal interest in its development.

Future plans include closing work out at the university in Ankara this June and at the university in Ataturk by June, 1967, Baker said. "They won't be ready for us to leave, though," he commented.

Cornhusker Interviews Set Sunday

Interviews for Eligible Bachelor Candidates will be Sunday, Nov. 18 in 241 Student Union. The north doors of the Union will be unlocked. The staff requests that these being interviewed please be prompt.

Jobs

Jobs for American students have already been secured and their foreign employers and towns in which they will live will clear entry limitations with that particular country. They will also find housing — family, private housing, student hotels, or private apartments.

Besides being active in PTP (finding a job for an international student during the summer) interested students were also urged to plan to learn as much of the language of the country of their choice as possible.

Qualifications

If a student is interested, he must pay \$2 membership dues to national PTP by January 1, in order to qualify under a federal government regulation that governs such projects.

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Bids To Open On Ag Library

Bids on the new \$1.2 million Ag Library will be opened at 2 p.m. today.

The Library, described by University Architect Lawrence Emerson as "transparent," will be located in what is now a parking lot, south of the Bio-Chemistry Laboratory.

According to Carl Donaldson, University business manager, the two story building will "appear to be transparent, because it will not block the view—people will be able to look beyond it," he said.

Dean Adam C. Breckenridge described the library as a "big warehouse" where students can have the run of most of the stacks. Breckenridge said that recent library research indicated that this is the most efficient way to bring students and books together.



Who Will Be Prince Kosmet? — Prince Kosmet finalists, who will be vying for the title through popular vote by those attending Saturday night's "Reel Riots," are: (front row) Bill Buckley, Bill

Thornton, Don Burt, Dave Smith, Francis Masters. Back row: Bob Seidel, Wes Grady, Dennis Claridge, Roger Quadhamer, Dan Rosenthal.

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THE SWEETEST OF THE SWEET—Finalists for Nebraska Sweetheart are: (front) Maribelle Elliott, Rachel Heiss, Pam Hirschback, Nancy Sorenson, Willa Meyer. Back row: Linda Bukacek, Jaelyn Ham-

Pianist To Appear As Soloist

Anton Kuerti, Viennese-born pianist, will appear as guest soloist with the University Orchestra Sunday at 8 p.m. in the Union ballroom.

Kuerti, who made his major debut in 1957 with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, will perform the "Concerto for Piano and Orchestra in G major, Opus 58," composed by Beethoven.

The orchestra conductor will be Prof. Emanuel Wishnow, professor of violin and chairman of the department of music.

In addition to Kuerti's number, the 70-piece University Orchestra will be featured in four other numbers. They are: "In Der Natur," "The White Peacock," "Slavonic Dance No. 15," and "An American in Paris."

In his performance with the N.Y. Philharmonic Orchestra as the Edgar M. Leventritt award winner Kuerti played the Mendelssohn Concerto No. 1. He also appeared as soloist with many other symphony orchestras.

This will be the first appearance of the 1962-63 University Orchestra. There will be no admission charge and seats need not be reserved.

mer, Joanie Chenoweth, Cori Cabela, Karen Pfisterer. The Nebraska Sweetheart will be elected at the Kosmet Klub Fall Show Saturday night.

Back row: Linda Bukacek, Jaelyn Ham-

Aronson Singers Slated Tomorrow

"Sing a Song of Satire, a Comment Full of Wry." Joe and Penny Aronson, folk singing team, will visit the campus tomorrow to present songs of England, France, Germany, Italy, Israel and other countries.

The team, which will appear at 7:30 in the Union Ballroom, is being sponsored by the Union and Hillel.

Tickets are \$1.00 and can be purchased from Hillel members or in the organized houses and the Union.

Sue Oberle, chairman of music committee, said "This is a part of the new show-business phenomenon — the urban folksinger."

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