

# the PEG-BOARD

by Peggy Speece

Twenty-four years ago, history was made and a precedent set. A coed, June Bierbower, was named to the sports editor position of the DAILY NEBRASKAN.

Today, I, another coed, take over this same position. And the same questions are asked of me as I suspect were asked of Miss Bierbower.

Everyone, particularly the fellows, asks "Why do you even want the job of sports editor?" I wish everyone who asks this question could meet my father, Roy A. Speece.

No one can be around Dad for long before he discovers Dad's immense interest in sports of all kinds. Dad was a former York High athlete and small-college football star. Later, he coached high school in Nebraska and wound up his sports career as an umpire and referee. (Which to some must sound like a pretty hard way to end an athletic career!)

My interest in sports began when I attended a track meet at the very tender age of three years. I thought I had helped my Dad officiate the meet. Actually my mother had to be out that afternoon and couldn't find a babysitter.

To this day track reminds one of my favorite events. I count my biggest sports thrill being on hand to witness the Husker triumph a year ago at the Big Eight Indoor Championships.

Interest in sports led me into sports writing in high school where I co-edited the sports section of the annual—a fact which the editor kept secret from the guys for fear they wouldn't be too happy about it.

My freshman year in college I did a little sports reporting for the IOWA STATE DAILY, but at a school that sees women civil engineers and dairy husbandry majors, no one was very startled.

Last fall, Mick Rood gave me the task of reporting cross-country. The most memorable incident from that job was when a Colorado runner nearly dropped his spikes to learn I was a sports reporter for the campus paper. He thought I was either somebody's sister or Husker Coach Frank Sevigne's daughter.

At the beginning of this semester I was named to the assistant sports editor position. I congratulate swimming coach Dick Klass for keeping his composure the morning I turned up in his office to ask some questions. He is the only coach I interviewed the first time without warning I was coming. I'm sure he was very startled.

And now today, I officially take over the duties of sports editor of a college newspaper. I'm sure when word of this occasion gets around the Big Eight it will be marveled at, cussed at and perhaps even applauded.

However, I think the fun is just beginning for me. As I overheard one contestant say at the Big Eight Indoor track meet two weeks ago, "It's not too often you see a sports writer wearing pink heels."

## Tough League—

# No School Dominates Big Eight Conference

It is getting almost impossible for any school in the Big Eight to dominate the conference any more.

Take the present school year. Nebraska won football, Missouri won indoor track, Kansas won cross-country.

None of the fall-sport winners, however, took winter sports championships. Oklahoma won swimming, Kansas State walked away with the basketball crown, and Iowa State and Oklahoma State will fight it out for the wrestling crown.

When Oklahoma State joined the Big Eight (and got into full competition in the conference in the 1960-61 school year) the Cowboys romped to team championships in five of the 10 Big Eight sports.

Oklahoma State that year won cross-country, wrestling, tennis, golf and baseball and spreadeagled the field for the Big Eight all-sports championship.

It was tougher the next season, 1961-62, but the youngest member of the league won three championships and held the all-sports title by edging Kansas, who won three titles. Colorado and Oklahoma also won two championships that year.

Oklahoma's Cowboys couldn't hold of the league last school year, with Oklahoma coming on to win the all-sports title with Kansas and Colorado in close pursuit and OSU fourth.

OSU won three titles, but lagged in other sports, as OSU took football and swimming

titles and ran no worse than third in five other sports.

This year it appears tighter than ever as the end of the winter sports campaign nears. In the race for the all-sports honor, Missouri has broken on top, winning indoor track and ranking third in football and cross-country. Kansas is just a step back, Oklahoma is running third and OSU and Nebraska are momentarily tied for fourth, ahead of Colorado.

Ole Mizzou's lead is shaky, but the Tigers will come on strong again in baseball and track this season. Oklahoma and Kansas dominated the Big Seven's all-sport picture before OSU made it in the Big Eight, and it could be a fight between the Sooners and Jayhawks again this year. Don't count Missouri, Nebraska, Colorado and Oklahoma State out of it yet, however.

## Kiffin Is Named To Baseball Staff

Monte Kiffin, known more for his exploits on the gridiron than the baseball diamond, will be the Cornhusker freshman baseball coach this spring.

Kiffin, standout tackle on the 1963 Nebraska football team has signed a pro football contract with the Minnesota Vikings.

Last summer he skippered the Lexington midjets baseball team to the State Legion title.

## SPORTS PAGE



• PEGGY SPEECE—Sports Editor

# Cagers Lose To Colorado

Nebraska cage fans who were dreaming of a possible fifth place finish for the Huskers if enough upsets were scored had their hopes dashed Monday night as the Nebraska squad lost to Colorado 89-73.

This loss was also disappointing to the third place Kansas Jayhawks who would have been tied for second with Colorado had the Huskers pulled the upset over the Buffs.

Colorado took an early lead and dominated the game from there on out. With 3:30 gone in the game, the Buffs took a 10-8 two point lead and were never behind.

Charlie Jones, playing his last game in a Husker uniform, led the scoring for Nebraska with 19 points.

Following him were Bob Antulov with 14 and Jerry Spears with 11.

Colorado's Jim Davis continued his fine court play as he led all scoring with 23 points and grabbed off 17 rebounds. This brought his total number of rebounds to 863 for a three-year career—a Colorado University record.

During the second half both coaches substituted freely, allowing seniors to see as much action as possible in their last game.

Colorado ended the season in second place in the league standings with a 9-5 league record. Nebraska wound up in seventh place with a 5-9 record.

In other Monday night conference action, Oklahoma State won over Oklahoma 80-47 to give Cowboy Coach Hank

Iba his 700th victory in 34 seasons.

Kansas State, who has had the championship in the bag for over a week, took a 74-69 decision over Iowa State.

K-State's Willie Murrell scored only 13 points in the game but it was enough to give him the Big Eight individual scoring crown over Missouri's Bob Price.

NEBRASKA		COLORADO	
R	P	R	P
Webb	2-26	Fink	5-45
Jones	9-11	Lantz	3-67
Antulov	6-25	Davis	3-74
Petsch	4-64	Parsons	2-52
Ceburan	1-9-1	Joyce	4-60
Byr'stad	1-12	Baker	1-3-3
Spears	3-24	Saunders	0-0-0
Nannen	3-0-3	Sparks	2-0-4
Puelz	1-0-0	Gardner	2-0-4
Reiners	0-0-0	Thompson	2-1-3
Wright	0-0-0	Fuller	2-0-4
		Lewis	1-0-0
		Spears	0-0-0
		Varlott	0-0-0
Totals	31-11-25	Totals	33-23-89
Colorado	49-46-89		
Nebraska	37-41-73		
Attendance	5,350		

## Bowlers Top Kansas State

Nebraska's bowling team was victorious over the Kansas State team in Manhattan last Saturday.

The match was held in preparation for the Kansas-Nebraska Conference final round to be bowled at K-State this weekend.

Nebraska bowlers took the team and doubles competition while losing the singles contest to the Wildcats.

Bob Gant of the Husker team led all scorers with a nine-game average of 209.

In the league competition, Nebraska is currently leading by three game margin.

Player	Total	9-Game Avg.
Bob Gant	653	209
Phil Schenck	600	175
Ralph Deising	518	159
Dud Frazier	271	181
Keith Van Volkinburgh	611	196

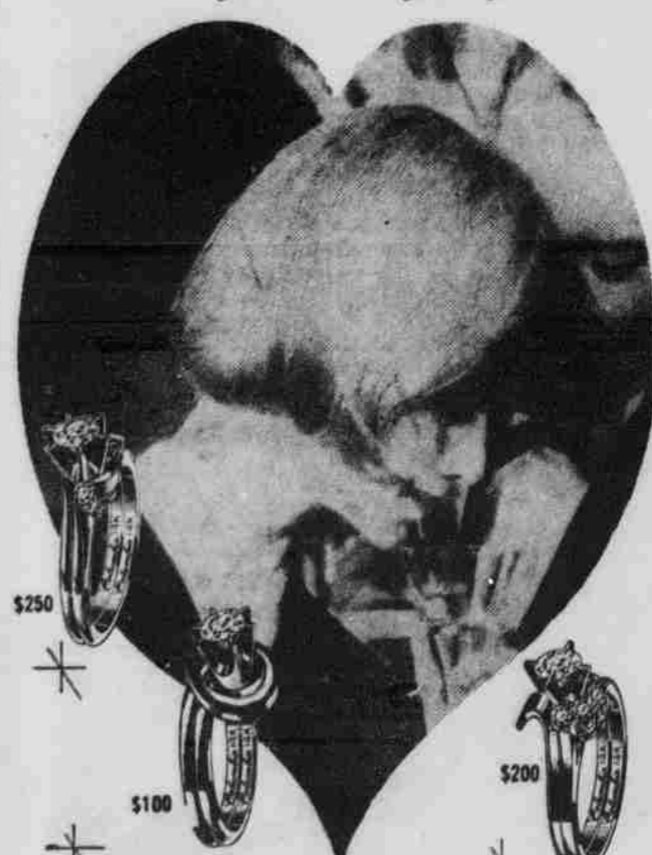
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## KAPsis Favored—Intramural Tournaments Underway

Contenders for the 1964 All-University basketball championship will compete in the intramural tournament this week and the early part of next week.

In Class A of the fraternity division three teams are vying for the title. At this writing Kappa Alpha Psi will be matched with the winner of the Sigma Chi-Sigma Phi Epsilon contest held last night. Kappa Alpha Psi, defeated only by Sigma Nu in season play, is undoubtedly the team to beat for the division crown.

Beta Theta Pi and Delta Tau Delta will meet Tuesday in the semi-finals of the Class B tournament. Tonight the winner of that game will be paired with Phi Kappa Psi. Next Monday Delta Upsilon will play the winner of tonight's contest for the Class B title.

When asked about the title game, Dennis Houfek, Delta Upsilon's intramural director, remarked, "We are the only undefeated team in Class B. We have a good board team and excellent outside shooting. After beating the Phi Psis by fifteen points no one should stop us."

Class C action pitted Phi Kappa Psi and Sigma Phi Epsilon in the finals last night. Ed Higginbotham, director of intramurals, explained, "Since Sigma Phi Epsilon lost to Phi Kappa Psi earlier in the tournament, the Sig Eps need to win twice to win the C crown. But Phi Kappa Psi must only win on Tuesday."

The Burr-Selleck tournament will wind up Friday. Tuesday MacLean met Hitchcock in the semi-finals. The winner will meet Gus II Friday for the championship game.

Tuesday Custer met Frost in the Cather Hall division. If Frost won, another playoff game, to be played on Wednesday, will be necessary. If Custer defeated Frost the crown will go to Custer.

The independent tournament will feature Pharmacy against the Runners Tuesday. All-University Champs, will meet the winner Wednesday. The Misfits will play the win-

Navy ROTC, the defending winner of Wednesday's game Thursday night. Friday Denner for the Independent Division championship game. Beginning Saturday the division champs will play for the All-University championship. The Burr-Selleck winners will meet the Cather University Championship.

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