

The PEG Board

by Peggy Speece

What is track?

Track is thrills . . . like Nebraska winning the Big Eight Indoor crown two years ago . . . Ray Stevens setting the conference mile record in 4:04.9 on a rain soaked track at Manhattan, Kansas . . . and high schooler Jim Ryun setting a national prep standard in the mile at this year's Kansas Relays. Thrills like seeing world record holder Randy Matson put the shot as if it were a baseball . . . thrills like meeting distance star Tom O'Hara and thrills like watching spunky Dave Crook coming from behind to anchor the mile relay to a 3:09.3 Drake Relays record.

Track is fun . . . driving long distances with a best chum . . . singing There is No Place Like Nebraska with the '63 indoor championship squad as we swept through Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium . . . meeting an athlete only to discover your father and his father played football together on the 1933 York High squad. Fun times like Missouri's sophomore delegation suggesting you enroll at MU this fall so you can take pictures of them the next two years . . . O-State coach Ralph Higgins asking if he can call you if his car breaks down outside Lincoln—in remembrance of the time you called him when you burnt out a crankshaft 25 miles out of Stillwater.

And track is disappointment . . . Husker Gil Gebo meeting with bad luck in the indoor 600 two years in a row . . . Jim Miller, Colorado's outstanding hurdler, pulling a muscle at this year's Big Eight indoor . . . Nebraska's mile relay losing by inches at the Kansas Relays. It's little disappointments like watching a good friend have trouble hitting the pace after an excellent sophomore season and big disappointments like not seeing Robin Lingle go after a sub-four minute mile.

But track is mostly people . . . people who compete, people you meet in strange towns, people who enjoy track. Track is KU Sports Information Director Phil Dyan sending free tickets for the Kansas Relays . . . its humorous letter from O-Stater Jim Metcalf explaining that you got him mixed up with Tom Von Ruden in a picture . . . it's the tap on the shoulder from sophomore Steve Halliburton from Missouri telling you he could have run better. Track is the quiet gratitude of Jim Miller acknowledging your condolences . . . it's the unassuming manner of Robin Lingle saying thank you . . . it's the unbounded joy of Oklahoma's Don Ellis playing second in the broad jump after being figured no higher than sixth at the very best . . .

Track is the triumph of people over tremendous odds . . . Husker Fred Wilke winning the 60-yard highs two years ago to set a championship pace . . . the whole Nebraska team pulling together for a surprise second place finish at last year's outdoor . . . and Jayhawk John Lawson's stirring three mile win just last Saturday.

Track is the "personalities" . . . like Charlie Green who drinks Cokes before he runs and wears sunglasses while he runs . . . like O-State's Mickey Miller who decided what were those girls handing out medals for if not to be kissed? . . . like Iowa State's Steve Carson, a quartermiler who couldn't leave the pole vault alone and ended up injuring himself just before Big Eight.

Track is also the people who don't compete . . . the old groundskeeper at the University of New Mexico who wishes each competitor good luck personally before each event . . . the man sitting in the adjoining booth at Big Eight Indoor who remembered seeing Roland Locke . . . Missouri coach Tom Bott's wife who somehow found four NU coeds charming if somewhat wacky.

Track is thrills, fun, disappointment, triumph and sometimes fame . . . but track is mostly people.

Phi Psi's, Goof-Offs Play In Flag Finals

The intramural playoffs in flag football and softball are rapidly coming to a climax, with the football finals to be played Thursday afternoon.

Phi Kappa Psi will meet the Goof-Offs for the championship game in a season which began shortly after school started last fall.

The flag football scores: Phi Kappa Psi 6—Burnett 0. Goof-Offs 18—Phi Epsilon Kappa 6.

In the softball tournament, the scores of recent games are:

Burnett 13—Manatt 12
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BOB SAMUELSON—Sports Editor

Major League Baseball

By James Pearse

Bo Belinsky, Henry Aaron, Willie Mays, Willie Horton, the Chicago White Sox and Bill Veeck caused Major League opponents and managers trouble over the past week.

Monday night Belinsky made a late night pay off on the mound as he hung on to pick up his first win as a National Leaguer and a Philadelphia Phillie.

"You have to be lucky after the seventh inning to win," Belinsky said after just escaping an eighth inning Cardinal uprising for a 2-1 victory.

Arron, who got a late start because of an operation, has come on strong in the last two weeks for the Milwaukee Braves.

He has hit safely in his last fourteen games and now stands among leaders with a .346 average. Arron's home run production and RBI total should shortly catch up with these now leading the league.

Willie Mays But wait, there's more!

The Giant out of San Francisco has flown off to his regular great season start. Mays has hit .667 in his last seven (16 for 24) games. That brings his average up to .408 after 31 games. He also has 13 home runs and 26 RBIs.

As impressive as these statistics are you have to wonder just what he would be doing if he did not have to play half his games in cold, wind-torn Candlestick Park.

Fair pitching, defense, and Willie Horton are keeping the Detroit Tigers in the middle of the American league race.

Horton smacked 18 hits in his last 30 times at the plate last week to lift his average from .289 to .403. One-third of his hits were four-baggers.

Another man on the Tiger squad, who is receiving little publicity, but is doing his job in the professional way he and few others in organized ball possess, Al Kaline, is in the top hitter's circle also with a mark of .308.

At this point in the season last year the Chicago White Sox occupied the same number one slot they have played their way into this spring. However, last season their lead was a mere ten percentage points over the Yankees.

This year they are two and a half games on top of the second place Minnesota Twins and 10 games ahead of the

Yankees, who, if the two major leagues were combined, would be only one-half game in front of their cross-town mates, the Mets.

Getting back to Chicago, on Monday night they won their eighth straight and showed no signs of slowing in a 13-2 drubbing of Charlie O's A's.

Meanwhile the Yanks were doing little about closing the game Sox bulge over them as they dropped a 9-2 decision to Baltimore. Whitey Ford started for the balky Bronx bombers, but was lifted in the fourth inning and suffered his fourth defeat.

Baseball's venerable scribe, Bill Veeck, has written a new book about baseball in order that the fans in America won't be lured into accepting the false faces of major league management.

This latest missionary effort is not helping the Yankee's cause, as their new manager, Johnny Keane, was forced to take time out from his new duties on Monday to comment on Veeck's statement concerning discord in the Cardinal infield during last season's pennant race.

"I would rather not comment on most of Veeck's opinions and assertions. Bill Veeck and I have never met and many of the charges he makes I would rather not dignify by commenting on them.

"However, on one subject I think I must answer."

Then Keane went on to discuss the situation involving Dick Groat versus the rest of the Cardinal players near mid-season last year. Apparently Groat was becoming childlike in his mannerisms and speech about the team. Groat finally realized his problem and took it to general manager Big Devine who advised him to see Keane. Keane told him to work out the problem with himself and then say something to the team as whole at one of the clubhouse meetings. This Groat did and the air was cleared.

The Yankee problem is evident. Beyond the fact that many key players are injured, their manager is running two clubs in two different seasons at the same time and correcting editorial comments in current literature. It takes a great man to do all those things at one time and survive.

Tomorrow this slot will be filled with facts on the torrid Big Eight baseball race and how Nebraska fits into the basic picture and all its ramifications.

IM, Varsity Standouts To Be Given Recognition

The Daily Nebraskan will award its annual Outstanding Varsity Athlete and Outstanding Intramural Athlete awards later this week.

The sports desk will accept letters nominating an outstanding intramural athlete for the remainder of the week, the deadline being 3:00 p.m. Thursday afternoon. The recipients will be announced in Friday's paper.

Bill Zuspan submitted a letter nominating Bob Witte of Sigma Nu fraternity for outstanding intramural athlete.

Zuspan writes, "Bob is an outstanding intramural athlete. He has won the All University Free Throw Championship for two consecutive years, hitting on 96 of 100 attempts. He was a member of the All-University Intramural Basketball team, and had a 31-point average in competition. He is a pitcher in softball, recently pitching a two hitter against Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and has participated in volleyball, deck tennis and horseshoes as well. "Bob is an Omaha Benson Graduate, a junior majoring in industrial arts, and a member of Phi Epsilon Kappa, physical education honorary.



Charlie Greene . . . Sprint trophy is almost bigger than he is. Greene could be the second Husker to win this trophy three years running. The famous Roland Locke was the first.



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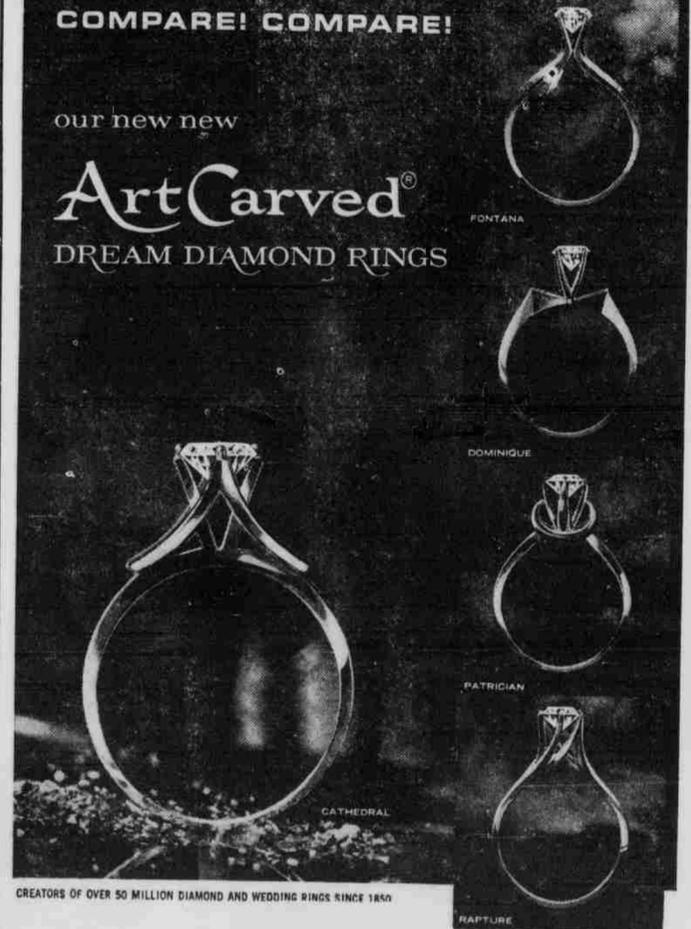
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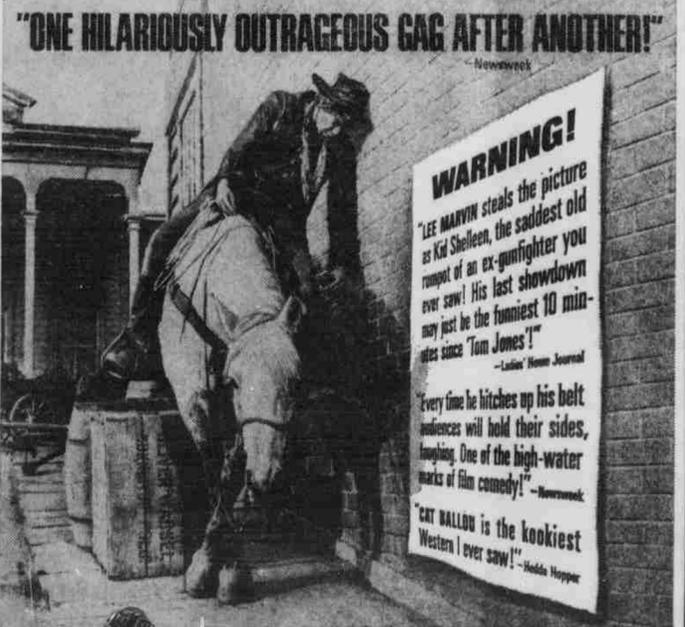
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