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GOAL DUST...

By Jim Swartz

The Student Senate report last week on intramural facilities brought long needed attention to a "minus" area of the University's planning.

Any intramural program would seem to be for the interest and the welfare of the student, so it only follows that increased and in this case new facilities are certainly in order.

The report noted that the possibility of lighting the present playing fields, this could be either temporary or permanent lighting and would result in the increased use of the present facilities to four or five times their present use. This would seem to be one of the improvements that certainly could be made now.

Also, the possibility of the use of the Lincoln Air Base facilities also holds a great deal of promise for the future. The unlimited possibility of the Air Base facilities should prompt the University to purchase the facilities.

What is most important, and the point stands that the University's population has expanded along with the intramural program and facilities for intramurals are shrinking. While there seems to have been some hasty plans made to provide for other areas of student welfare (the now inadequate but expanding classrooms and living units for example) the area of intramurals appears to have gone by overlooked.

Perhaps the program isn't in the great design for the future that is always talked about, but planners would do well to place it there.

This isn't without paradox either, to see the work Ed Higginbotham, who developed and ran the program from its start until last year, be crowded out in the plan for the future.

If the University has no future and present plan for the improvement of intramural facilities, the University has no future.

It takes no great amount of imagination to see the possibility of the male population, with nothing else to do, trying to rid their steam on the East side of 16th Street. An incident that always ends in a disastrous and disgusting way, however, the natural outcome if they are denied a proper and supervised program.

We now have such a program, the number of participants has increased and the facilities have decreased. A conclusive report has been submitted to the administrators and action with a solution is needed immediately.

All Big Eight Center... Attitude Ingredient For Success

Boulder, Colo.—Take it from Colorado's All-Big Eight Center Chuck Gardner, attitude is just important as altitude in a big man's basketball make-up.

Not that Gardner ranks as one of the highest performers in the Big Eight conference. He isn't. At 6-7 he's shorter than 16 other men in the league.

But he does rank as one of the conference's finest players and he's quick to point out that the big reason for his great improvement after a relatively obscure season and a third is due primarily to attitude.

Not that he was lazy. But rather that he was not playing much and not accomplishing much when he was on the floor.

Gardner got out of the gate quickly this season with a 28-point barrage against a good Texas Tech team. Quite a beginning when you consider he didn't reach that total until the Buffaloes' eighth game last winter.

The Yardley, Pa. mathematics major, who carries an almost perfect 3.6 overall grade point average, never hit double figures as a collegian until he tallied 13 against Missouri in the second game of the Big Eight pre-season tournament.

One he found the range, however, he averaged 18.4 in conference play to finish as the fifth-best scorer in the tough Big Eight.

So what changed his attitude? The answer is simple. It was the greatest of all attitude-changers, success.

"Until I had that pretty good game against Missouri I

never really had any great confidence or enthusiasm about myself," explains Gardner, a sandy-haired, freckled-faced young man who looks like a string-beanish Tom Sawyer.

"When I discovered I could score in the Big Eight, my confidence started to come," he adds. "With the confidence, my attitude really changed. Knowing that I was part of the team really got me charged up. I started getting gassed up for the games. It makes a difference. I could hardly wait for basketball season to get here this year. I never felt like that before."

Gardner spent last summer working as a roughneck with an oil drilling crew near Powell, Wyo. That heavy labor should increase his durability and strength.

If Gardner had a short coming last year, it was that he had a tendency to tire and lose effectiveness in the second half. Part of his problem was inexperience.

"I'm stronger this year," he says. "But I feel that my biggest improvement physically will come from knowing how to relax. For example, I've found that I can rest a bit at the free throw line. I



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Squad Meet Draws Approval

Gymnastics Coach Jake Geier expressed pleasure with both the varsity and freshman squad meet December 4.

"It was just a good old hakedown to see what we have and what we don't have," Geier mused. "Both squads are working out very fine," he added.

Geier lauded four varsity gymnasts for their performance last Saturday. Richard Beran, varsity captain, worked well on the long horse. Geier also commended Allen Armstrong for a smooth job on the rings and Pat McGill for a polished floor exercise.

The gymnast coach mentioned Bruce Jones for doing a fine job on the horizontal bar. He indicated that Jones is coming along well for a sophomore.

As a group the entire freshman squad worked together quite well, according to Geier. All the frosh making a good appearance in the intersquad meet will be Jan. 15 on the road against Mankato.

The varsity squad will open up their regular season this Saturday, Dec. 11, against Ft. Hays State College. The match will be at 2 p.m.

About this Saturday's opener, Coach Geier said, "I just don't know what they have, or what to expect."

Nebraska Wins National Rushing Title With Display Of Best Offensive Balance

By Big Eight Service Bureau Nebraska has won the national team rushing title. It has also taken the Big Eight Conference's total offense championship, displaying the best offensive balance shown by a titlist. All this came during the year pass offense came top side in the Conference.

The Cornhuskers averaged 404 a game, second-best in the nation, and became the first to go over the 400 mark without at least 300 a game on the ground. Their rushing to-

Lincoln Site Of AAU Mat Tourney

Lincoln will host the 1965 Great Plains Invitational Wrestling Tournament at Pershing Auditorium Dec. 10 and 11. The meet also comes under the sponsorship of the national Amateur Athletic Union (AAU).

According to Newt Copple, tournament director, this is the second year running for the meet in Lincoln. This is unusual in that the spectacle has never been staged in the same place in any two successive years. Copple said the

tournament this weekend will be the biggest to date. Over 24 college wrestling teams, including nearly all of the Big Eight schools, are entered in the tournament. Copple indicated that more than 250 individual wrestlers in eleven weight classes will compete in the two-day match.

Entries are not restricted entirely to college and university wrestling squads, according to Copple. Competition is open and any amateur wrestler may compete.

Now in its fourth year, the mat spectacle produces top competitors. Copple said, "Normally, the AAU champs beat the college champs." He added that this stands to reason because "for a person who has been out of college three or four years, as he goes along he becomes better."

By open competition, Copple said that even high school age boys are eligible for the meet. The AAU has no requirements as to any academic standing; even a person who has never attended school is not barred from competition.

Olympic Rules Used Copple said the tournament will be run according to Olympic rules, noting the backmark system in particular. In this system, a wrestler is eliminated by the black marks he accumulates. A fall constitutes no black marks. Decision is one, a draw is two, a loss by decision is three, a loss by a fall is four, and if a man accumulates six black marks he is out.

Under Olympic rules there are only eight weight classes. However, Copple said that the standard eleven collegiate weight classes will be used in the tourney.

In each weight class, matches will go on until there are only three competitors left with less than six black marks in each class. Then in a final round-robin, the remaining three will wrestle each other to determine the overall champion for that weight class. The collegiate weight classes range from 115 pounds to the heavyweight category.

Entrants Are Scattered Collegiate institutions participating in the meet are Oklahoma State, Oklahoma, Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Colorado State College, Colorado State University, Ft. Hays College and Northwestern Missouri.

Others competing are Central Missouri Teachers College, Westmar College, Southern Illinois, Illinois Normal, Midland College, Omaha University, Hiram Scott College, South Dakota, Western State (Colo.), and Kearney State College.

Of the entries processed so far, Copple mentioned that last year's Oklahoma State champion has entered, and will compete for on his own this year.

Huskies' Opportunity The Great Plains Invitational will provide a chance for Nebraska wrestling coach Orval Borgianni to scout the Kansas State Wildcats, who have entered the tourney. The Cornhuskers meet the Wildcats in Lincoln on Dec. 17.

Kansas State enters the tourney on the heels of winning a four-team meet at Columbus, Ohio, last weekend. The Wildcats finished with 69 points, followed by Ohio State with 65, Cortland (N.Y.) College with 40 and Hiram (Ohio) College with 35.

Frosh Tie Varsity 47-47; Road Trips Open Schedule

With competition limited to only one swimmer for the Varsity to every two for the Freshmen, the yearling tankers used this advantage to tie the Varsity, 47-47, Friday, Dec. 3 in the Coliseum pool.

The Freshmen capitalized on both relays and finished 1-2 in the 200-yd backstroke to even the score. In the only racing event that two Varsity members were competing Steve Goetz and Gayle McAdams placed 1-2 in the 200-yd. Breaststroke.

Diving honors went to Steve Sorensen and Terry Tice of the Varsity.

Coach Dick Klaas's tankers open the regular swimming season on the road this weekend with a meet scheduled at Wisconsin State College at La-Crosse on Friday, Dec. 10. The following day the team travels to Madison to meet

the University of Wisconsin. The Husker tankers do not make their home debut until Jan. 15 when they meet Southern Illinois.

THE SCORING 400-yd. Medley Relay: 1. Freshmen (Hrzekinski, Tidball, Bonahom, Katrieni) Time 3:56.2. Varsity: 1. Nickerson V. 2. Cook F. 3. Tidball F. Time 3:57.1. 200-yd. Freestyle: 1. Goetz V. 2. McAdams V. 3. Tidball F. Time 2:31.0. 200-yd. Ind. Medley: 1. Frank V. 2. Schmidt F. 3. Katrieni F. Time 2:16.1. Diving: 1. Sorensen V. 2. Tice V. 3. Davan F. Score 213.75. Butterfly: 1. Borchill V. 2. Bonahom F. Ulfers F. (Disqualified) Time 2:13.0. Individual Events: 1. Ludwig V. 2. Katrieni F. 3. Kozak V. Time 1:50.2.

tal was 290, keeping the infantry tag in the league.

Passing Strong However, pass offense was sparkling. Three teams passed at least 1,100 yards for the first time since 1952. Iowa State led with 1,418, a Conference top since Missouri had 1,762 in 1951. Colorado finished with 1,217 and Nebraska, 1,140.

Now that it is over, more passes were lofted, more completed, and more yards gained than ever before in the league. Twice this season

the single-game-attempts record was broken to help push the league total to 1,510. It was back in 1952 that the previous high of 1,376 was cast.

This year, 618 found the mark for 7,938 yards. Before, the most completions, 564, came in 1951, while the yards high of 6,975 was hung up in 1962. The percentage of success, almost 41, is down the list, however. The best of .454 was in 1959.

Huskies Dominate The last two games brought no major changes in the team statistical standings. Nebraska won the four divisions it had led all year — rushing and total offense and rushing and total defense. Defensively, the Cornhuskers finished with a 109.2 rush average and a 202.7 overall mark.

Iowa State won both passing honors, coming on fast late. Offensively, Tim Van Galder's closing shots took the pass-offense crown from previous leaders, Kansas, Kansas State, and Nebraska, with its 141.8 average. Defensively, the Cyclones allowed only 82.1, preventing Nebraska from equalling last year's peak of five figure titles. The Huskers had a 93.5 standard for second.

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