

# Scent From The Crowd



de Red's note: The following article was dug up in an edition of the Creightonian, Creighton University's campus newspaper, late last week. It demonstrates the impact that the rise of the University of Nebraska's basketball team has had on a university which used to hold the sports spotlight during the winter months.

Creighton University has dropped to second place in Nebraska basketball status and is seldom mentioned as a college power anymore. What is the matter with that?

Apparently nothing, as far as Creighton students and many fans are concerned.

The one probably distressed with the situation is the Omaha radio station which reluctantly took on broadcast of Creighton games this season, only to find itself taking a backseat long with the Bluejays to another station broadcasting University of Nebraska basketball games.

Creighton students have become so calloused by untimely Bluejay losses that neither a rousing upset nor uncalled-for defeat has any effect on their spirit—a spirit flying in pride.

Creighton, whose main athletic concern is basketball, has usually been considered The basketball team from Nebraska. Nebraska University with one of the better football teams in the nation does not concentrate so much on basketball and usually has not had such nationally prominent basketball team

The Cornhuskers from Lincoln are presently Big Eight leaders, ranked ninth nationally and have a 16-3 win-loss record.

The basketball program at

## NCCA Mat Tickets Scarce

After three days of sales there were less than 1,500 tickets left for the finals of the National Collegiate wrestling championships.

The 1966 meet will be held at Iowa State, March 24-26.

"We took orders for more than 3,000 tickets the first day," said C. Kim Tidd, Cyclone business manager of athletics. "We are now getting a steady run on tickets and will be sold out for the finals within two weeks, I am certain."

## Nebraska Still Ninth

Nebraska hung on to its ninth place ranking in both the UPI and AP top ten national basketball ratings after losing to Oklahoma City University and beating Iowa State last week.

Kansas ranks seventh in both polls.

Team	Points
1. Kentucky (21) (19-0)	356
2. Duke (1) (17-2)	294
3. Texas Western (3) (18-0)	190
4. Providence (17-2)	171
5. Loyola (IL) (17-2)	162
6. St. Joseph's (Pa.) (17-4)	161
7. Kansas (18-3)	140
8. Vanderbilt (17-3)	116
9. Nebraska (13-9)	79
10. Michigan (13-9)	79
Second 10-11. San Francisco 39; 12. Cincinnati 26; 13. Syracuse 24; 14. (tie), Utah and Brigham Young 21; 16. Houston 16; 17. St. John's (N.Y.) 13; 18. Oklahoma City 11; 19. Western Kentucky 10; 20. Dayton 8.	

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# Grummert In Sports Spotlight As Thrower Of Bars, Not Ball

By Bob Hasnick  
Sports Assistant

Willie Grummert has been throwing his ice cream bars at hungry Husker fans for the past three years.

The undisputed king of Nebraska concessionaires sold cokes before he moved up to the bars but says he was never "too hot for cokes." He much prefers bars saying "they're light and don't drip all over you."

What Willie likes best about bars is that he doesn't have to sell them in the conventional, tedious manner. He gets them to his customers by throwing them.

The 21 year old Fairbury native stumbled onto his method of selling bars at a Nebraska Shrine Bowl football game.

"This kid was sitting way up there and I didn't know how to get a bar to him so I threw it," said Willie.

Willie didn't have much luck throwing ice cream bars until he discovered that they could be spiraled like small footballs. Since then business has boomed.

The presence of the outgoing Grummert selling his bars at Memorial Stadium or the N.U. Coliseum has become part of the games attraction.

**People Who Bug Willie**

When the freshmen basketball team bogs down in their preliminary games, fans often find it more fascinating to watch Willie whip his ice cream bars up to the highest reaches of the coliseum.

"It kind of bugs me," says Willie, "I'll be walking downtown and people will say 'Hey, there's the ice cream bar man,' or I'll be sitting in a bar and somebody will ask, 'Haven't I seen you someplace before?'"

"Up at the University?" questions Willie.

"Yeh, you're the guy that throws ice cream bars."



WILLIE GRUMMERT . . . tosses bars that grossed him \$792 last year.

"People think I'm a kook, which I am," admits Willie, "but they don't realize I'm making money."

Willie coined \$792 last year from bar sales alone. His best job of salesmanship so far this year came during the Kansas U. game when he sold 1200 bars

Before the Class A and B State High School basketball championships were moved from Lincoln to Omaha last year tournament fans would exhaust Willie's supply of bars every night.

But under the new tournament system says Willie, "All I get are poverty-stricken Class D people. They think a dime is too much to pay for a bar and say they can get them cheaper back at the general store."

**Fans Have Good Aim**

One of the drawbacks to his sales pitch is that people pay in the same way that Willie delivers, through the air.

"But they do a good job," says Willie, "People amaze me, they usually hit pretty close to the mark."

Willie sounds like a baseball player when describing his own marksmanship. "If I just let 'em go naturally I don't have any trouble, but if I start thinking about it, or try to aim it, then I'm liable to zonk somebody on the head."

Willie does run into occasional trouble with his method of delivery.

One of his misguided bar knocked a pencil out of sports caster Bob Zenner's hand.

"People have threatened to have my job after they've gotten zonked," said Willie.

Once when he was throwing a bar to a person sitting in the top of the coliseum he broke out a window. throw was set in Memorial Stadium. He once hummed a bar 37 rows up to a fan, but admits, "It was a lucky shot."

Willie has a kind of gentleman's agreement with other concessionaires. Very few people try to muscle in on his ice cream business.

Although Willie is without peer in the sale of ice cream

bars, only recently did he surpass rival Roger Corn in total cash receipts for concessions.

"Corn's a letterman and therefore can sell programs," explains Willie, "Everyone needs a program but not everybody needs a bar."

**Pinned To Chi-O**

Willie, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, is pinned to Ann Peithman, a Chi-O. Because Willie spends many of his nights selling bars Ann must be content to sit in the stands without him.

But Willie doesn't think his ice cream will damage their romance. "She likes basketball," says Willie.

"Her brother used to play at Kansas State."

Willie is majoring in Civil Engineering and will graduate this year. That means that the state's number one bar vender will be stepping down and young, energetic salesmen will be taking his place.

To those following his footsteps Willie says, "Sell the heck out of those bars. The more you put out the more you make."

## NU Swimmers Final Home Dual Friday

The University of Nebraska swimming team will conclude its home meet scheduled here Friday night at 7:30 against Colorado in the N.U. Coliseum pool.

Coach Dick Klass's squad will be going after their sixth win of the season against Colorado who Klass reports as being in a rebuilding year.

Two of Colorado's standouts are Terry Danko in the breaststroke and Ballard, a diver.

Klass said that Nebraska would "use everybody we can in the meet."

**Klass Reviews State Meet**  
Klass called the state high school swimming championship last weekend a "real fine meet."

Four of the Nebraskaland seniors that Klass is most interested in are Bob Hartigan, Creighton Prep, third in the 200 yard freestyle; King Little, Lincoln High, first in the



Co-captains . . . Nickerson and Frank.

50 and 100 yard freestyles; Gary Spaulding, Omaha Westside, second in the 50 yard freestyle; and Tom Tidball, Lincoln Southeast, second in the 100 yard butterfly.

**NU Point Leaders**  
Sprint swimmer Keefer Lodwig leads Nebraska scoring in dual swimming meets

this season with 88 1/4 points and co-captain Dave Frank is second with 59 1/4 points.

**Other point scorers:**  
Burchill 49 1/2  
Gordon 35 1/2  
Sorensen 35  
Nickerson 34 1/2  
Garth 30 1/2  
Jackson 30 1/2

**Frazier 17 1/4**  
**Tice 15**  
**Whitrow 12**  
**Sutton 10 1/4**  
**Parker 10 1/4**  
**Prentiss 8**  
**Miller 5 1/2**  
**McAdams 5**  
**Liggett 4 1/2**  
**Gleiburg 7 1/4**  
**Steele 7 1/4**

## Fairbury Drops 91-90 Decision

Wilson Lounis sank a free throw with 1:49 to play Tuesday night to give Missouri Southern a 91-90 basketball victory over Fairbury of Nebraska.

Lounis had 26 points for the night and his teammate, Ron

Rosewicz collected 24 while Allen Toler tossed in 18.

Mike Backer topped Fairbury with 22 as he hit well from the corners. Southern led 51-49 at the half.

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## Daily Nebraskan SPORTS Prep Mat Tourney Starts On Friday

Two Nebraska matches and the state high school wrestling championships February 18-19 will provide entertainment this week.

Tonight the Nebraska varsity will take on Northwest Missouri State College at 7:30 in the N.U. Coliseum Saturday Nebraska will host the Missouri wrestlers at 4:30 p.m.

The Huskers, after losses last week at Iowa State and South Dakota State College and a win at State University of South Dakota, will be seeking their third victory of the season.

Nebraska's chances are dimmed by the loss of three wrestlers on last week's trip. Randy Snell, 160-pounder, dislocated an elbow at South Dakota University and will be missing from the Nebraska lineup.

Coach Orval Borgianni fears 137-pounder Ron Hildenbrand is lost for the season with a torn knee cartilage. Tough 177-pounder Lief Thompson injured his neck during the road trip and will be on the doubtful list this week.

Borgianni planned to move John Hallgren into Thompson's position and put Harry Gaylor in to the 167-pound class.

**Largest Meet Ever**  
Borgianni called the upcoming

state high school championships the "largest state meet to be held."

The meet, to be held in N.U. Coliseum, will include the first three district finishers in each weight class instead of the first two as has been done in the past.

In Class A Omaha Westside and Bellevue each have seven district champions in the meet. Scottsbluff leads all qualifiers with eleven, four of them district champions.

Albion with 11 and Cozad with nine lead Class B qualifiers. Each team has six district class winners.

The two-day meet carnival will have five sessions. On Friday preliminary rounds will start at 2 in the afternoon and quarterfinals at 7:30 p.m.

Semifinals will start on Saturday at 9 a.m. Consolation finals will be at 2 p.m., and the championships at 7:30 p.m. A crowd of approximately 8,000 is anticipated for the two-day meet.

**Five Wrestlers Report**  
Coach Orval Borgianni reported Tuesday that five new men had reported to second semester wrestling practice.

Among them are last year's 191-pound intramural champ George Heimlich and scrappy 145-pounder Bob Elliott.

## Intramural Scoreboard

Last night's play concluded first round action of the intramural basketball tournament.

Scores Monday, February 14
Sigma Chi B 42, Phi Delta Theta B 34
Delta Tau Delta B 38, Cornhusker B 37
Section D 45, Sealeck 35
Phi Kappa Alpha A 27, Brown Palace 25
Kappa Sigma B 74, Phi Gamma Delta B 29
Ag. Men B 35, Pioneer B 33
Phi Kappa Psi A 55, Sigma Chi A 38
Sigma Nu A 72, Sigma Alpha Epsilon A 30
Beta Sigma Psi A 38, Triangle A 32
Phi Delta Theta A 59, Alpha Tau Omega A 20
Delta Upsilon A 38, Phi Delta Theta A 21
Farm House A 40, Alpha Gamma Rho A 25
Phi Delta Theta C 34, Kappa Sigma C 26
Alpha Tau Omega C 35, Sigma Phi Epsilon C 22
Delta Upsilon C 41, Farm House C 29

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