

# I Believe

By Tom Henderson

Big Ten faculty representatives gathered in Chicago Thursday for their "routine March business meeting," but their topic is the most explosive penalty deliberation in nearly 40 years.

Three Illinois coaches are on the Big Ten chopping block because of an illegal \$21,000 athletic aid fund which has resulted in an ultimatum by league athletic directors ordering their dismissal or Illinois' expulsion from the conference.

Illinois President Dr. David D. Henry appealed the action as "too harsh" and a petition signed by athletes and alumni has revealed an overwhelming support for this stand.

During the next few days these Big Ten administrators must decide whether to uphold the ultimatum of their athletic directors or to grant the leniency sought by Dr. Henry.

On the surface it would appear that the action taken by the Big Ten athletic directors is a giant step toward cleaning its own house. But is it?

Is the harsh punishment meted out to Illinois really an attempt to clean house or is it an attempt to keep the National Collegiate Athletic Association from peering further into Big Ten affairs at the relatively token cost of three coaches' careers?

Are Big Ten athletic directors actually following their conference's "de-emphasis of athletics" policy by making the Illinois slush fund appear to be a mortal sin that no other Big Ten school would consider? Or is the judgment leveled at Illinois' coaches merely an attempt to make the NCAA believe so?

How many more slush funds, in one form or another, are there among the nation's universities? How many more in the Big Ten? The Big Eight?

Our guess would be over half.

How about the grant-in-aid scholarships which require athletes to work for the university in return for his tuition and books? The type of work involved usually consists of nothing more than winding the coliseum's electric clocks once a day.

Such aid has NCAA approval, but isn't there a pretty thin line between this and handing the money to the athletes outright?

We are not suggesting that we condone the slush fund discovered at Illinois, but we do believe that the penalty levied is indeed "too harsh."

Before Big Ten faculty representatives reach a decision, we urge them to ask themselves these questions and answer them honestly.

For in their hands are the careers of three coaches. Are they merely sacrifices to keep the Big Ten from further scandal?

There is precedent for a more tempered punishment than recommended unanimously by the directors.

Iowa was suspended from the conference for a nine-month period in 1929 for irregular athletic practices and Indiana barely escaped a similar punishment in 1957 by suspending the guilty coach for one year, an act which the Big Ten considered satisfactory.

Illinois, however, has already taken such action, but this time it did not satisfy the conference athletic directors.

## Lantz Leads ...

## Husker Cagers Keep Up Basket Average

Nebraska's basketball team's 79-point production against Kansas State kept the Huskers along their record-breaking pace.

The Cornhuskers are averaging 81.1 points a game for the entire season and 80 points in their ten conference games. Husker opponents are averaging 75.9 points.

Other team statistics for the Huskers (up until the Missouri game) include 45 per cent from the field and 75 per cent on free throws.

On the fouls, the cagers have been successful on 350 of their 470 attempts.

Individually Stuart Lantz dominates the scoring statistics, but Nate Branch is making a challenge for the rebounding honors. In conference play both Huskers are tied with 83 caroms, but Lantz has a slight lead for the season, 157-151.

Lantz has a 19.9 point average for the year with percentages of 51 from the field and 80 on free throws.

The Huskers have balanced scoring all the way down the line. Tom Baack, Branch and Willie Campbell have averages of 17.0, 15.3 and 10.2 respectively.

Ron Simmons and Jim Damm, who share the other Husker guard position, have season averages of 6.2 and 4.3 per game.



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## Conference Track Meet ...

# Nation's Best In Big 8

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second of a four-part series on this weekend's Big Eight indoor track and field championships March 3 and 4 in Kansas City.)

A returning national champion heads both the 440 and 600 lineups and paces a relay team at this year's Big Eight Conference indoor championships Friday and Saturday in Kansas City.

Oklahoma's Bill Calhoun, who shared the indoor 440 championship at last year's NCAA meet, and Iowa State's Steve Carson, winner of this season's Track and Field Federation 600 championships, give the events the golden look.

Chances are there will not be a stride-for-stride matching situation between the two since Calhoun likes to specialize in the quarter, and Carson in the 600. In addition, conference legislation prohibits an individual from entering both events. Thus the two will be taking on whatever the conference has to offer, which could be plenty for both.

Calhoun, for the most part, has been working at over-distance events so far as he preps for the quarter, where he wants to make an all-out effort to get Don Payne's 48-flat conference record. It was Payne who beat Calhoun here last year on the way to that mark. Calhoun came back later to tie the former K-Stater at the NCAA.

The times when Calhoun has gone to the quarter this winter, he has sparked. He ripped off a :48.1 early, the second-best indoor quarter on the Big Eight books, and found the range for a :48.4.

### Pre-Meet Edge

This gives him the pre-meet edge over Missouri's Bob Kneile (:49.1), Frank Lewis (:49.5), and Steve Halliburton (:49.7), Iowa State's Rex Harvey (:49.6), Kansas' Ben Olson (:49.7), Jim Shields, and Jim Hardwick. Indoor and outdoor placers back from last year include Kansas' Dwight Peck and Steve Ashurst, Nebraska's Dennis Walker, and Kansas State's Kerry Fairchild.

Outstanding competition for Carson in the 600 isn't hard to find. Even though he is the national Federa-

tion champion for the distance, he doesn't show the best time in the Conference heading into the meet.

That top belongs to Ted Nykiel of Missouri, who had a 1:10.3 on Illinois' big track the same night Carson won his title in Madison Square Garden. Sticking his nose into the battle is Jim Shields of Oklahoma, who has a 1:11.2 best. Then come Nebraska's highly touted sophomore Hugh McGovern and Kansas' Peck. Hardwick is a contender, too.

It will, according to Carson, take a great time to beat him, though, pointing out that he twice has been the national 600 champion, but never the Big Eight winner for the event. He wants this one. "I'm aiming for 1:08.8," says Carson, as he looks at the world-record listing of 1:09.0 for the event.

The closing event of the meet, the mile-relay might create one of the wildest scrambles in Conference history, the result of which could be a new league record as well as a new all-time indoor best.

**3:16.3 Relay**  
Oklahoma, with Calhoun, Melton, Shields, and Hardwick, has sped to a 3:16.3 indoors. This is the same team which last year passed the baton for a 3:06.5 closing outdoors, the best ever by a Big Eight unit.

Missouri shows a 3:16.4 low from its crew of Lewis, Nykiel, Halliburton, and Kneile.

Closing in on these two is Kansas with Dick Borkessel, Ashurst, Peck, and Olson combining for a best of 3:19.3. Nebraska could put together a top unit of McGovern, Clifton Forbes, sophomore sprinting ace from Jamaica, Walker, and either Larry Liss or John Simmons and also slip to record level.

Striking out to the front of the sprint-hurdling crops is Kansas Lee Adams, a junior college transfer from Bakersfield Calif., and the latest to become a Big Eight world record holder.

**Holds Record**  
Although Adams holds the record :06.6 for the 60-yard low hurdles, this event has turned out to be one of the most balanced, and loaded, on this year's card.



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## Tigers Go Like Coleman; Huskers Dump Missouri

As goes Ron Coleman, goes Missouri.

He went great guns the first half against Nebraska

Tuesday night, and so did Missouri.

But the second half was a different story as both Coleman and the Tigers fizzled and the Huskers took an 80-73 decision at Columbia.

Coleman racked up 25 points in a first half that found the Tigers upset-bound with a 41-34 lead. But a defensively different Husker team came back from the intermission and held Coleman to five points in the second period.

While the Cornhuskers contained Coleman, a tenacious press cramped the whole Tiger offensive output and Nebraska moved to as much as a 16-point lead before coach Joe Cipriano sent in reserves.

Stuart Lantz was high scorer for the Huskers with 23, while Tom Baack got 19 and Nate Branch put in 16.

Branch and Baack spaced their scoring to keep the Huskers moving throughout the game. Branch got 12 of his in the first half while

Baack made all but two of his in the second stanza.

Nebraska had built up a 10-2 lead when resigning Missouri coach Bob Vantatta called a time out.

Whatever the coach said must have taken affect on Coleman and Tom Johnson, who had 21 points for the night.

Johnson came back in to score two quick baskets, and, after Baack put in a free throw, Coleman made a field goal and two free throws to bring the Tigers within one, 11-10.

Nebraska stayed a jump ahead of Mizzou until Coleman knotted it up at 21 all with three field goals.

After that the Tigers took charge and built up their half time lead.

Husker Willie Campbell had 10 points and Jim Damm made six. Ron Simmons and Frank Empey each made three points.

The win put Nebraska 9-2 in the conference and 15-6 for the season, while the Tigers dropped to 1-11 in the league and 3-20 for the year.

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