# New Batting Champ Assured After Churchich Has Accident

There will be a new bat-ting champion in the Big Eight conference this year. Bob Churchich, Nebraska's defending hitting king lost a chance for back-to-back titles when he broke his hand last weekend in his ninth and final game of the

Though hitting a strong .357 and moving up with each weekend's work. Churchich still won't be eligible for the crown, even if those ahead slip during the next three weeks and settle below his final figures. Big Eight standards call for a player to play one more than half of the 21 Conference games to be eligible for a statistical championship. Last year, Churchich won with a .383 mark.

Moving back into position to defend his pitching title, however, is Colorado's strong-armed lefty, Taylor Toomey. Toomey jumped to fifth in the individual pitching standings this week, even though he was beaten in his last start.

With four complete games to hi. credit. Toomey now sports a 1.75 earned-run average-he allowed none in his losing start last weekend -having given up only six earned tallies in his five starts. Last year, his winning ERA was 1.38. Tommey is holding onto the lead in strikeouts with 42. Nebraska's Furby

Leading the mound troops this week is another sophomore, Nebraska's Al Furby, who held Missouri's powerladen bat corps to just one run. That one was of the unearned variety, pushing his ERA down to 0.88, giving him a slight edge over Oklahoma State's Bill Maxwell (0.94), last week's lead-

Holding onto the top spot in the hitting department for the second straight week is Oklahoma fullback-second baseman, Gary Harper. One of only three of last week's leaders to bump his average, Harper went on another hitting spree to move into the second-half of the season with a .438 aver-

First By Shade

In first by only a shade last week, Harper has a great deal more breathing room this week as the superb pitching performances of the weekend sliced most averages. Running second now is a newcomer to the leaders, Missouri's Gary

Lear, who got a start by moving behind the plate to fill a gap. Lear has a .391 mark.

In all, six Missourians show up among the leading hitters as they push the Tigers to the team hitting lead for the league with a .298 average, well above the second-place Kansas State's .277 figure. In 12 games, the Tigers have managed 119 safeties, 31 of them for extra base.

In everything else, in-cluding the standings, Oklahoma State and Oklahoma are one-two. The biggest Poke lead is in pitching where they show a 1.64 staff ERA, compared with the Sooners' 2.54. In fielding, the Cowboys are just a bit ahead, however, both showing rounded-off averages of .939.



NEW POM-POM GIRLS . . . on the University Yell Squad include (from left) Jeanne Eberly, Lisa Maser and Pam Rush. All three will join the present members of the squad for the 1967-1968 school year.

Against Phi Delts . . .

## Unbeaten Fijis Into Finale As Winter Dampens Softball

Fijis, Phi Delts

Delta Theta

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Winter has put the damps and the cramps on the intramural softball program as the undefeated Phi Gamma Delta and the Phi Delta Theta softball teams are slated to meet in the first division finale.

Because four or five days are needed to conclude competition, men's intramural director Joel Meier said, This snow may just put us into Dead Week.

Two In Finals Only two of the six softball divisions are down to final competion. The others in the double-elimination tourney have one undefeated team and two one-time losers who must play first. teams undefeated



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### **OU Leads Net Race**

front in the race for the Big Eight conference tennis championship, but the Sooners probably won't be able to wrap up a second title before the Conference meet in Norman, Oklahoma, May

With two dual meets remaining, the Sooners show a total of "3 points. Those two meets, this weekend against Kansas State and Nebraska at Nebraska, represent a possible 14 points, or a maximum of 47 for Oklahoma going into the league meet.

To mathematically clinch the title before the Conference affair, the Soo..ers will have to be at least 22 points ahead-it is possible for a club to score 21 team-points during the league meet. Ok-

ahoma's chances of gaining that kind of a lead ap-

pear very remote now. Chief barriers are Okla' homa State and Kansas State. Oklahoma State, now showing 21 points, has a pair of duals on tap this weekend against Kansas and lowa State at Iowa State and could scuttle all Sooner early hopes with five points in the two match-

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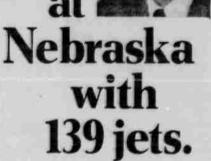
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CURSES, FOILED AGAIN . . . will probably not be part of the dialogue between fencers Thursday at 7 p.m. in the intramural fencing tournament. The tourney, to be held on the freshman court of the Coliseum, is the first of its kind at the University, according to Jerry Novak, meet administrator. Three touches such as the one Frank O'Neal is scoring on Al Schwab here will decide the winner of each match. Spectators are encouraged to attend the matches, and winners will be awarded trophies at the conclusion of the tourney

## Cornhusker Wins Publications Tilt

Cornhusker statt members put up a dogged rebounding fight Saturday afternoon to defeat Daily Nebraskan staff members, 60-52, in the First Publications Basketball Cham-

pionship. In a closely-matched scor-ing dual. Cornnuskers pulled the game out after the Nebraskans lost starting center and top-rebounder and scorer Mike Hayman, who sprained his ankle

Sparkplug Led Kelley Baker, Cornusker sparkplug, led the charge with Bill Minier hauling in

rebounds. For the Nebraskan, Jim Evinger played tenacious defense, but little rose from it as the Nebraskans re-mained cold from the field. Top Scorer

Evinger was top secondhalf scorer for the Nebras-

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kans with driving lay-ups. while Chris Lougee, Craig Martinson and Ed Icenogle completed the scoring. Harry Argue, 6-6, domin-

ated the board play for the Cornhuskers and John Rosenberg shot well from the outside.

John Kerkhoff, playing

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for the Cornhuskers, was sidelined early in the game when he ended up at the bottom of a scramble for



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