

the N crowd

by George Kaufman

Many journalists and journalism teachers, especially at this university's school of journalism, tend to dismiss sports writing as a sort of bastard son to a noble professor and treat it accordingly in their curriculum.

It is generally ignored, and when that is not possible, it is run down and classed with the comics and movie ads as flippant entertainment. At least whatever it is, it is definitely not news, and is quite as definitely not taught or mentioned in any of the courses.

One wonders, with all the sportswriters running loose around this country, and the major part a sports page plays in any newspaper coming out on a daily basis and serving an intelligent public, where these misfits come from if the subject is not taught in journalism schools.

Assimilation

The answer is that one must pick it up on his own, despite the J-school attitudes and in many cases work against the J-school in doing so when the accorded purpose of the department is to work with the student.

Perhaps sports is, on one level, an entertainment. But on another, and very important, level, it is a microcosm of the human struggle.

Nobility Varies

There can be a sombre and passionate nobility in a man pitting his every resource—mental and physical—against all the odds nature or another man can muster. In many ways, this struggle can be far more noble than capturing every detail of a young man's pitiful pouring out of his life in a miserable war he neither understands nor is worth dying for.

I would also suggest that the recording of this type of struggle is far more important than hanging around a police station all night gleaning the tidbits of interest for all the housewives the next morning.

I will even submit that it exceeds, in its service to man, the act of sitting at a desk and receiving calls from local mortuaries and then writing obituaries which will appear the next morning in lite agate in a back page.

If this is journalism, then journalism is taught in every secretarial school in America. Yet, a student receives infinitely more tutelage in how to write an obituary than how to write a sports story.

J-Schools Lacking

I would also, as a sort of parting shot, like to throw out the opinion that perhaps a Negro boycott of the Olympics and a massive boycott of participation in the Olympics on the part of countries constitutes more than mere "entertainment value"; that perhaps a world heavyweight boxing champion deprived of his title for refusing the draft and being harassed by officials for doing so, is of a little more interest to the public than Bugs Bunny or what the hell Little Orphan Annie is doing to save capitalism today.

But journalism schools—and Nebraska's is militant in this—refuse to recognize this and will not count a sports job as an internship when anything from working from a card company to being editor of the farcical Summer Nebraskan will be sanctioned.

If the above examples do not put the point across, then perhaps Nebraskans remember a few weeks ago when a state high school basketball tournament was moved from Omaha to Lincoln because of fears of racial trouble. Or perhaps they would think back to an Olympics about thirty years ago, when a young Negro athlete from America named Jesse Owens turned Hitler's show in Berlin into Owens' show.

So, despite the self-righteous refusals of journalists teachers to the contrary, I would say that sports has come to play an integral part in the world and, to a greater extent than perhaps ever on this earth, in America.

It deserves just as integral a place in American journalism schools and the School of Journalism at the University of Nebraska.

Instead of snickering at the clichés and trite structures of sports writing, journalism teachers should do something about it, and train young men interested in this field.

Finalists announced in intramural archery

One hundred-thirty finalists were announced Thursday for the intramural archery competition.

The championship flight which will shoot April 4, at 7 p.m. will include Glen Love, Ag Men; Rob Kinsey, Farm House; Mark Nyffeler, Sigma Phi Epsilon; David Birch, Kieselback; Richard Cromer, Ag Men; Ken Bonsall, Abel IV; Charles Havlicek, Ag Men; Loren Faaborg, Farm House; Bob Koss, Ag Men; Robert Allen, Ag Men; Robert Anderson, Independent and Jerry Craig, Independent.

Competitors in the first flight will shoot April 3, 7 p.m. They will be Mike Swiggard, Abel VII; Arnold Teten, Pershing; Randy Mehin, Ag Men; Steve Miles, Abel VI; Don Hertz, Ag Men; Dale Nelson, Harper IX; Dan Thompson, Ag Men; Jay Jensen, Abel VI; Ron Schuldt, Fairfield; Adolph Roester, Abel III; Randall Mehin, Ag Men; Robert Santoro, Sigma Phi Epsilon.

One NU gymnast goes to NCAA

Thomas Riesing is the University of Nebraska's sole representative in the NCAA National Gymnastics Championships to be held April 4-6 at Colorado State University. Tom is a sophomore from Arlington, Ill. and has only been beaten twice during regular season competition this year on the trampoline.

Colorado is this district's team representative in the big meet after winning the Big Eight Championship last week.

Top teams in the meet will be defending champ Southern Illinois, California at Berkeley and the yet undecided Big Ten Champion, probably Iowa, Michigan or Michigan State.

—Loquacious lefty listens too—

CU pitcher Toomey one of best in Big 8—at tossing and talking

Boulder, Colo. — Colorado pitching star Taylor Toomey has established a solid double-pronged reputation during the past two years—as one of the Big Eight's best and, also, most talkative performers.

But the lefthander has a third important quality—he can be a good listener, too. And he learns quickly when he listens.

Certainly no fireballing young southpaw ever made the transition to a thinking moundsman faster than the 6-4, 200-pounder from Laguna Beach, Calif.

"I had a real good curve when I was little," he says. "Then when I got into high school the only thing I used was my fast ball. But I found out in a hurry when I got to Colorado that you needed more than a fast ball. When I pitched against the varsity in practice as a freshman, guys like Adrian Mohr and Don Sessions really teed off on me. I went back to work on my curve in a hurry."

Under the direction of CU coach Frank Prentup, an excellent craftsman who still steps to the mound and baffles his hitters with a big assortment of off-speed pitches, Toomey developed quickly into a topflight hurler.

Topflight hurler

In two years against tough opponents from the Big Eight, Big Ten and WAC conferences, he's fashioned a nifty moundsman faster than the 6-4, 200-pounder from Laguna Beach, Calif. He's finished 14 of 17 starts and in 140 innings has fanned 158 while walking only 40. These figures speak much louder than words and Toomey is the first to admit he has gotten great help from Prentup.

"I believed in him right away," says Taylor. "He knows a lot about baseball and, especially, about pitching. He can show you how to set up a batter. I do it with my fast ball to set up the

curve. I rely on my curve in the clutch. But last year we went to an overhand fastball more than the three-quarters. It's more effective because it breaks down pretty shaply.

Winter weightlifting

A strong pitcher who has come back to work in relief on Saturday after going the route on Friday in Big Eight series, Toomey should be even stronger this spring after working with weights for the first time during the winter.

Last summer, he was a member of the U.S. team which won the Pan American Games championship. Used strictly as a reliever because of his good control and low pitches, he saved two games and lost another in six appearances.

Despite his glossy college record, he's still somewhat disappointed in his college career because his Colorado teams have played only .500 ball over the 2-year period, doing 26-26.

"I've always been with winners and I'd like to be part of one here before I graduate," he says. "We're all optimistic this year. We've had a good spring and our trip to Hawaii should really be good for us. It'll be hot and we'll get in six games which should be great. Our team has been hitting well in practice. I think we'll be OK."

Smith, ISU sophomores made 'interesting' team

Ames, Iowa — Don Smith and a surprisingly mature crew of sophomores made Iowa State a most interesting basketball team during the 1967-68 season.

Despite the presence of the brilliant Smith, the Cyclones were not tabbed to make much of an impression the Big Eight this year. This prediction appeared even more certain when the Cyclones finished last in the Big Eight tournament for the first time since 1949. It was as bad a start as any team could have.

But between the afternoon of Dec. 30 and the night of Jan. 5, Coach Glen Anderson did a tremendous job. Whatever was wrong with the Cyclones in December was eliminated by Anderson and the team became a most exciting part of that "ridiculous" Big Eight race.

Anderson was the man who predicted the Big Eight race would be ridiculous when quizzed at a pre-season press meeting in Kansas City.

"Ridiculous," was Anderson's answer. "This is a great league this year and it is going to be a ridiculous season with everyone having a chance to win."

Going into the final days of the season five teams could gain a share of the title. Going into the final week Kansas State, the eventual champion, Iowa State and Kansas were still in the title fight. Even on the last day Kansas could have tied for the crown.

Probably the greatest answer given by the kids who didn't know how to act like sophomores was in a 93-92 overtime upset of Nebraska at Lincoln. Only the day before, Tex Winter, whose champions to-be had taken an unmerciful beating at Lincoln, said: "Not even the Boston Celtics could win at Lincoln."

Out of the game by four points with less than 20 seconds to go, Iowa State tied it to send the game into overtime. With just six seconds left in the overtime Nebras-

ka led by 92-91. Three regulars, including top scorers Don Smith and Bill Cain along with Jim Abrahamson, were on the bench with five fouls, Steve Cooper, a reserve who seldom shot, had the ball st that point and soft-touched it through for the big upset.

The early loss of veteran guards John McGonigle and Dave Hartman ought to have killed any chances Iowa State had. It was then, in mid-January, that the four sophomores joined with Smith to win a third-place tie in the final standings.

Smith led the scorers in a spree that wiped out most of the Iowa State records and picked off a few in the Big Eight. He led the conference in scoring and rebounding, the first time that had happened since Wilt Chamberlain did it in 1958.

He was picked on every ballot for all-league honors and chosen as the outstanding player in the loop. Bill Cain, second in scoring, was named the sophomore of the year.

Current Movies

- Times Furnished by Theater. Times: a.m. light faces; p.m. bold face
- LINCOLN**
- Cooper/Lincoln: 'Bonnie and Clyde', 7:00 and 9:00.
 - Varsity: 'In Cold Blood', 1:00, 3:42, 6:26, 9:00.
 - State: 'The Graduate', 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00.
 - Stuart: 'Guns For San Sebastian', 1:00, 3:00, 4:55, 7:00, 9:00.
 - Joye: 'Jungle Book', 7:00, 9:30. 'Charlie, The Lonesome Cougar', 8:15 only.
 - Nebraska: 'The Bank Dick', 1:00, 3:40, 6:25, 9:05. 'My Little Chickadee', 2:30, 4:55, 7:35, 10:20.
 - 84th & O: 'Bells Angels On Wheels', 7:30. 'Weekend Warriors', 9:15. 'Hills Run Red', 10:35.
 - Starview: 'St. Valentine's Day Massacre', 7:37. 'Tom, Rome', 9:30. 'The Busy Baby', 12:10.
- OMAHA**
- Indian Hills: 'Gone With the Wind', 8:00.
 - Dundee: 'Far From The Madding Crowd', 8:00.
 - Cooper 70: 'Camelot', 8:00.

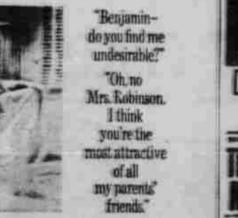
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