

# the N crowd

by George Kaufman

## Guessing Game

Imagine with me for a moment that you are head football coach of a large university which is well-known for its football teams of recent.

Imagine further that you want something—say, a new press box for your large stadium, or an addition to your large stadium in order to have an even larger stadium, or even another full scholarship so you can get that kid from Texas — and so you go to your University's athletic director with your request.

And now — this will take the largest stretch of imagination of all — imagine that you go to the mirror and say yes to yourself.

## Believe Is Or Not

If this seems a strange situation, and indeed it may, then a strange situation exists at the University of Nebraska and four of the eight Big Eight universities.

Of the eight conference schools, only three have athletic directors whose only job it is to be an athletic director — Kansas, Oklahoma and Kansas State.

At four members — Nebraska, Colorado, Missouri and Iowa State — the athletic directors are also head football coaches.

And at one — Oklahoma State — the AD is also the head basketball coach.

## Divided Loyalties

Going back to our little game of imagination, I do not believe it is difficult to see how a situation might arise under these circumstances in which a double-duty coach-administrator would face divided loyalties. Not often, of course, in the blatant terms I conjured up with the press box, etc., but every day some minor things could come across the AD's desk in which he has to make a priority judgment: in simple terms, he must either choose his own sport, in which he is a professional coach and in which his career depends upon the best possible support, or another sport carried on by that school.

It is also easy to see that while a coach may bring an aura of success to the school in his chosen sport, and the people of the university and the state feel they owe him thanks for a job well done, this may not especially mean that he has either the ability or time for a time-consuming administrative job.

## Not An Attack

This is not to be construed as an attack on any one of the conference coaches referred to or Bob Devaney specifically.

I merely raise the question for some thought: Were you that football coach, would you not be inclined to generally show deference to football in your decisions of priority?

Bob Devaney is probably one of the finest football coaches in the history of the game—his record speaks for itself. Nebraska and NU owe him much credit and praise for some exciting entertainment and publicity.

But does any university owe a successful coach what amounts to political spoils? Does a fine coaching record qualify a man for a top university administrative post?

## NU Monarchy?

In effect, when the University handed the post of athletic director to Bob Devaney they said, "We like what you have done for Nebraska. We like the bowl games and conference championships. We like it so much we are letting you make your own decisions about how important football will be here for awhile."

In reality, now, Devaney has no boss; he is his own authority, and his judgment is final.

Perhaps it is unfair to judge at this time, but it is frustrating to look at priorities which evidently point to a trend on this campus.

One needs only to take a quick stroll around the campus to see the indications: I can see two expensive and lucrative additions to the football stadium; I can see an expensive, plush and exclusive "press" box which is as much a patron box as a press box, I see only half of a race at the stadium track, as the curves are hidden from view by the additions to the stadium; I do not see a new track; I do not see a much-needed new coliseum or fieldhouse; I see seven tennis courts which, when not the exclusive domain of the tennis team, are supposed to accommodate nearly 20,000 students.

I hope I read these signs wrongly; I hope that the things I do not see are in the planning and are being given due consideration. But even if I am wrong, it does not matter. Because, due to the fact that our athletic director is a football coach and football seems to get first money, who will ever really know the other sports got a fair hearing? The athletic director-coach, by virtue of his divided loyalties, must of necessity be suspect in such a situation.

And this sort of arrangement is not really fair to either the coach or the university.

For, in the words of the Maharishi, "Who among us can often say no to his mirror?"

## Big Eight Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Okl. State	6	0	1.000	
Missouri	5	1	.833	
Kansas State	4	2	.667	
Oklahoma	3	3	.500	
Kansas	2	4	.333	
Colorado	1	5	.167	
Iowa State	1	7	.125	

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## —Greene ties world record—

# Krebs, Burgher lead NU

After two good weekends over spring break, the Nebraska track team will finish the tough relay circuit with a trip to Des Moines this weekend for the Drake Relays.

Coach Frank Sevigne is not yet sure who he will be taking though he plans to have a team of about 15 to enter the intermediate hurdles, the 100-yard dash, two-mile relay, mile relay, 480-shuttle hurdle relay, high jump, triple jump and possibly the sprint medley and the freshman distance medley relay.

Sevigne commented that there are about twice as many teams at Drake as there were at the Kansas Relays which they attended last weekend, and there will no doubt be tougher competition.

Dave Kudron, Lennox Burgher and Steve Krebs had a very fine weekend in Kansas according to Sevigne. Burgher won the triple jump with a meet record of 51-6 1/2 and Krebs won the high jump with a leap of 6-10 3/4. Kudron picked up a second in the high and 400-meter intermediate hurdles.



Nebraska's premier leaper Lennox Burgher set a meet record of 51-6 1/2 as he took a first place for NU in the Kansas Relays.



Steve Krebs  
KU Relays Winner

Ex-Nebraska team member, Charlie Greene tied the world record in the 100 meter

dash with a time of 10 seconds.

The meet had several other nationally known athletes such as Jim Ryun, Randy Matson and Jim Hines who was disqualified in the 100 meter for false starts. The race had been billed as one of the biggest in the relays and though Hines was disqualified, Greene did not disappoint the crowd of 20,000.

Ryun made his outdoor debut before the friendly home crowd a success with a timing of 3:42.8 in the 1,500 meter race. Matson put the shot 67-11 to break his own stadium record.

The Husker two-mile relay team finished third while the mile team finished fourth. Sevigne commented that the relay teams were sort of a disappointment, "but not too bad." In general he thought the team did very well.

## Husker Happenings

Today  
Tennis — Drake, NU courts, 3 p.m.

Thursday  
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Friday  
Baseball—Colorado, doubleheader, 1:30 p.m., NU diamond.  
Track — at Drake Relays, Des Moines, 10 a.m.  
Golf — Kansas, Missouri, Kansas State at Manhattan.

Saturday  
Baseball—Colorado, NU diamond, 1 p.m.  
Track — at Drake Relays.  
Tennis — Omaha University, NU courts, 10 a.m.  
Golf — Kansas, Missouri, Kansas State at Lawrence.

## Netmen end 1-2 after trip

Coach Ed Higginbotham's tennis team won one match while losing two over spring break.

The first loss came last Wednesday at Norman, Okla. as the Sooners beat the Huskers 7-0. The victors were bolstered by the addition of Roger Ballinger, who transferred to Oklahoma after being Big Ten individual champion two years ago.

The second match of their trip saw them defeat Oklahoma Baptist University at Shawnee 5 to 1.

Saturday the Huskers lost to Missouri 6 to 1 at Columbia. Roger Johnsen received a foot injury in his match upon running into a metal post. The only match won by the Huskers was in doubles competition.

Regarding the trip as a whole, Higginbotham said, "We had some good matches. There is nothing like experience, and that's what this trip gave us. Bill Rohrs played out standingly well the whole trip."

Sophomores Tom Wiese and Roger Fink were praised by the coach as showing well this year for their first season in varsity competition.

The next action for the netmen will be today at 3 p.m. on the Husker courts against Drake University. This starts a busy schedule with matches here Thursday with Iowa State and Saturday with Oklahoma.

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## NU golfers surpass Iowa State

A three-under-par 69 by Charlie Borner led the University of Nebraska golfers to a 10-8 decision over Iowa State Monday afternoon at Holmes Park.

Borner hit a 15-foot putt on an eagle-3 on the first hole after reaching the green on the 525-yard hole with a 3-wood second shot.

The Monday win avenged a 12 1/2-5 1/2 loss suffered against the Iowa State team Friday at Ames. Borner narrowly lost medalist honors to the Cyclone's Marshall Victor who shot a 74 to Borner's 75.

In a southern trip over Easter vacation the Husker linksmen won three meets. Missouri fell 10 to 5 in a dual. Baker U., William Jewell and Washburn all were defeated in a meet held at Ottawa Kansas. In a triangular the Huskers were victorious over Creighton University and Omaha University.

Charlie Borner, NU (69), def. Marshall Victor (79), 2-0; Mike McKewen, IS (73), def. R. B. Lau (77), 3-1; John Wilonga, IN (77), def. Chuck Sweetman (80), 2-1-1; Nick West, NU (75), def. Jim Lockwood (78), 2-1-1; John Benda, IS (78), def. Mike Lay (79), 2-1-1; Frank Rose, NU (74), def. Dave Lafontaine (76), 2-1-1.

## NU baseball status becomes 'uncertain'

... Huskers drop 2 to MU

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Sports Editor

The Nebraska Cornhuskers, an uncertain but hopeful contender in the Big Eight baseball race before the season started, became just an uncertain one over the spring break.

Coach Tony Sharpe's Huskers swept a double header from Kansas the Friday school let out, then dropped a single game Saturday to look in fair shape. But last weekend they were rained out on Friday at Columbia and Saturday the hard-hitting Missouri Tigers ripped them apart with 1-0 and 5-1 wins.

Somewhat ironically, it was a young hurler from Hastings, Rich Henninger, who laid the blanking on the Huskers in the first game.

The MU rightly allowed NU just six hits and struck out 13 batters. He loaded the bases in the Nebraska second, but worked his way out of trouble.

Husker ace southpaw Keith Winter also twirled a six-hit-

run on Tiger third baseman Billy Griffin's fourth-inning double. Griffin went three-for-three in the game.

Both pitchers are now 3-1.

Down 4-0 in the fifth inning of the second game, Nebraska strung together four straight singles, but could bring across just one run, as MU's second reliever, Jerry Hurt worked out of the inning on a grounder, a pop-up, and a strike out.

Nebraska starter lefty Al Furby of Grand Island took the loss to own a 2-2 record. He was relieved in the sixth by Mick Logue, another Islander.

Oklahoma State stayed atop the standings at 6-0 via a rain-out at Stillwater against Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas State gained a tie for second with 6-2 marks and Nebraska dropped to a 3-5 mark, good for fifth place.

Kansas and Colorado were snowed out in Boulder.

Colorado invades the NU diamond this Friday and Saturday carrying a 1-5 record.

**Current Movies**

Times Published by Theater. Times 8-11 (last show) p.m. bold face

**LINCOLN**

Cooper/Lincoln: 'The Secret War of Harry Frigg', 7:00 and 9:00.  
Varsity: 'The Party', 1:00, 3:03, 5:06, 7:09, 9:12.  
State: 'The Graduate', 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00.  
Stuart: 'Planet Of The Apes', 1:00, 3:05, 5:10, 7:15, 9:20.  
Joy: 'Wait Until Dark', 7:10, 9:10.  
Nebraska: 'Foreign Film', 7:00 & 9:00.  
84th & O: 'For a Few Dollars More', 7:30. 'Paula', 9:50. Last complete show, 9:00.  
Starview: Cartoon, 7:30. 'Cool Luke', 7:37. 'The Biggest Bundle Of Them All', 9:44. Last complete show, 8:40.  
OMAHA  
Indian Hills: 'Gone With The Wind', 2:00 and 8:00.  
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