

# the N crowd

by George Kaufman

## Swan Song . . .

As this is a last issue, I suppose a sort of farewell column is in order. If so, this will have to serve.

Athletically, this year will have to go down as one of frustration and near-misses. Football took a dive in the standings, but in all except one game (the 'Bay of Lawrence' fiasco) one play would have put us in the winning column instead of the losing.

Basketball, being a longer and more emotional season, was even worse. We were in again, out again, out again, and the game's only shot by an Iowa State reserve kept us from being in the money at the end of probably the zaniest Big Eight championship race ever.

## 'Good-Bye Charlie'

The track team no longer has cocky Charlie, and consequently looks less invincible this year against the always-disgustingly-great Kansans.

In minor sports we did as well as could be expected without money or fan interest. The fact that nobody knows quite where our cross-country of gymnastics teams finished or who was on them I guess makes it sort of moot where they did finish, since they get the same reaction whether they win them all or lose them all—nothing.

## Lots Of Character

But if, as all coaches insist, their main interest in collegiate coaching is not to win, but to build character in their players, why Nebraska can boast of sending forth from our halls of moss some of the most character-laden athletes in the league.

Unfortunately, there is no Big Eight championship for Building Character—or, indeed, any way to measure such a thing—so we will never really know whether or not we placed in the first division in that one, either.

While this is not meant to be the White Man's lament, I will simply throw in the remark that I see at this time a dangerous trend in American collegiate athletics. On the one hand, athletics in college is becoming more of a 'professional' sport each year, the athlete accepting the highest bid—or 'bonus'—for his talents, on a four-year contract.

But on the other hand, the NCAA and league administrators are hypocritically keeping to the old standards of a 'pure' collegiate amateur athlete, going on periodic witch-hunts to try to assure the public that things have not changed from the good old days of scholar-athletes.

## Fare Thee Well

But still one finds it hard not to apply the old rah-rah school spirit to the imported hordes of athletes who 'represent' us against our gallant foes on the battlefield of sports. So I guess the public will continue to accept this sort of arrangement despite things like the Illinois 'scandal', crucifying men like Pete Elliott for the continuation of the illusion of amateur sports in our colleges.

At any rate, sports people, remember—there's always next year, and it comes around once a year. And don't be afraid to go to the rail.

George Kaufman

## Athletic honorary will conduct tests

All university men interested in qualifying for the national athletic honorary Sigma Delta Psi should plan to meet Thursday at 4 p.m. in room 114 of the Men's P. E. Building. Explanations of the testing procedure will be presented.

After the organizational meeting the testing program will begin immediately in order to complete the program by the end of the school year.

All participants will be allowed to pass three events per night. A participant may also try as many days as he wishes to pass a particular requirement.

The program includes a list of times, distances and performances which the applicant must meet in order to become a member of the fraternity. The testing is made up of purely athletic requirements.

All successful candidates' names will be added to the SDP plaque above the entrance door to the building.

## Husker Happenings

**Today**  
Golf—CU, OU, Oklahoma State at Boulder.  
**Thursday**  
Tennis—Kansas, KU courts, 2:30 p.m.  
**Friday**  
Baseball—Ola, State, CU, NU Diamond, 1:30 p.m.  
Golf—Pikes Peak Tourney at Air Force.  
**Saturday**  
Baseball—OU, State, NU Diamond, 1 p.m.  
Track—at Missouri.  
Tennis—at Creighton, 10 a.m.  
Golf—Pikes Peak Tourney.  
**May 16, Thursday**  
Tennis—at Air Force.  
**May 17, Friday**  
Baseball—at K-State, CU.  
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## Valuable-Clip and save . . .



Yes, sports people, we just couldn't bear the thought of our last sports page of the year without one more look at Vicki Hakanson, Nebraska's finalist in Sports Magazine's campus queen contest. We've received so many requests for copies that we decided just to send along this clip-out-and-save photo for all you fans out there. Happy clipping.

## Smith foils field

Dave Smith won the individual championship and his Cornhusker Co-op team won the team title in the 1968 Intramural Fencing Tournament.

Individual runner-up was Arnold Teten of Pershing, and his team was also the runner-up in the team division.

Team standings:

Cornhusker 5; Pershing 5; Beta Theta Pi 4; Phi Delta Theta 3; SAE 3; Phi Gamma Delta 2; Sigma House 2; Acacia 2; SAM 2; Theta 2; Delta Tau Delta 2; Delta Upsilon 2.

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## Current Movies

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**LINCOLN**  
Cooper/Lincoln: 'Far From The Madding Crowd', 2:00 and 8:00.  
Varsity: 'The Savage Seven', 1:27, 3:29, 5:31, 7:33, 9:35.  
State: 'The Graduate', 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00.  
Stuart: 'A Man And A Woman', 1:00, 3:00, 5:05, 7:05, 9:10.  
Joy: 'Firecracker', 7:15, 9:15.  
Nebraska: Foreign Film Society, 7:00 and 9:00.  
84th & O: Cartoon, 8:40, 'In Cold Blood', 8:47, 'The Way West', 10:59.  
Starview: Cartoon, 8:30, 'Bonnie and Clyde', 8:37, 'The Shattered Room', 10:40, Last complete show, 9:40.  
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Cooper 70: 'Dr. Doolittle', 2:00 and 8:00.

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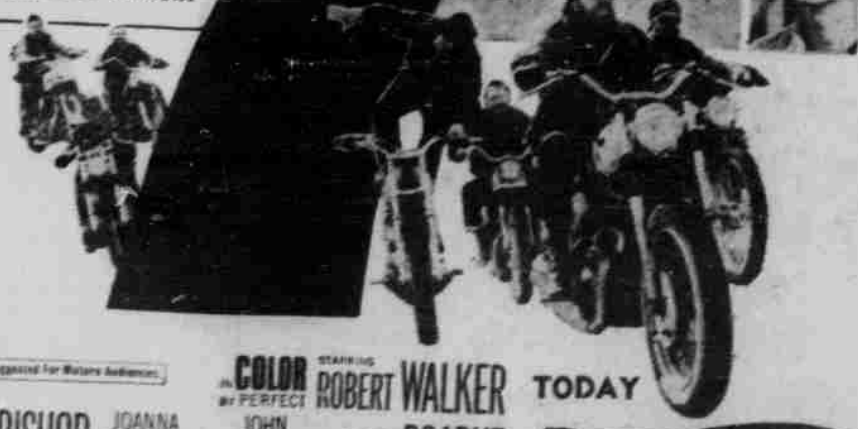
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## ARGUEments

by Harry Argue

The time is here for ARGUEments to say goodbye to this space and move on. I'm not much for farewells, but there's something around here that I wish would say farewell—the Coliseum, which I will refer to from now on, more appropriately, as The Pit.

Reams of copy have been written about the need to replace The Pit. Since it is so utterly insufficient, I'm not going to even bother to reel off its many inadequacies. It seems that everyone, except those who have to make the decision, are full in agreement that The Pit must go—and soon.

But, since it is unfortunately obvious that Nebraska is going to have to put up with The Pit for at least several more years, perhaps it wouldn't be too unreasonable to get a few slight improvements. The first one could be roll-out grandstands.

I hate to think what the cost is if the men who assemble and dis-assemble the present stands before and after every game are paid by the hour. It's a time consuming job to begin with, but to watch the workmen do it, you'd think that they take a minute of break for each minute of work they do. If they are being paid by the hour, that money could surely buy roll-out stands or even go a long way toward replacing The Pit.

I don't think a system of individual reserved seats for basketball games would be unfeasible. It works fine for football and I'm sure there's more than enough interest in basketball to make it work successfully.

As far as football tickets go, the only complaint I have is that it is very difficult for students to obtain tickets for away games, except when there is a once-yearly official migration. I don't think the ticket office should be selling tickets for away games during the summer to the general public. Students should have first crack at them in the fall and then after a certain date, sales could be opened to the public.

Everyone has been taking a

crack or two at the new press box, but I don't see anything wrong with it—it's a fine idea. There's nothing wrong with first rate facilities.

However, I think the new structure could stand one slight and inexpensive improvement. Driving south into Lincoln on Interstate 180, one sees the barren backside of the press box. Instead of leaving it empty, why not put

something up there like UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA MEMORIAL STADIUM—HOME OF THE BIG RED. A secondary sign could also be made that would be easily erected and removed saying BIG EIGHT CHAMPIONS. This would be a good method of promotion for the football team in particular and the University in general.

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