

Young NU baseball club to play Houston

From catcher around the infield to third base, NU's baseball squad looks strong, but if you go to the pitcher's mound and the outfield, you can find troubles.

Coach Tony Sharpe's squad with only two seniors and six lettermen is the youngest club he has had in 22 years guiding NU baseball, and the team has games Monday through Saturday this week in Houston with Houston University. Sharpe said his club will be divided and one squad will meet St. Thomas Monday through Wednesday.

"I really don't know what to expect this year," he said. "It will be rough on us this season, but we certainly aren't giving up."

BESIDES THE LACK of game experience, NU has been forced to hold workouts in the fieldhouse rather than outdoors, which makes the Huskers in poorer physical condition than past clubs. Sharpe said. He added that Houston has already been scheduled to play 11 games before NU opens Monday.

Grand Island senior left-hander Al Furby is the only pitcher to have appeared in a college game. He started in nine games last year with a 4-4 record. Sharpe said the other pitching spots will be manned by freshmen Gene Stohs from Grand Island, Paul Marek from Omaha, Glenn Gilmore from Omaha and Bruce Cramer from Beatrice.

In the catching department, football linebacker Adrian Fiala, the outlook is favorable, Sharpe said. Fiala as a sophomore hit a team-leading .318, but will be passed by Grand Island sophomore Randy Spiels for the starting berth, the coach said.

THE NU INFIELD, which played together last season is the team's brightest aspect, Sharpe said, with junior Tom Tidball at third, junior Bob Griego at second, senior Ron Johnette at first and Dennis Jorgensen at shortstop. The outfield will be picked from Dennis Beckmann, who saw limited action last year, transfer Jim McCormack from Grand Island, freshman Neal Garvey from Bellevue and freshman Bill Slaughter from Lincoln Northeast.

While Sharpe is not expressing overt optimism, he isn't entirely pessimistic about this season.

"We've got some young promising players and in time the pitchers will develop into some fine hurlers," he said. "Our record may take a beating,

NU wrestlers finish last in Big 8 meet

Nebraska's indoor tracksters and gymnasts fared well over the weekend, but NU's wrestling squad finished last in the Big Eight meet for the second straight year.

The Huskers placed sixth in the NCAA indoor track championships at Detroit as Big Eight champion Kansas breezed to a record 41½ points. NU's freshman star Garth Case was fourth in the 600 yard run with a 1:10.9 clocking.

KU star miler Jim Ryan, after missing the Big Eight meet with an ailing knee, won the mile with a 4:02.6 clocking and Southern California's Olympic pole vaulter Bob Seagrass surprisingly placed second in his specialty with a 16-6 vault.

NU's gymnastics squad closed a 2-7 dual meet record with a 134.425 to 132.475 victory over Mankato Saturday as Hastings senior Steve May won the rings and parallel bars, and the all-round title. He also tied for second in the floor exercise and took second in the long horse.

Tom Traver won the side horse and Bruce Kempkes won the high bars as Coach Jake Geier's team prepared for the Big Eight Meet at Ames, Iowa Friday and Saturday.

Coach Orval Borgtall's wrestlers placed last but 191-pound Gene Libal completed a successful season by taking third in his division and 115-pound Bob Orta, freshman, was fourth in his class. Oklahoma State edged Oklahoma for the league title 91-90 and Iowa State was third.

Four Huskers dropped semifinal matches — Orta, Libal, heavyweight Keith Burchett and 167-pound Harold Povandra.

Campus Calendar

MONDAY, MARCH 17

(All events in the Nebraska Union unless otherwise indicated.)

- 12:30 p.m. Placement
- 1:30 p.m. Builders-Calendar & Directory
- 3:30 p.m. Nebr. Career Scholars Lecture; Dr. J. H. Plumb
- Builders-Student Prof. Committee
- Panhellenic
- 4:30 p.m. AWS Sorority Court
- Tassels
- Union Film Committee
- 6 p.m. Towne Club
- 7 p.m. UNICORNS
- 7:30 p.m. Math Counselors
- 8 p.m. Career Scholars Lecture—Dr. J. H. Plumb
- 10 p.m. Innocents

1,000 shoes, socks prove Babcock's job complicated

by Mark Gordon
Sports Editor

Managing \$75,000 of varsity athletic equipment and satisfying the demands of 350 athletes annually are the responsibilities of NU equipment manager Gib Babcock.

Now in his fifth year at controlling the equipment, Babcock divides his time among repairing, issuing and washing equipment and issuing letter jackets and preparing equipment for out of town football games. He also repairs shoes and irons clothes.

"I have many varied duties, he said. "In fact, I do about 75 per cent of my work during the six months of football season and then 25 per cent the remaining part of the year."

BESIDES issuing football equipment during the fall season, preparing for the first road game in a difficult chore with about 45 players needing storm coats and warmup jackets that are packed in four heavy trunks. He added that just transporting the



GIL BABCOCK

paraphernalia from the airport to the stadium is a big job.

During the spring football season, he uses about 60 pounds of soap each week to wash the baseball, track and football uniforms and he also cleans basketball and wrestling uniforms during the winter. He said his biggest wash days are Tuesday and Thursday when he handles the practice clothes from Monday and Wednesday varsity practice sessions. About 240 practice uniforms from M-W-F and about 125 uniforms from Tuesday and Thursday are washed weekly.

Berkeley prof lectures

Professor Seymour Chatman of the University of California at Berkeley will present a public lecture on March 20 at 1:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union, according to William Hlendricks of the University English department. The "Transformational Analysis of Literary Style."

"I have an assistant on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons to help issue clothes, since I can't possibly help everyone during the busy times," he explained.

BESIDES complete outfits for about 150 football players, he has between 400 and 500 pairs of shoes, 400 pairs of sweat pants, about 250 football helmets, 400 towels and "too many socks to count."

"My toughest problem is deciding what should be thrown out and what should be repaired," he said. "We don't want to use equipment that is worn out, but we can't afford to buy new things all the time."

He is experimenting with football helmets employing hydraulic systems that can be fitted to all player's heads. Babcock said several professional squads are using them and they are perfect for equipment managers.

"All I have to do is to inflate or deflate the valves to fit the helmet to the player's head," he said. "Right now we have two of these helmets and we are trying to see if we should get more."

HE SAID ONE of biggest assets of his job is meeting the varsity athletes that pass by his equipment cage daily. He added that he knows most football, baseball and track participants since they regularly check out equipment.

With spring football practice less than one month away, Babcock said, the next few weeks will be spent preparing for spring ball and the little headaches accompanying it.

Coming to the equipment room from three years with the University's grounds department, he said he originally felt the job would be easier. But after five years he claims there's more to the job than most persons imagine.

"Another thing I like about the job is the traveling that I can do with the football team," he said, adding

that he is eyeing 1970 when the Huskers travel to Los Angeles to meet Southern California and Honolulu to battle the University of Hawaii.

Before joining the University staff in 1961, he farmed near North Loup in Valley County where he claimed he was the all-time champion corn husker with 25,000 to 30,000 bushels. "Can anyone beat that?" he asks.

Can anyone also top the many responsibilities of his job? (Next — The doctor is coming.)

Foreign study applications due April 30

Students interested in attending El Colegio de Mexico in Mexico City under an exchange program for the 1969-70 school year are asked to submit applications and supporting papers to Roberto Esquenazi-Mayo, 709 Oldfather, no later than April 30, 1969.

Students are selected on the basis of their language proficiency and of their general background on Latin America and the United States.

They spend a full year at El Colegio and receive academic credit at the University of Nebraska for work successfully completed.

In the past, students selected received full financial aid including transportation, insurance and subsistence allowance. At present, the University offers partial financial assistance.

The University established the exchange program with El Colegio in 1962. El Colegio specializes in training in the fields of international affairs, history, literature and linguistics.

Golfers in spring tourney to register by Tuesday

Golfers wishing to enter the University intramural spring golf tourney must register 3-5 p.m. next Tuesday and Wednesday in 102 Mens Physical Education Building, according to Ray Chatfield, intramural director.

The four round event will be played at Pioneer Golf Course with the first round set for April 1 to April 11, the second from April 12 to 22, the third is slated for April 23 to May 1 and the finals from May 2 to 9. Players must pay their own greens fee and provide their own equipment.

Beta Theta Pi is the defending team champion with house member Lance Gloe the defending individual list.

In other intramural news, entries for the annual wrestling tournament will be accepted during weigh-ins 3:30-5:30 p.m. March 27 and 28 in room 115 Mens Physical Education Building. Matches will begin March 31 and will be held in the Coliseum basement or the varsity court, Chatfield said.

The wrestling room in the Coliseum will be available for practice 5:30-7 p.m. daily and 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Organizations may enter as many entries in one weight class but a contestant may be entered in only one class.

Alpha Tau Omega is the defending University champion.

All softball teams must submit their

rosters by 5 p.m. March 26 at 102 Mens Physical Education Building and games will begin April 3 at 5 p.m., Chatfield said. He added that all games will be played on the east campus fields.

Games will be six innings unless by mutual agreement the teams decide on shorter games and squads must furnish one competent umpire.

Three leagues — interfraternity, independent and residence halls — will be organized this season. Chatfield added that a softball manager's meeting will be held at 7 p.m. March 26 in room 114 Mens Physical Education Building.

Phi Gamma Delta is the defending all-university winner.

NU student vies for position on Lincoln City Council

A University student is running for the Lincoln City Council with the motto "safety and service."

Lawrence D. Marvin, a 30-year-old senior who filed for the post last week, said that many people are complaining, and rightfully so, about services in Lincoln.

"We have very poor service for the high taxes we are paying," said Marvin, an Air Force veteran.

THE CITY has a wheel tax, he pointed out. But a city snow remover has almost never passed his house this winter, Marvin said. He added that the city streets have potholes in potholes.

"Where's the wheel tax money going?" he demanded. Maybe some money is being wasted, he suggested. And now, Marvin said, city officials have even mentioned assessing students with a wheel tax.

The bachelor, originally from Long Pine, Nebraska, also is disappointed in safety precautions taken by the city of Lincoln. For instance, his neighborhood, near 30th and Vine Street, has tried to obtain a school crossing signal at 31st and Vine — without success. Two children have already been hit by cars because of this neglect.

BESIDES SAFETY and service, Marvin is unhappy about several other things. More communication is needed between Lincolinites and the City Council. More prudence by that governing body is desirable too.

"People should have a say; they don't want to be dictated to," he said. The council wants to raise water rates 25 per cent, which Marvin said is unnecessary and too radical. Certain provisions in the city's proposed minimum housing code are also far too strict, Marvin said.

This is Marvin's first attempt at public office. He currently works for a local security service and will graduate this June.

BEING a student will not be a hindrance, he said. "I will have time to learn, if elected, since I graduate in June. I speak three languages, I'm a veteran and I have a minor in social sciences. I will inform the people of this."

Marvin plans a small, inexpensive campaign. While he is not planning an all-out attempt to mobilize University students in his behalf, he is looking for student backing to add to his support from other Lincolinites.

Placement interviews

Scheduled for the week of March 17
DETAILED INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE PLACEMENT OFFICE, NEBRASKA UNION 220

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Tuesday, March 18
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