

# Linebackers scramble for Murtaugh job



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Don't feel sorry for John Melton. He's really not the loneliest coach in town.

Melton, the Cornhuskers' linebacker coach, may have felt lonely when spring drills opened and all-American linebacker Jerry Murtaugh wasn't back again. But after one week of practice Melton is all smiles again.

"Everything looks pretty

good," said Melton. "Jerry (Murtaugh) was a starter for three years and he's tough to replace, but I've been satisfied with the progress we've made."

**BOB TERRIO**, whose interception with 45 seconds left in the Orange Bowl clinched the national title for Nebraska last year, returns to his linebacker position. Terrio alternated with Pat Morrell, a two-year letterman, in the Huskers' first major scrimmage Saturday.

Murtaugh's vacated position was filled Saturday by two-year understudy Bruce Hauge. Hauge, a 220-pound junior from Bloomington, Minn., was redshirted in 1969 before serving as Murtaugh's backup man last season.

"Jerry's a tough guy to try and follow," admits Hauge. "But since I'm trying to follow an all-American I guess it adds a certain amount of pride to the job."

Hauge thinks playing behind Murtaugh has been beneficial to his football knowledge.

"Jerry's not that big," said Hauge, "but he has a lot of quickness. I've watched how he could use his hands and I hope to improve my quickness."

**BUT HAUGE**, although having the inside track, isn't

the only contender for the strong side linebacking job. Letterman Jim Branch and El Camino, Calif. Junior College transfer Bill Sloey are also in contention.

Sloey worked with the third and fourth units Saturday morning, but was invited back in the afternoon to work with the top two units.

"Sloey is making progress in the right direction," said Husker head coach Bob Devaney after the Saturday workouts. "He proved that he can hit some people."

"Hauge is really being pressed by Branch and Sloey," offered Melton. "That linebacking job will be a tough one to get."

Sophomore Jon Strong from Fremont is also battling for a linebacking position.

Melton, although pleased with the progress, says the linebackers have to improve more on the running game.

**"WE'RE NOT** reacting quick enough to some running situations," says Melton. "Our pass coverage has been good, but we have to improve our defense on the running game."

Veteran Terrio agrees. "I've been surprised that we're working together as well as we have been," said Terrio. "It's



Terrio... ready.

not easy to develop teamwork so early, but our pass coverage has been pretty good."

Terrio also felt lonely when drills opened last week without Murtaugh around.

"Sure we miss Jerry," said Terrio. "It was nice to be playing on the same team. You always had confidence that he could make the tackle. Now we just have to develop that confidence in ourselves and I think we can do it."

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The following issue will be on the April 7 Spring ballot.

### IN FAVOR:

- PACE Committee Plan (refundable after tuition payment)
- Regents' Committee Plan (deductible from tuition payment)

The PACE Committee plan and the Regents Committee plan are two different ways of implementing the PACE proposal. The Pace Program of Active Commitment to Education proposed with the April 7 ballot is a refundable plan, amounting to \$5.00 per student per semester and \$1.75 per student per summer session. The Regents Committee plan will be used to provide a scholarship fund for low income students which will be administered by the Office of Scholarship and Financial Aid.

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Agriculture and Home Economics students vote at East Union from 8:00 am-5:00 pm and then at City Union Lounge from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm.  
All other students vote at City Union Lounge from 8:00 am-8:00 pm.

## Nebraska tracksters stumble in outdoor season opener

Nebraska's track team opened the outdoor season in the warm sunshine of the Texas Relays Friday and Saturday, but came away with little more than frustration and a handful of good individual performances.

One of the disappointments was the Huskers' fourth place finish in the mile relay, an event they hoped to win. After a sizzling 46.5 opening leg by Leighton Priestley, Nebraska had the lead. But Wes Leonard stumbled making the baton pass to the third runner and NU lost 20 yards, putting them out of the race. They went on to finish in 3:11.8.

Nebraska's young two-mile

relay team of Dan Speck, Roger Chadwick, Larry Cimato and Greg Carlberg put together a 7:27.4 effort for fourth place and a new school record. All except Carlberg are freshmen.

Carlberg also teamed with freshmen Lynn Hall, Bob Unger and Speck for fifth in the four-mile relay with 16:45.6, the same time as fourth place Minnesota. In that race Hall provided a noteworthy performance by churning a personal best of 4:10.

Nebraska's next meet is Saturday against Big Ten power Minnesota. The 1:30 p.m. test will be held on Nebraska Wesleyan's track.

## CALENDAR

- 12:30 p.m.-- Mens P.E. Bowling 31, Union
- 12:30 p.m. - Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship, Union
- 1:30 p.m.-- Men's P.E. Bowling, Union
- 2:30 p.m.-- Ad Hoc Committee on Campus Disorder, Union
- 3:30 p.m.-- Union Weekend Film Committee, Union
- 3:30 p.m. - Projection, Union
- 4 p.m. - Union - Foreign Film Committee, Union
- 4 p.m. - U.M.H.E. - Wesley Foundation, Union
- 4 p.m. - Builders - Calendar, Union
- 4:30 p.m. - Tassels, Union
- 5:35 p.m. - Unicorns, Union
- 6 p.m. - Towne Club, Union
- 6 p.m. - Special Services, Tutoring, Union
- 6 p.m. - Mexican American Student Assn, Union
- 7:30 p.m. - Math Counselors, Union
- 7:30 p.m. - Student Health - Health Education Div., Union
- 7:30 p.m. - Zoology Club, Union
- 7:30 p.m. - Prayer & Praise Group, Union
- 8 p.m. - A.A.C.S., Union
- 9:15 p.m. - Kappa Psi, Union

## Unicameral backs national vetting amendment

Nebraska became the thirteenth state Friday to ratify the proposed constitutional amendment to lower the voting age to 18 in all elections.

The Legislature voted 32-2 to approve Resolution 31, sponsored by Sens. P. J. Morgan, Duke Snyder and Gerald Stromer and Lt. Gov. Frank Marsh, the Unicameral's presiding officer, made the ratification complete by adding his signature.

The proposed amendment needs ratification by 25 more states, or 38 in all, before becoming part of the U.S. Constitution.

## Prokop will speak Monday at Smith

A member of the Board of Regents, Robert Prokop of Omaha, will speak and answer questions in the Smith Hall lounge, Monday evening at 7:30.

The public is invited to attend.

## Baseball Squad wins only two against Houston

With 4-2 and 3-2 losses in Saturday's twinbill, the Nebraska Cornhuskers return from their eight-game series with Houston sporting just two victories. The doubleheader was the second in two days for the Cornhuskers.

They split with Houston Friday, winning the first game 4-3 before falling in the finale, 6-1.

In Saturday's first game, the Huskers used two hits and a Houston error to score two unearned runs in the first inning. But the Houston starter shutout Nebraska the rest of the way while his team scored four runs.

And in the nightcap, Houston broke a 2-2 tie in the last inning bunting three hits to score the winning run. Glen Gilmore was charged with the loss while going the distance.

Freshman Ryan Kurosaki emerged as one of Nebraska's top hurlers Friday as he threw a five hitter against the Cougars. Kurosaki also started the second game of the series, throwing five innings of shutout ball. He was lifted for a pinch hitter and was not involved in the decision which the Huskers subsequently lost, 1-0.

Veteran Gene Stols picked up the other Nebraska victory on the Texas trip when the Cornhuskers took the series opener, 9-3.

The Huskers travel to Boulder Friday for their Big-Eight opener with Colorado. The home opener is April 12 with South Dakota State.

