

Several factors figured in NBC vote—Osborne

By Cindy Gardner

The College Football Association voted Friday in Atlanta to accept a multi-million dollar television contract with NBC covering the 1982-85 seasons.

The unofficial total on the \$180 million package was 33-20. Eight member schools either abstained or were not allowed to vote because of improper credentials.

In early August, the National Collegiate Athletic Association reached a contract covering the same period and all its member schools including the 61 institutions forming the CFA. The NCAA has threatened action against CFA schools, who they claim have no right to negotiate an independent contract.

The Big Eight vote on the issue apparently broke down 6-2. Iowa State and Missouri voted against the pact. Earlier, Missouri was expected to vote for the contract

and Oklahoma State was expected to vote against it.

Member schools have until Sept. 10 to change their vote on the CFA agreement, which guarantees at least \$1 million to each member school. Only three schools would need to change their affirmative votes to nullify package approval.

Husker football coach Tom Osborne said he expects there will be some pressure from the NCAA and second thoughts among CFA members but added, "I would think more people would change to the affirmative."

Although Osborne said he didn't know as much about the CFA proposals as the people who voted, he does see it as a matter of principle centered on who's going to control television rights, and other concerns.

"This whole thing is a back lash after a lot of frustration," Osborne said. "There's more involved than just this one thing."

Osborne mentioned economic factors as one reason why the first vote was successful. The \$263 million agreement between the NCAA and ABC and CBS calls for revenue to be divided between member schools. The contract includes two afternoon games while the CFA-NBC proposals center on prime time.

Should the NCAA choose to take action against CFA members, Osborne questions how meaningful probation would be for such a large number of schools. He said he thought the CFA has a contingency plan ready to administer other sports, should it come to that.

Big Red, Collegiate and Husker among leagues still open to bowlers

By Ward W. Triplett III

Students and faculty interested in union bowling leagues can start signing up today, according to city league director Rollie Hughes.

Hughes said roughly 600 people are expected to compete in the seven leagues, but it would be possible to have even more.

"That's about the maximum number we can fit into our league space right now," Hughes said. "But if the students and faculty demanded it, we could form a few more leagues. I'd say that right now, we're at half capacity."

Prospective bowlers are encouraged to sign up in teams or as individuals. Those persons will be placed with an incomplete team or grouped together to form a team. The leagues open to students and faculty at large include the University League at 5 p.m. Monday, Big Red at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Collegiate at 8 p.m. Tuesday, and the Husker League at 7:30 Thursday. Leagues with limited access include the Big Eight League, which annually includes those bowlers who compete in the inter-university league.

"We're modifying that a little bit. Last year we had bowlers try out for the University team one by one. This year, we're having people try out for the Big Eight league, and we'll just pick the best people from that to compete against other schools," Hughes said.

The Greek Rollers will bowl at 7:30 p.m. and the UNL Secretary League at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. The Cornstalk

and Kernal League, which is designed for an adult and child pair, is scheduled for 5 p.m. Sundays.

Each league gets under way the week of Sept. 27 after a warm up the preceding week. A pre-payment plan is in use once again, to cut down on the chance of people dropping out.

"In most leagues in the city, the bowlers play week to week, but we found that a lot of people would find themselves on a team that had no chance to win anymore, and by November, they would drop. Their teammates would begin forfeiting games because of it, and soon they dropped too, which left a hole in the entire league," Hughes said.

"Under this plan, we at least have their money right away. If they do drop out, the bowling alley has been paid, the league trophy fund has been paid, and the secretary has been paid."

Hughes said that if bowlers pay their entry fee within the first ten days after their league starts they will receive a discount.

All leagues will operate on a split-season — or two-semester — format to maintain interest, Hughes said, and two teams from each league will compete in the all-University roll-offs at the end of the year. Last year's champions won \$50 each for the title.

The East 40 lanes, directed by Ray Koziol, has only six lanes, but both of last year's roll-off finalists came from that center. Sign ups and rules for the East 40 bowling leagues are similar to those at the union.

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