

Sports

Sportscaster Phyllis George at UNL speaks on career, campaigns for Kerry

By Cindy Gardner

Balancing the roles of wife, mother, career woman, author and television personality requires "flexibility and patience" according to the woman behind these roles, Phyllis George.

George diverted attention away from television sets and books when she appeared briefly in the main lounge of the Nebraska Union Thursday evening. George was in Nebraska to endorse Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bob Kerry.

Because her roles as wife, mother and First Lady of Kentucky are enough alone to keep her busy, George said she considered not returning to "The NFL Today" on CBS.

"Flexibility is the key this year," George said. "I, in fact, at first was not even considering going back."

Network television's first female sportscaster will be back for another season but always won't be in the studio on Sunday's when "NFL Today" is aired.

The former Miss America will, however, appear on the weekly show either live or on tape. George, who will open the season on Sept. 12 by interviewing Los Angeles quarterback Bert Jones, said she will get one Sunday off this season because of her busy schedule.

George described her role on CBS as that of "interviewer and semi-co-host." She added that she is the one who brings out the people behind the football players.

"I think I'm the human interest part of the show," George said. "I think the reason my part became successful on the show was because it was the first time the audience at home, ever really got to know them."

Her job with NFL Today will take George as far as Japan this season. In the past, she traveled daily for CBS covering events ranging from figure skating to basketball.

Since her marriage to Kentucky Governor John Brown, George has curtailed her rigorous travel schedule.

George began her sportscasting career in 1974, and while she still enjoys her work, she said her husband and two year-old son Lincoln, came first.

"My family's the most important thing to me," George said. "I can still have a career and work but not like I did when I was single."

The six-year veteran of the television sports world added that she would not recommend her lifestyle to all young women.

"This is perfect for me. I'm not saying it's the ideal thing for every young woman. What it has done, I hope, is give women a chance to go out there and be better and better," George said.

In addition to her many activities, George has co-authored a new book. The "I Love America Diet Book", written with Bill Adler, will be available soon.

Another project that is keeping George busy is the fund raising of more than one million dollars for the restoration of the Kentucky governor's mansion. The mansion was closed by the State Fire Marshall in 1980.



Staff photo by Craig Anderson

Phyllis George

1982 pigskin preview

There's really no season like a football season

It's that time of year again. Football season, in case you're wondering. The season doesn't really get underway in earnest until next week, but there are some attractive games this week to fill any fan's appetite.

Clemson at Georgia. Last year's national champion, Clemson, meets 1980's national champion, Georgia.

Clemson upset Georgia last year enroute to its 12-0 season. Of course, Clemson also played mighty Wofford



Jeff Goodwin

last year. Tiger fans are thankful that obstacle has been removed from this year's schedule.

Georgia lost Herschel Walker for the first two games of the season. That's a bit like taking Rommel's Panzers away from him and then telling him to go out and whip Montgomery.

Intramurals

The Wreck Crew, consisting of Stan Campbell, Bill Goa, Mark Hakel, Mona Maly, Mary Pritchard, Sue Olson and Nadine Ault, came from behind to defeat the Denver Comets 17-15, 15-10 to win the championship of the co-recreational mud volleyball competition in the UNL-Coors Intramural Festival last weekend.

The Oreos defeated the LNE Connection 15-6, 7-4 to win the co-recreational three-on-three volleyball competition. Members of the winning team are J. Jones, Jon Jones and Celine Jochum.

The NPI graduates defeated the Moscow Mules 8-6 to win the co-recreational indoor wiffleball competition. Championship team members are Sue Penner, Mike Meier, Jen Langdon, Ben Birkel, Jim Johnson, Alisa Qualm, Tom Struebing, Julie Porter, Brad Marucha, Joan Wellnite and Rick Kyser.

Jim Pfeiffer and Linda Capoccia were the winners of the first heat of the co-recreational water balloon toss. Nick Foley and Sara Lockwood won the second heat.

The co-recreational bat-n-race was won by Mike Malone, Jerry Bartek, Rich Lewis, Carolyn Karlin, Janice Ohrt and Mary Trouba.

Dave Bosley won the men's division of the fun run with a time of 10:18. Elsa Bedner won the women's division in 14:12.

But Georgia still retains a strong defense and the Bulldogs are tough at home: **Georgia 21, Clemson 16.**

North Carolina at Pittsburgh. This is the second television extravaganza of two Top 10 teams next week.

Pittsburgh has been picked by most pre-season polls as the best team in the country. That may well be, but it's unlikely the Panthers will be there at the end of the year.

The Panthers are loaded. Dan Marino, the best quarterback in college football, heads a high-powered offense that can score from anywhere on the field. And the Panther defense is not to be taken lightly.

North Carolina is no pushover, either. The Tar Heels have one of the finest running backs in the country in tailback Kelvin Bryant.

The Tar Heels should make a game of this for the first three quarters or so but Pittsburgh's depth will make the difference: **Pittsburgh 24, North Carolina 21.**

Temple at Penn State. Penn State plays one of the toughest schedules in the country this year. But that's not because they play Temple. The Lions feast in this one: **Penn State 35, Temple 3.**

Huskers open season against UNO, will stress fundamentals of volleyball

By Tom Schipporeit

It's time for the Nebraska volleyball team to get down to business. The Huskers open their regular season Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Coliseum against UNO.

The Huskers have spent three weeks working on fundamentals and preparing for the fall schedule, including the opener against UNO.

"UNO is one of the better Division II teams. They're ranked in the top 20 year in and year out," Coach Terry Pettit said.

Pettit said the Huskers' size and strength advantages shouldn't play major roles in the first match of the year, as these qualities develop more importance as the season progresses.

"This early in the season, fundamentals not associated with physical size and strength, like setting and passing, play a larger role and are stressed more than blocking and spiking," Pettit said.

The Huskers are coming off a 30-10 campaign last fall, which included their sixth straight Big Eight championship and a No. 14 ranking in the final NCAA poll.

Pettit said probable starters for Saturday's match are sophomores Mary Buysse and Cathy Noth as setters, senior Gwen Egbert and junior Erin Dean as outside hitters, and either junior Debbie Thompson, freshman Michelle Smith or freshman Sharon Kramer filling the two center-blocker positions.

Miami, Fla. at Florida. One pre-season poll picked Florida to finish first. Not first in the Southeast Conference, but first in the nation. Like Reaganomics, there is no reasonable explanation for this. It just is.

Miami beat Florida last year and the Hurricanes have the players to do so again. Miami is led by quarterback Jim Kelly, the best quarterback in college football, (oops, I've heard that one before) and a possible Heisman Trophy candidate.

The Gators appear to have a stronger defense and that should make the difference in a close contest: **Florida 28, Miami, Fla. 20.**

Northwestern at Illinois. Northwestern has lost 31 games in a row and that isn't going to change this week.

Look for Illinois' Tony Eason, the best quarterback in college football, to pad his stats against the Wildcats: **Illinois 41, Northwestern 7.**

Other games:

Syracuse 27, Rutgers 7; Mississippi 29, Memphis State 17; Mississippi State 21, Tulane 17; Tennessee 31, Duke 14; Arizona State 30, Oregon 6; Texas A&M 26, Boston College 14; Missouri 28, Colorado State 10.

"I think we have 14 or 15 people who can step in and do the job. It's probably the deepest squad I've had. There's more competition for certain spots," Pettit said.

The Mavericks, coached by Janice Kruger, finished 31-12 a year ago.

"She's (Kruger) got a fairly experienced team returning. They're fundamentally sound," Pettit said. UNO's three returning starters are Brenda Schnebal, Kristi Nelson and Wendy Melcher, all of whom, according to Pettit, are top-notch players.

"We're not worried about individual players as much as just playing against a good team," Pettit said.

Pettit sees the season opener as a match in which fundamentals will be stressed by both teams. He also said it will give him a chance to see how the newer players react under game conditions.

KRNU carries games

Radio station KRNU (90.3 FM) again will carry all home UNL varsity and freshman football games. The broadcasts will begin 10 minutes before kick-off, which is 1:30 p.m. for varsity games and 1 p.m. for freshman games.

The first broadcast will be Sept. 10 when the Husker freshmen play Ellsworth Junior College at Memorial Stadium.