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Sports show premieres on KRNU

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whole thing to be spontaneous ... like a one-on-one conversation.

And that's just how Washburn handled his first show, which featured Nebraska swimmers Mike Irvin and Peter Williams. Washburn kept both interviews low-key, but wasn't afraid to dive into the inside world of colle-

Washburn showed he had done his research in his interview with Williams, a South African athlete and world-record holder in the 50-meter freestyle. He kept Williams on edge and wasn't afraid to ask the South African if he was disappointed about being left out of the Summer Olympic

"I had never done one-on-one interviews before," Washburn said. 'I really didn't know what to expect.

chance to interview sports figures. He said the experience will give him a head-start in the competitive world of

by-play for a major college or pro sports team," he said. "That's my dream. But I could also live with doing this because I love talking about sports.'

Although Tuesday night's show had some rough edges, Washburn was generally pleased with how it went. He said he's had a few problems getting the show started, but added that everything was starting to fall into place.

One problem has been money. KRNU is not a commercial station, so advertising time can't be sold during the show. Although the air-time is free, Washburn still has to pick up the tab for promotions and other expenses

Scheduling guests also has been a

problem. Washburn wants to interview Cornhusker football players live on the show, but the Nebraska Sports Information Department will allow only taped interviews, he said.

In order to get players on the show, Washburn had to agree that the inter-views be taped and no live phone-in questions would be allowed. "It puts us in a bind," Washburn said. "It hurts the program. Most people have a big infatuation with

people have a big infatuation with football and it would be nice to get the players on live. I think people would be interested in calling in and asking questions."

Griffin dreams of touchdowns ual encouragement.

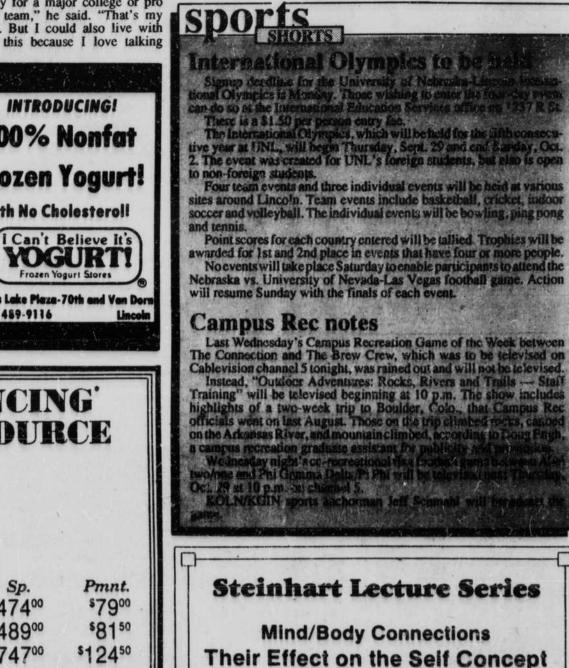
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Monrovia (Calif.) High School. "When he came here he was a very outstanding defensive player," McBride said. "He knew all the fundamentals when he switched, he just had to learn our system."

Griffin said he owes his success as a defensive tackle to McBride. He said McBride helped him by refreshing his memory and offering contin-

Griffin said he has grown to like playing the defensive tackle position better than playing tight end. He said he doesn't miss catching passes and running pass patterns even though he still has dreams about scoring a touchdown.

"One day I'm going to intercept a pass and return it for a touchdown," Griffin said. "That's my goal."





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