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He-is-man

Frazier best candidate for top trophy

On Dec. 9 five of the nation's best college football players will gather in the same room all hoping to win the most coveted prize a college football player can receive, the Heisman Trophy.

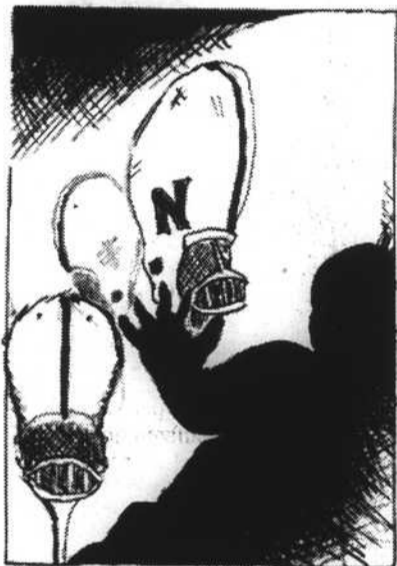
Nebraska's Tommie Frazier, Iowa State's Troy Davis, Florida's Danny Wuerffel, Northwestern's Darnell Autry and Ohio State's Eddie George all will be waiting to hear their name called.

All five players have had major impact this season and in the past for their teams, but none of the five have had more of an impact than Frazier. And he is the Daily Nebraskan's pick to win the 61st Heisman Trophy.

Of the five, Frazier, Wuerffel and George are the front runners and the vote should be close among the three.

George can run and Wuerffel can pass but Frazier has one advantage over these two players; Frazier is a player who can pass and run.

This year, Frazier has posted an 11-0 record and in his career he has helped the



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Cornhuskers to a 32-3 record in games he has started. That number would be even greater if he hadn't missed eight games last season suffering from blood clots.

His value was learned coming off the bench in the Orange Bowl last season to lead Nebraska back from a 17-9 deficit for the 24-17 win and a national championship.

In his 11 games this year, Frazier was second on the team in rushing with 604 yards on 97 attempts for an average of 6.2 yards a carry. The senior from Bradenton, Fla., also has 14 touchdowns. He has passed for 1,362 yards on 92 completions, which include 17 touchdowns and only four interceptions.

He has a combined total of 31 touchdowns, rushing and passing.

Wuerffel has eye-popping passing statistics throwing for 3,266 yards and 35 touchdowns, but with 10 interceptions. Wuerffel's one-dimensional style shows in his -141 yards rushing.

George is perhaps Frazier's greatest challenge. The Buckeye running back rushed for 1,826 yards on 303 carries. He had 23 touchdowns rushing and one receiving.

But besides statistics, Frazier has meant more to his team than anyone. Wuerffel sat out a game and the Gators still won 58-20. George isn't helped by having his team lose to Michigan in the final game of the season.

Frazier should become the third Husker—Johnny Rodgers in 1972 and Mike Rozier in 1983 are the other two—to win the award with his performances this season.

Frazier has been the best example of Nebraska football over the past four seasons, the best player this season and his efforts should pay off Saturday night at the Downtown Athletic Club in New York.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Athelism

After reading several of Krista Schwarting's columns, I can't understand why she would continue to be a member of the Catholic Church.

She seems to realize the myriad of flaws in Catholic doctrine, yet she's going to get married in that church? I don't get it.

I would think that someone who discovers so many flaws in Catholicism would at least find another denomination — or better yet, reject religion and mysticism altogether in favor of a realistic, consistent, practical, and freedom-embracing world view, something the chaotic and self-contradictory writings of the Bible and other religious texts cannot claim to offer.

Nick Wiltgen
Sophomore
Broadcasting
via e-mail

Pay up, C.

I have a question. Christian Peter is suing the state of Nebraska claiming that we are responsible for a negative effect on his draft potential, right?

My question is this: We have been affecting his draft potential for what, 3 1/2 — 4 1/2 years, right?

So, what was his draft potential when he came here from high school (right before we started affecting his draft potential)?

I have trouble believing that he would have been drafted higher straight out of high school than he will be now.

The taxpayers of Nebraska have actually INCREASED his draft potential in the last few years. By his reasoning, he owes US money.

Mike Sanchez
Graduate Student
Classics and Classical Greek
via e-mail

Moeser miser

I, for one, am not welcoming



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James Moeser to his position at this university. For one thing, his salary is outrageous.

As long as students have to take out loans to get an education at UNL, no one should get paid \$158,000 a year.

No wonder he wants Nebraska to be an "import" state. It appears to be serving him well.

Isn't it quaint that he's reading up on prairies and delving into Nebraskan culture. I'm sure that will help all of us immensely.

If he really wants to help this university, he should leave, and take his unnecessary, insulting position with him. What a waste.

Scott Ferguson
Junior
Anthropology
via e-mail

St. Tom

I'm disgusted with the attitude people are having against Tom Osborne and the football team.

I in NO WAY approve of what a few of the players have done, however; Coach Osborne did not

make them, or even encourage them, to do these things in the first place and there are many more players on the team that have not had or caused problems.

People have commented about discipline of the players; wasn't Phillips suspended from the team?

I don't think the team as a whole should be judged by three or four "bad apples."

Give the bad rap to those who deserve it, the ones who "did the crime", not the whole team, the school and the coach.

Martina Seigel
Freshman
Undecided
via e-mail

Bosnia

The Monday morning paper contained the headline that had been expected for weeks. U.S. troops are headed for Bosnia.

They must enforce the peace and take minimal, if any, casualties if their mission is to be judged a success. This is not a good position to be in from a strategic military standpoint.

I regret our involvement in Bosnia. The initiative for military action has been given to the Serbs. Our soldiers will find it extremely difficult to maintain peak alertness for an indefinite period of time while the Serbs choose when, how and where they wish to attack.

A world power can have severe problems with a small opposing force if the initiative is dictated by the enemy.

It is with mixed emotion that I watch our service people deploy to another danger zone in the world.

As you eat your Christmas dinner, I encourage you to think of those men and women who are putting their lives on the line so that others can have a better chance of living to see next year.

Gary Cooper
Graduate Student
Spanish



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