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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

Purpose of the Study

The purpose of the study was to present as accurately as possible, the life of Dr. Maynard "Pat" O'Brien and his professional contributions to Eastern Illinois University in the areas of physical education and athletics. Nineteen hundred forty-six was O'Brien's first year of employment at Eastern. The study includes his childhood and education, but is concentrated on his years as a physical education instructor, coach, and administrator.

Need for the Study

O'Brien taught and coached at Eastern Illinois University for twenty-eight years. During that time he saw Eastern develop from a very small normal school into a mature university. Through the years he coached football, wrestling, boxing, cross country, and track. He served on various university committees, one of which was the original "Committee of Fifteen", which was the predecessor of the Faculty Senate. In addition, he served as President of the N.A.I.A. Track Coaches Association, and was inducted into the N.A.I.A. Helms Hall of Fame. He was also appointed to several Olympic committees, and from 1965 until 1970 he was Chairman of

the Men's Physical Education Department. In 1968 he was selected as the Eastern News' "Man of the Year", and three years later he received Eastern's Distinguished Faculty Award. Furthermore, O'Brien served as Building Committee Chairman for the construction of the Lantz Building and the Stadium.

O'Brien possessed a wealth of knowledge in many different areas. "He believed in the necessity of sports because, 'the individual has the responsibility to prepare himself to his fullest ability, both physically and mentally'"¹ Consequently, it was thought that a detailed record of his accomplishments and contributions would be beneficial to Eastern's future generations of students.

Delimitations of the Study

The study was limited to the contributions of one man, O'Brien, in the areas of physical education and athletics at Eastern Illinois University. It is beyond the scope of the study to attempt an evaluation of O'Brien's contributions in other areas. During his early life and through the course of later years, he was influenced by a number of different individuals. However, very little attempt will be made to review or evaluate these influences.

Limitations of the Study

Ester French stated that, "Interviews and question-

¹Bob Fallstom, "Once Over Lightly: Congratulations to E.I.U.'s O'Brien". The Decatur Herald, April 10, 1965, p. 6.

naires, both are survey tools used for the purpose of obtaining data concerning present status, practices, or opinions regarding a selected situation or problem."¹

Accordingly, the writer has made good use of these particular tools. Although data for the study was obtained primarily from O'Brien, the following people were interviewed and their responses have contributed greatly in completion of the paper: Earl Boyd, William Buckellew, Robert Carey, Rex Darling, Robert Hussey, Tom Katsimpalis, Walter Lowell, John Masley, "Hop" Pinther, Thomas Woodall, and William Zeigel. In certain instances personal interviews with various people were quite difficult to arrange. Consequently, letters of correspondence containing questionnaires were sent to elicit the response of these individuals: Dick Abbott, Carl Appell, Lyle Bennett, Joe Cogdal, Al Duer, Robert Eudeikis, Charles Foster, Howard Hancock, Jack Horenberger, and Fred Young. (See Appendix A)

Method of Research

Since biographical information is historical in nature, the historical method of investigation was employed. Borg states that, "Historical research is the systematic and objective location, evaluation, and synthesis of evidence in order to establish facts and draw conclusions

¹Esther French, "Typical Research Tools in Education". Research Methods, (2d ed.; Washington, D.C.: American Association For Health, Physical Education, And Recreation, 1959), p. 100.

concerning past events."¹ He elaborates further by pointing out what he considers to be the essential steps of historical research, namely: "Defining the problem, gathering the data, and evaluating and synthesizing the data into an accurate account of the subject investigated."²

The data for the study was obtained from both primary and secondary sources. However, the majority of the data used was secured from interviews with O'Brien. Additional information was attained from: interviews with O'Brien's friends and colleagues, books, yearbooks, newspapers, theses, letters of correspondence, and various bulletins.

Concurrent with gathering data it became necessary to place each bit of information in the proper perspective. This was accomplished by subjecting all data to historical criticism. The common methods of criticism are referred to as external and internal; external criticism being primarily concerned with determining authenticity, and internal with determining content. Subsequently, the data was interpreted and presented as accurately as possible.

Definition of Terms

In order to assure a more comprehensive understanding of the study the following terms are explained in greater detail:

¹Walter R. Borg, Educational Research (New York: David McKay Company, Inc., 1963), p. 188.

²Ibid., p. 189.

A.A.U.-Amateur Athletic Union

A federation of athletic clubs, national and district associations, educational institutions, and amateur athletic organizations. This organization recognizes all competitive amateur sports, and serves as their governing body. In addition it raises funds for American athletes in the Olympic Games and conducts tryouts for selection of Olympic competitors.¹

N.A.I.A.-National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics

An organization consisting of four year colleges of small and moderate enrollment. Its main purpose is to develop intercollegiate athletic programs as an integral part of the total educational program of the college rather than as a separate commercial or promotional adjunct. It sponsors seventeen national championships to provide national competition for schools of like financial standing and philosophy of athletics.²

N.C.A.A. College Division-National Collegiate Athletic Association College Division

An association of universities, colleges, and allied educational-athletic organizations, of like financial standing and philosophy of athletics, devoted to the sound administration of intercollegiate athletics.³

I.I.A.C.-Interstate Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

Eastern's conference affiliation until July 1, 1970 when it was disbanded.

I.I.C.C.A.-Illinois Intercollegiate Cross Country Association

An organization which governs cross country competition in Illinois.

¹Margaret Fisk (ed.), "National Organizations of the U.S.", Encyclopedia of Associations, (7th ed.; Detroit: Gale Research Co., 1971), p. 1063.

²Ibid., p. 1064. ³Ibid., pp. 1064-65.

U.S. Olympic Committee

A federation of amateur sports governing bodies and college conferences constituting the governing body in the "representation" of the United States in the competitions and events in the Olympic and Pan American Games. Its objectives are to organize, select, finance, equip, transport, house, and feed team members. It also provides the facility for organizing and managing the games when awarded to the United States.¹

Varsity Club

An organization organized in 1927 consisting of Eastern "Lettermen". The club actively promoted student interest in athletics, and attempted to strengthen and perpetuate the friendships developed during athletic contests. Each year the club sponsored an All Sports Banquet, during which athletic awards were presented for the current year.²

Summary of the Problem

The professional prowess of an institution is influenced and altered with respect to the competency of the individuals responsible for its operation. Since its conception, in 1895, Eastern Illinois University has progressed and prospered largely because of the dedicated efforts of men and women like O'Brien. This study was undertaken for the purpose of presenting the professional contributions of Maynard "Pat" O'Brien to physical education and athletics at Eastern Illinois University. As an educator, coach, and administrator, he had the opportunity

¹Ibid., p. 1087.

²Charles H. Coleman, Fifty Years of Public Service, Eastern State College Bulletin, no. 189 (1950), pp. 231-32.

to make significant contributions to Eastern. He possessed a wealth of knowledge in many different areas, and it was thought that a detailed account of his accomplishments would be beneficial to Eastern's future students.

The historical method of research was employed and the following three steps were adhered to closely:

1. Collecting data
2. Subjecting data to critical analysis
3. Objectively presenting the facts and concluding the data.

This was accomplished by making use of the following tools of research:

1. Personal interviews with O'Brien and his associates
2. Reviewing bulletins, books, newspapers, theses, and yearbooks
3. Correspondence with O'Brien's associates.

The study was limited to O'Brien's involvement with physical education and athletics at Eastern from 1946 until 1974. His contributions were presented as accurately as possible; without any attempt being made at determining the significance of the various accomplishments.

CHAPTER II

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE EARLY LIFE OF DR. MAYNARD "PAT" O'BRIEN

Family Background

Maynard "Pat" O'Brien was born January 12, 1907 in Canton, Illinois. He was the first of three children born to David and Laura O'Brien. His father, David Walter O'Brien, was a native of the Eastern Tennessee mountains; his mother, Laura Celinda Powell, was born in Canton, Illinois. Life in the early 1900's was sometimes hard and cruel. In 1918, O'Brien lost his mother during the flu epidemic. As he recalls she was a kind and gentle woman, but very demanding. It seems she used just the opposite type of psychology as his father. She had a deep insight into the family problems and through her gentleness and understanding she kept the O'Briens strong. David Walter O'Brien spent most of his life mining coal around the Canton, Illinois area. After World War I he became Chief of Police in Canton and in 1924 he was killed as he and a train robber stood the length of a car apart and shot each other to death. So by age seventeen, O'Brien had lost both of his parents.

Education

As a child, O'Brien attended grades one through four at the Ingersol School in Canton. Since his parents resided

on a small farm outside town, he lived with his grandmother during the school year. He recalls that on the farm his father raised corn, pigs, and chickens for the family. Upon completion of the fourth grade, he entered the McCall School for two years. Unfortunately, the school did not have an organized athletic program. However, O'Brien remembered having many interesting basketball games on the playground after school. He particularly recalled that his father had a rule requiring him to be home at 4:20 P.M. each day. But since school was dismissed at 3:50 P.M., he would engage in a hefty game of basketball as long as possible, and afterwards he would run home. It seems that once he was two minutes late, so his father, being a strict disciplinarian, spanked his bottom.

Next O'Brien entered grammar school where he attended grades seven and eight. Upon completion of the eighth grade he entered Canton High School. He recalled that his father had very little, if any, use for sports during school time. Nevertheless, when he entered high school his father did allow him to participate in athletics. O'Brien was a very high-spirited young lad, who developed into an exceptional athlete. In 1926, during his senior year at Canton he played football, basketball, and both baseball and track. Moreover, he became one of the few individuals to letter in four sports at Canton High School.

After graduating from high school O'Brien did not think seriously about attending college because his finances

were limited. Instead he secured a job as an apprentice cabinet maker for the Canton Sash and Door Company. While working at this position he was paid fifteen dollars per week. However, after a year he realized that he was performing the same operations that his employer was paying various other people one dollar and sixty cents an hour to do. Following a futile attempt at talking his employer into increasing the remuneration for his services, O'Brien departed from Canton.

In 1927, at the age of twenty, O'Brien went to Galesburg, Illinois, where he obtained a job icing fruit and meat cars for the Burlington Railroad Company. Working with him at the docks was a young man who attended Lombard College. Eventually, the friend mentioned to the coach at Lombard that O'Brien was working in town, and that he might consider attending Lombard if he could get a job and a scholarship. Subsequently, due to the persistence of the young man, the coach became interested and offered O'Brien a partial scholarship. This assistance consisted of one hundred dollars and a job working downtown at Stearn's Chocolate Shop. Since tuition at Lombard was two hundred dollars per year, O'Brien was required to work during the summer to pay the remaining amount. While attending Lombard College he lettered three years in football, two years in basketball, and three years in track. His studies were concentrated in mathematics and chemistry, since his main goal was to become an aeronautical engineer.

O'Brien recalled that Harry Bell and Dr. Harry Sturges were two individuals who had a profound influence upon his life. Harry Bell coached football, basketball, and track at Lombard. His first encounter with Bell was very colorful to say the least. It seems Bell was dressed in true collegiate attire, sporting a green soft hat, a coon-skin coat, and driving a Stutz Bearcat Roadster. O'Brien also remembered that as a coach, Bell was quite a psychologist in addition to being a strict disciplinarian. He recalled that during his sophomore year the football team lost their homecoming game by one point. Afterwards, Bell instructed all of the team members to cut their classes and appear on the field at two o'clock Monday afternoon. Bell had placed the responsibility for the loss upon his defensive line which he sarcastically referred to as the "six gold bricks". Towards the end of the rather elaborate practice session O'Brien was executing his skills with the utmost precision with one exception. He was experiencing a fair amount of difficulty in responding to the lack of a strong block on the line during trap plays. Following a few words of encouragement, Bell called the play again. As the ball was snapped he struck O'Brien sharply on his rear-end with a piece of maple flooring. Needless to say, O'Brien's performance was flawless. Subsequently, Bell smiled and said, "by the gods Patrick, that's the way to play tackle!"¹

¹ Statement made by Harry Bell to O'Brien during football practice, 1928.

As mentioned earlier, the next person to have an effect upon his life was Dr. Harry Sturges, a mathematics instructor at Lombard. Sturges was a kind and knowledgeable man, who counseled O'Brien through many very difficult times.

In 1930, during the Depression, Lombard College was forced into bankruptcy. As a result, O'Brien transferred to Illinois Wesleyan in Bloomington, Illinois. Prior to transferring he had been contacted by the Dupont Company concerning a job in chemistry, but unfortunately, due to the stock market situation, the job was cancelled. Upon entering Illinois Wesleyan he was advised by his counselor to seek a teaching degree. He took the advice, since it would enhance his chances of securing a job. While completing his undergraduate degree, O'Brien maintained his athletic prowess by lettering in football, basketball, and track.

Early Years of Coaching

In 1931, while visiting Canton one Sunday, O'Brien was informed of a job opening in Lewistown, Illinois. The following weekend he talked a friend into driving him to Lewistown, where he met with the superintendent and several school board members. After some deliberation he was hired as a compromise candidate. Apparently, part of the school board preferred one candidate and the other part desired someone else. Finally, they decided to hire a third person, which was O'Brien. His duties at Lewistown entailed teaching mathematics, history, and coaching football, basketball, and

track. Following a stay of three years at Lewistown, he obtained a position at Mount Olive High School in 1934. O'Brien recalled that the school had a number of irate athletes in attendance. He speculated that apparently the school board concluded that due to their physical stature, he and the principal could handle the situation. Fortunately, the board's insight proved to be correct. After a long losing streak in both football and basketball, the athletic program at Mount Olive made an about-face. Apparently, O'Brien's technique had taken effect.

In February of 1937, a coaching position became available at Carlinville High School. O'Brien was approached concerning the job, and gave the matter careful consideration. Despite the fact that he was under contract with the board at Mount Olive, he was informed that he would be released if he decided to accept the position offered. The job at Carlinville not only afforded him the opportunity for considerable salary advancement, but it was also a larger and better-known school; thus, he accepted the position. Here his teams won several championships in football and track. He also fielded several respectable basketball teams.

O'Brien's last high school coaching post was at Decatur High School in 1941, where he directed the football team. He recalled two high points concerning the season that year. First, his team beat a very strong Urbana squad, which Decatur had not accomplished in seven previous

years. Second, they defeated Springfield, a feat which had not been achieved for twelve years. The out-break of World War II terminated his career at Decatur.

Although he coached football, basketball, and track throughout his early career, O'Brien's most impressive accomplishment was reflected in his basketball coaching record. His teams won approximately seventy per cent of their games over a period of eleven years. He recalled life as a high school teacher as basically good. He remembers being happy and always having enough money to pay the bills.

Military Service

In June of 1942, O'Brien entered the Navy. After receiving his indoctrination at the Naval Academy in the fourth class of V-five program, he was commissioned as a Lieutenant junior grade, and assigned to pre-flight school at Iowa City, Iowa. He undertook his first assignment as a Company Commander, and was later promoted to Battalion Commander. Next he was sent to the Naval Air Station in Millington, Tennessee, where he began as Company Commander and subsequently was promoted to Regimental Commander. He remained in Millington for approximately fifteen months. Later he was transferred to San Diego, California, for Carrier Duty, but by this time O'Brien was thirty-five years old, and regulations restricted anyone that age or older from serving on a Carrier. As a result, he was sent to Fleet Air-Wing Six located on Whidbey Island, Washington.

There he supervised physical development, recreation, and survival programs designed to teach individuals how to survive under various conditions. To sum up his military service, the majority of O'Brien's work in the Navy was administrative in nature. He coached basketball and track, and taught physical education and various areas of survival. Upon leaving the Navy in 1946, his rank was Lieutenant Commander U.S. Navy Reserve.

Mrs. Estelle Ruth O'Brien

O'Brien described his wife as being a little, five-foot two-inch Swedish red-head, weighing approximately ninety-six pounds. He recalled meeting Estelle, whom he affectionately referred to as "Doddie", in Professor Sturges' mathematics class at Lombard. It seems that he was attracted to her by the multi-colored apparel she was wearing. At the time she was apparently going through "Hell Week" for her sorority. O'Brien noticed that the mathematics problem which she had written on the blackboard, was calculated incorrectly. He then called her over and asked if she would reconsider the matter. She smiled and apparently that was enough to cause him to acquire a lasting interest in her. Afterwards, there developed a mutual affection between them, and finally they were married on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 1931 in Princeton, Illinois.. O'Brien recalled that he was extremely impressed with his wife's ability to understand and manipulate him in a manner he enjoyed. He recalled that she possessed a quiet

sense of humor, which she used strictly for his benefit. Following a difficult day at school, she was always able to put a smile on his face. He acknowledged the fact that all of his accomplishments were indirectly a result of Doddie's guidance and insight into his character. On November 18, 1936, their only son, David, was born in Litchfield, Illinois. Since that time the joys of fatherhood have been multiplied three-fold for O'Brien. His grandchildren, James, Rebecca, and Alice have been his pride and joy. Mrs. O'Brien passed away in 1966. After her death O'Brien and his son, David, instituted in her memory, a mathematics scholarship for Eastern mathematics students.

Summary

O'Brien was born January 12, 1907 in Canton, Illinois. He was the first of three children born to David and Laura O'Brien. He attended grades one through four at the Ingersol School in Canton. After completing the fourth grade, he entered the McCall School for two years. Next he entered grammar school where he attended grades seven and eight. Following completion of the eighth grade he entered Canton High School. Although his father's attitude concerning athletics was not particularly favorable, O'Brien was permitted to participate in high school sports. Being a high-spirited young man he excelled rapidly. During his senior year at Canton he played football, basketball, and both baseball and track. Moreover, he became one of

the few individuals to letter in four sports at Canton High School.

After graduating O'Brien secured a job as an apprentice cabinet maker for the Canton Sash and Door Company. In 1927, he went to Galesburg, Illinois, where he obtained a job icing fruit and meat cars for the Burlington Railroad Company. A friend who worked at the docks was instrumental in bringing O'Brien to the attention of Lombard's coach, Harry Bell. Eventually, through the efforts of this friend he received a partial scholarship to attend Lombard College where he majored in mathematics and chemistry. As an athlete he lettered three years in football, two years in basketball, and three years in track. During the Depression Lombard went bankrupt and O'Brien transferred to Illinois Wesleyan.

Upon entering Illinois Wesleyan he was advised by his counselor to seek a teaching degree. His decision to accept the advice launched O'Brien on a long and successful career as a coach. While completing his final year of undergraduate study, he lettered in football, basketball, and track. O'Brien recalled that Harry Bell, his coach at Lombard, and Harry Sturges, a mathematics instructor, were two people who had a profound influence upon his life.

Following graduation he undertook his first coaching assignment at Lewistown High School in 1931. A short time later he married Estelle Ruth Gottrick and after five years

their only son, David, was born in Litchfield, Illinois. In 1934 O'Brien took a job at Mount Olive. Next he moved to Carlinville in 1937 and in 1941 he secured his last high school position at Decatur High School. In June of 1942, O'Brien entered the Navy where he was commissioned as a Lieutenant junior grade. The majority of his work in the Navy was administrative in nature. He coached basketball and track, and taught physical education and various areas of survival. His rank upon leaving the Navy was Lieutenant Commander U.S. Navy Reserve.

CHAPTER III

MAYNARD "PAT" O'BRIEN'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS

1946-1951

In 1946, due to the expanding enrollment of the Physical Education Department and of Eastern Illinois University in general, O'Brien was hired as a physical education instructor and head football coach. Upon assuming the reins of his new position he immediately began to set the precedent by which he was to become known through the years. His colleagues and the young men under his supervision quickly learned that he was firm, honest, fair, and a hard worker. He was also an extremely dedicated individual who expected no less from the people around him. Rex Darling, who served as O'Brien's assistant football coach from 1947 until 1952, recalled that, "his physical size probably gave him an edge in handling athletes psychologically."¹ Regardless of what gave him the advantage it was to become apparent that O'Brien could handle athletes.

In his first year as head grid coach, O'Brien had potentially one of the best football teams in Illinois.

¹Statement by Rex Darling, personal interview, March 28, 1974.

Unfortunately, the team was hampered by injuries the entire season and won only two of their eight games.¹ However, of the six set backs five came while they were on the road. Consequently, the home fans witnessed two victories and only one loss. The following year, 1947, was almost as bad as the first for the football team. It seems the old superstition which affixed the "bad luck" stigma to the number thirteen became a reality for Eastern. O'Brien's gridiron team was referred to as the "Thirteen Point Wonders".² The Panthers scored thirteen points in six of eight games. The Homecoming game produced the only one of the thirteens that was good enough for a win. It was the first Homecoming victory in seven years and the first time Eastern had beaten Normal in football since the fall of 1931.³ The overall record of the team that year was two wins and six losses. This same season was also O'Brien's first as head track coach. Similar to the football team, the track squad was also plagued by injuries, but managed to win four out of their five meets. They finished eleventh in the Elmhurst Invitational and third in the conference meet. LeeRoy LaRose turned in the most outstanding performance of the year, by finishing the season with an unblemished record. He set a conference record in the shot put with a throw of

¹1947 Warbler, p. 106.

²1948 Warbler, p. 106.

³1948 Warbler, p. 106.

forty-seven feet nine and one-quarter inches. O'Brien also recalled his involvement in starting a boxing team at Eastern. The team was composed primarily of war veterans who had participated in the sport during their military service. The organization of the team, however, did not advance beyond the club stage; since the only competition available in the area was through the A.A.U.

The winter of 1948 was the beginning of Eastern's intercollegiate wrestling competition, and O'Brien had the honor of directing the first squad. At the close of the season he made the following comment,

"We had only two men with any actual wrestling experience. The boys tried and had a desire to learn. They were improving, and since they will all be back next year, they should make worthy opponents."¹

There was a big change in the 1948 Panther football squad, and the prime reason for the change was O'Brien. His firmness and dedication had finally begun to take hold at Eastern. In his third year as head grid mentor he led Eastern to its first conference championship since 1928. His squad became the first Panther team to play in a post-season Bowl game. In a statement from the Eastern State News, the second annual Corn Bowl Invitational in which Eastern was to face Illinois Wesleyan, the game was billed as,

"CHAMPION MEETS champion at BLOOMINGTON,

¹1949 Warbler, p. 134.

THANKSGIVING DAY in a potential 'Battle Royal'. By looking at the won lost column of the teams, their approximate weights, and the scores over common opponents, there emerges a conclusion that the contest should be a 'Humdinger'."¹

As the game progressed, however, it became increasingly more evident that O'Brien's gridders were not going to receive any breaks that day. They finally lost the hard fought game to an inspired Illinois Wesleyan team six to zero. That same year Howard "Slug" Barnes was chosed as the team's most valuable player, and was named to the conference All-Star team along with Don Johnson, and captain, Lou Strivers. Johnson was also the I.I.A.C.'s leading scorer. A short time later Barnes was selected to represent Illinois in the International All-Star game in Hollywood, California.² Eastern was certainly proud of her 1948 football team, and Harrison Read, class of 1950, put that feeling into a poem entitled, "Hail To The Champs":

There was Frank Pitol at tackle, there was Lewis
 at end,
 And Stivers in at center sparked a line that
 wouldn't bend.
 There was Tom Carlye and Howard, there was Barnes
 and there was Ghere,
 And Boudreau called the signals for a conference
 winning year.

There was Curtis in as fullback, sturdy chunk of
 dynamite,
 From Downers Grove came Smitty, packed with power,
 speed, and fight.
 Ed Soergel came from Glenview, a rifle passing
 frosh,

¹Eastern State News, November 24, 1948, p. 6.

²1949 Warbler, p. 118.

And at left there was lightning, Bradley's Earl
Benoche.

At the right half spot was Johnson, senior navy
vet
Who twinkle-toed to paydirt, Panther's leading
scoring threat.
And watching over tackles, over guards and backs
and line,
Was the ever-watchful mentor, Maynard "Pat"
O'Brien.

So place the laurel on the brow, of each who
played the game,
For the men who carved themselves a niche in
Eastern's Hall of Fame.
From '99 to '49 a truly Golden Story
Was climaxed by the Panthers in a blaze of
gridiron glory.¹

O'Brien's 1949 and 1950 football teams produced records
of three wins and five defeats, and five wins and three
defeats respectively. He was on sabbatical leave in 1951,
consequently, Rex Darling was assigned the head coaching
duties that year.

Competing in a season which was shortened by a
coal shortage, O'Brien's 1949 wrestling squad with only
two experienced wrestlers won one match and lost five.
Wrestling records for 1950 were not obtainable, and the
sport was cancelled in 1951 due to the fact that O'Brien
was on sabbatical leave.

The 1948, 1949, and 1950 track seasons yielded
won and loss records of four and two; two and four; and
five and two respectively. The 1951 squad under O'Brien's

¹Charleston H. Coleman, Ph.D., Fifty Years of Public
Service, Eastern Illinois State College Bulletin, No. 189
(1950), pp. 227-228.

direction enjoyed one of the best seasons in the school's history. The team tasted defeat only once in dual meet competition that year as, "records fell like autumn leaves."¹

The records set were as follows:

Jim Johnson	220 yard dash	21.7
Fred Crawford	Pole Vault	13'
Jack Farris	880 yard run	1:57.5
Jack Farris	Mile Relay	3:26.0
Roger Dettro	"	"
Glen Curtis	"	"
Jim Johnson	"	"

1952-1957

O'Brien was still on sabbatical leave in the spring of 1952 and as a result the track team was coached by John Lewis. It seems that 1952, 1953, and 1954 were years in which O'Brien had more than his share of misfortune as head football coach. After losing a number of his experienced athletes through graduation and induction into the military service, he was faced with the difficult task of turning inexperienced young men into "hard-nosed" football players. These were rather lean seasons, and his teams produced only five victories in the three years combined. During the 1953 season Eastern played Lincoln University, an all black school, from Jefferson City, Missouri. Two of the four officials for the game were blacks. This was a significant occurrence in that it marked the first time that blacks had officiated in a collegiate football game,

¹1952 Warbler, p. 116.

involving a black and predominantly white institution.¹

The fall of 1955 was O'Brien's last season as head football coach. Although the season was not a success in terms of winning, the O'Brienmen never lost spirit. The top game of the season was the hard-hitting thriller with Michigan Normal of Ypsilanti, Michigan. The home town fans saw the Panthers outplay the conference co-champs through most of the game. Unfortunately, their hopes faded as they observed the charging Huron line block two attempted kicks and run them back for touchdowns, and a Michigan Normal victory.² Gary Anderson, captain-elect and most valuable player, turned in the most notable performance of the season. He topped the I.I.A.C. in passing, completing thirty-two of one hundred and twelve attempts for a total of three hundred and sixty-three yards, and three touchdowns. In nine games he completed forty-five of one hundred and forty-seven passes for five hundred and seventy-six yards, and seven touchdowns.³

The 1953, 1954, and 1955 track teams yielded won and loss records of three and two; six and two; and five and zero respectively. In 1954, in addition to coaching football and track, O'Brien received his Ed. D. degree from the University of Illinois. Two years later his

¹1954 Warbler, p. 138.

²1956 Warbler, p. 139.

³1956 Warbler, p. 140.

cindermen compiled one of their better seasons by winning all six of their dual meets. The Panther powerhouse also finished first in the state meet and third in the I.I.A.C. meet. That year Ray Fisher tossed the shot forty-nine feet five and one half inches for a new school record. John Byrne also surpassed a school record with a discus throw of one hundred forty-four feet eleven inches, and Winston Brown tied the 220 yard mark set by Jim Johnson in 1951 of 21.7 seconds.¹ Furthermore, Eastern was well represented at the N.A.I.A. Track and Field meet held in San Diego, California. Winston Brown placed fifth in the 100 and 220, and Ray White placed third in the long jump. Competing in this meet there were such Olympic greats as Bobby Morrow, 100 yard dash; Lee Calhoun, high hurdler; and Bob Gutowski, pole vaulter.

In the first year of what was to be a long and infinitely rewarding career as head cross country coach, O'Brien's harriers finished the 1956 season with one dual victory in five outings. That same year, in addition to coaching two sports, he also served as intramural director. The 1957 season saw a youthful Panther team led by Rawlan Lillard complete the year with a record of five wins and one defeat. Later Lillard was selected most valuable player.

The track squad of 1957 also had an exceptional season. With the strength of consistent field event

¹1957 Warbler, p. 110.

competitors such as Ray Fisher, Dave Fields, Gerald Gossett, Neil Admire, and Roger West, the thinclads posted a won and loss record of three and one.

1958-1963

The 1958 cross country season yielded four wins and five losses despite the fact that the team was composed of primarily freshmen and sophomores. Led again by Rawlan Lillard, the 1959 harriers completed the season with a won and loss record of seven and three. Lillard, who finished below third place only four times in thirty meets, went undefeated at home that year. He ended his win-studded cross country career at Eastern with a record-breaking first place finish in the I.I.A.C. meet. The competition was held on Eastern's golf course and Lillard covered the three and three-quarter mile distance in 18:24.1. O'Brien praised him as being, "good as any cross country runner Eastern ever had."¹

For the first time in many years, the 1958 track team finished in the cellar of the I.I.A.C. The squad's overall dual meet record that season was two wins, two losses, and one tie. Needless to say, O'Brien was not overjoyed with the team's performance. However, in the three years following, the thinclads compiled won and loss records of four wins and two losses each year. The next two seasons yielded records of four wins and two losses,

¹ 1960 Warbler, pp. 122-123.

and four wins and two losses respectively. In 1963 outstanding performances were recorded by Jerry Grandone, 14.6 high hurdles; Ben Ward, 54' 3" shot put; Hal Palishen, 13' 8½" pole vault; and Art Steele, 24' 3½" long jump.¹ The Panthers also placed first in the state meet that year.

In 1960 and 1961 O'Brien's cross country teams were mediocre, but in 1962 they began a two-year winning streak. His squad posted a won and loss record of four and three, while the 1963 team yielded a record of five wins and two losses. Beginning their careers in 1963 were Roger Quinlan, John Schneider, and Bob Weise. For the next three years these young men were to become the core of O'Brien's cross country and track teams.

1964-1969

The years to follow are perhaps the most productive in O'Brien's life, with respect to the recognition he achieved as a teacher and coach and his accomplishments as an administrator.

In 1964 his cross country and track teams yielded won and loss records of four and three, and four and one respectively. Art Steele received All-American honors during the summer for placing second in the N.A.I.A. long jump. Concurrently, O'Brien was selected as "Track Coach of the Year" by the N.A.I.A.² This was the first of several

¹1964 Warbler, pp. 152-153.

²Eastern News, July 7, 1971, p. 1.

honors he was to receive in the years to come.

In the history of physical education at Eastern, there have been four important occurrences which have determined the course of this discipline at the university. First, there was the construction of the Pemberton Hall Gymnasium in 1909, which provided a place of instruction. At that time physical education at Eastern was offered only to women. Second, was the arrival of Mr. Lantz in 1911 as the first coach and physical education teacher. Very soon after Lantz came, a program for men was initiated. The courses available consisted of calisthenics, apparatus, and various games. As Eastern grew, the interest in physical education increased to such a level that additional classes were offered. As the program was expanded the stage was set for the third occurrence; that of building a new Health Education Building. This was accomplished in 1937, and during that same year physical education for men became a four-year "major" subject, and a two-year "minor" for women.¹ The fourth occurrence came when construction on the new Lantz Physical Education and Recreation Building was completed in the fall of 1966. It then became possible for the Physical Education Department to offer the kind of program it had always felt capable of offering.

Eastern was very fortunate to have the services of

¹Charles H. Coleman, Fifty Years of Public Service, Eastern Illinois State College Bulletin, no. 189 (1950), pp. 231-232.

O'Brien at the time of the fourth occurrence. Having been offered the position as Chairman of the Department of Men's Physical Education, O'Brien recalled that he and his wife had a lengthy discussion concerning the matter. Finally, they made a confidential agreement that he would accept the position for five years. This seemed to be enough time to get the program into good working order. If at the end of that period of time the department was not functioning properly, they realized it would be time to let someone else take over anyway, so on July 1, 1965, he became chairman of the department.

As department head, O'Brien served on various committees, one of which was a curriculum committee organized for the purpose of developing a more encompassing physical education program. The program was to be one that would meet the needs of physical education majors preparing to become teachers as well as the entire student population at Eastern. Through the efforts of the committee and mainly because of the new facility, such courses as riflery and handball became part of the curriculum. Moreover, Dr. John Masley's contribution of the In-Service Training Classes, in which students enrolled in technique of teaching courses and assisted the instructor in the teaching of the class, was a most important addition to the program during his reign as department chairman. The addition of these classes helped develop the confidence a student would need to perform his prospective job of teaching young people more effectively

and efficiently.

O'Brien sought to develop a department that was "dedicated to the growth and development of young men".¹ Under his direction the program was concentrated into four major areas. The first area of concentration was simply the required program of instruction. During their first two years of residence at the university, all men were required to attend physical education classes. The second area of concentration was the intramural program. The entire student body was invited to participate in the intramural programs as individuals or in association with members of organizations. The third and fourth areas dealt with the intercollegiate program and the professional curriculum.² During O'Brien's reign the department expanded to such magnitude that two new degree programs were developed, and approved -- a Bachelor of Science Degree in Recreation and a Master of Science Degree in Physical Education (as distinguished from the M.S. in Education with a physical education major.)³ O'Brien was knowledgeable, fair, honest, straightforward, and considered by his colleagues to be a good administrator.

Besides being Chairman of the Physical Education

¹Statement by O'Brien, personal interview, March 5, 1974.

²1970 Warbler, p. 159.

³Eastern News, May 14, 1968, p. 4.

Department, coaching two varsity sports, and teaching various graduate courses, O'Brien was Building Committee Chairman for the construction of the Lantz Building and the Stadium. Since he had studied engineering in college he had an extensive knowledge of building construction. His responsibilities included making sure the blueprints were followed, and to find deficiencies where they occurred. Moreover, he was to a great extent the university's representative in the construction of both facilities. As always, he did his job well. Upon completion, the Lantz Physical Education and Athletic Complex was one of the best in the United States.

The year 1965 was also very successful for Eastern with respect to the so called "minor sports" coached by O'Brien. The cross country team won six and lost two as Roger Quinlan and John Schneider were selected to the N.A.I.A. District #20 All-American team again for the second year, and the thinclads won four of their five dual meets. That same year O'Brien was named to the N.A.I.A. Helms Hall of Fame for his significant contributions to collegiate athletics through the years. The following year the Panther harriers won seven and lost three, and placed second in the I.I.A.C.

The next three years, 1967, 1968, and 1969 were the most successful in O'Brien's cross country career. His teams yielded records of eight and three, nine and one, and ten and two. Furthermore, each of these teams placed first in the I.I.A.C. But perhaps the most overwhelming

fact is that the 1968 team placed second in the N.C.A.A. College Division Championships. Later, they were awarded the first place trophy when the first place team, the University of Nevada, was disqualified. To prove that they really were number one, the 1969 squad won for Eastern its second consecutive N.C.A.A. College Division Championship. When asked to state the ingredients for producing a good cross country team, O'Brien remarked, "Dedication and the willingness to sacrifice and prepare for a task that has to be done."¹

The track team of 1966 recorded a won and loss record of three and one. That year the Panthers set six school records and tied one. They also placed first in the Elmhurst Invitational and the State College Meet. With the completion of the Lantz Fieldhouse in the fall of 1966, Eastern undertook its first indoor track and field season. During the indoor season the thinclads won only one meet and lost three. Fortunately this season was not indicative of the Panthers' outdoor abilities. Following their rough indoor season, the 1967 outdoor squad posted what was to be the most successful track season in twenty years. The season was capped by first place finishes in the Elmhurst Invitational and State Meet. Recording a dual meet record of three consecutive wins, they also placed fourth in the Illinois

¹Eastern News, October 18, 1967, p. 12.

Invitational, and second in the I.I.A.C.¹ In the fall of that same year the cindermen yielded a won and loss record of six and zero for the indoor season. Paced by All-American triple jumper, John Craft, and Phillip Stirrett they won five of fourteen events to capture the first I.I.A.C. Indoor Track Championship ever held. This was O'Brien's first I.I.A.C. title in track and field. After winning the indoor title the Panther thinclads were heavy favorites to repeat themselves outdoors. But as the Conference Championship Meet got under way, the 1968 Panther squad, with a seasonal record of three wins and two losses, could only place second. The following indoor season, the O'Brienmen were three and one. Later that year, in recognition of his winning efforts while coaching at Eastern, O'Brien was selected as Eastern News' "Man of the Year".² He also received a special plaque in recognition of his twenty-one years of service to the university and especially to the Varsity Club.

The following track teams did not win N.C.A.A. College Division Championships; but they represented Eastern with the same dignity they had exhibited through the years. Aided by a nucleus of members from the 1969 cross country team, the track squad finished the indoor season with one win and one loss. Outdoors, however, they were

¹1968 Warbler, p. 312.

²Eastern News, May 14, 1968, p. 14.

considerably less successful. But the season was not a total disaster for O'Brien, as senior, John Craft won three out of four national championships for Eastern that year. Craft placed first in the N.A.I.A. triple jump, 52' 2½"; first in the N.C.A.A. College Division Championships, (new record) 53' 9"; third in the N.C.A.A. Championships; and first in the A.A.U. Championships, 52' 9". His first place finish in the A.A.U. Meet allowed him the opportunity to represent the United States and Eastern in the U.S.A. vs. U.S.S.R. Outdoor Track and Field Competition. The meet was held at the Colliseum in Los Angeles, California.

1970-1974

The 1970 and 1971 cross country teams yielded won and loss records of four, four, and one; and seven and one respectively. 1970 marked O'Brien's fifth year as Chairman of the Department of Men's Physical Education. The department, under his guidance, had successfully made the transition from the old to the new building, the curriculum had been expanded, and the program was operating smoothly. So in accordance with the agreement he made with his wife, he resigned as Department Chairman on September 1, 1970.

Thomas Woodall took the reins as head harrier coach in 1972 as O'Brien took a sabbatical leave, for one academic quarter. The 1973 cross country squad completed the season undefeated in nine dual meets. In addition, the O'Brienmen placed third in the State Meet; sixth in the Notre Dame Invitational; and third in the N.C.A.A. Division

II Championships.

Eastern's 1970 indoor and outdoor track teams posted won and loss records of four and zero, and four and two respectively. The Panthers put the new one million dollar football stadium with its 440 yard tartan track to good use, as records were set by Rodney Jackson, intermediate hurdles; Phillip Stirrett, three-mile run; Marty McIntyre, six-mile run; and Larry Mayse, 3000-meter steeplechase. The 1971 squad compiled exceptional won and loss records indoors and outdoors of four and zero, and three and one respectively. The team was led by All-Americans, Rod Jackson and Ken Jacobi. Jackson and Jacobi both received All-American status in the N.A.I.A. Indoors and the N.C.A.A. College Division Outdoors. That same year O'Brien was presented Eastern's "Distinguished Faculty Award" which had as its requirements ten years teaching experience, outstanding achievements in areas of teaching skills, professional background and competency, recognition in an area of specialty including research, and dedication to the purpose and objective of the university.¹ In addition to recognition, the award carried with it a five-hundred dollar stipend.

The next two years were the most successful in O'Brien's track coaching career. His overall won and loss record for both the indoor and outdoor seasons combined, was thirteen wins and only two losses. The last team O'Brien

¹Eastern News, July 7, 1971, p. 1.

coached at Eastern was the 1974 outdoor track squad. As he concluded his career his thinclads went undefeated in dual meet competition, and tied for first place in the N.C.A.A. Division II Championships which Eastern hosted. He was also selected N.C.A.A. Division II "Track Coach of the Year". (Refer to appendixes C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J for a more detailed description of the teams coached by O'Brien.)

O'Brien was a man who accepted responsibility with authority. He never made a practice of "passing the buck". If there was a decision to be made he would collect the necessary facts, review the information, and make a decision which was in accordance with the rules and regulations of the organization he represented. He had the respect and the trust of his students, athletes, and colleagues. It was for these reasons that he was elected or appointed to the following positions: President of the I.I.C.C.A., 1964; Chairman of the Men's Physical Education Department, 1965-70; Chairman of the N.A.I.A. Track Coaches Association, 1966-67-68; N.A.I.A. Representative on the U.S. Olympic Committee, 1968; A.A.U. Representative of the U.S. Olympic Committee, 1969-72; President of the N.A.I.A. Cross Country Coaches Association, 1968; Chairman of the "Committee of Fifteen"; and the re-organizer and sponsor of the Varsity Club.

Summary

O'Brien came to Eastern Illinois University following his release from the Navy in 1946. He was originally hired as a physical education instructor and head football coach.

Upon assuming the duties of his new position he immediately began to set the precedent by which he was to become known through the years. His colleagues and the young men under his supervision quickly learned that he was firm, honest, fair, and an industrious individual.

In 1947 he organized a boxing team, but since there were no other organized teams in the immediate area the organization did not advance beyond the club stage. Due to the inconvenience of scheduling competition, the club was finally dissolved. That same year he re-organized the Varsity Club, an organization for Eastern lettermen, which had been discontinued during World War II. O'Brien served as sponsor of this organization until 1969. Along with the latter responsibilities, he was also appointed head track coach in 1947, a position he held until his retirement in 1974. His overall dual record during his track coaching career at Eastern was one hundred twenty-one victories, forty-five defeats, and one tie. Although O'Brien will not be remembered in Eastern's football annals for his won and loss records, his 1948 squad will rank among the school's best gridiron teams. The gridgers of '48 earned Eastern its first conference championship in twenty years, and became the only Panther squad to play in a post-season bowl game to date. In nine years as head gridiron coach, O'Brien compiled a career record of twenty-seven victories, fifty-one defeats, and one tie. That winter he also had the honor of directing Eastern's first intercollegiate wrestling squad. His four years as

grappler coach were not successful in terms of the seasonal won and loss records, but he was instrumental in developing a lasting interest in the sport.

In 1956 O'Brien took the helm as head cross country coach, a position that brought him overwhelming success and recognition through the years. His teams won numerous individual championships, and his 1968 and 1969 squads won two consecutive N.C.A.A. College Division Championships. This was a feat unparalleled by an Eastern team in any sport. From 1956 until his retirement in 1974 O'Brien performed his duties as professor of physical education, and coached two sports, cross country and track. Perhaps more important, he was selected Chairman of the Department of Men's Physical Education in 1965. Under his leadership the department expanded to such magnitude that two new degree programs were developed and approved---a Bachelor of Science Degree in Recreation and a Master of Science Degree in Physical Education (as distinguished from the M.S. in Education with a physical education major). He also served as Building Committee Chairman for the construction of the Lantz Building and the Stadium; and he was to a great extent the University's representative in the construction of both facilities.

O'Brien's activities, through the years, were not confined solely to Eastern Illinois University. In 1964 he was selected "Track Coach of the Year" by the N.A.I.A., and in 1965 the same organization named him to its Helms Hall of Fame. He continually had the respect, trust, and confidence

of his colleagues and fellow coaches. It was for these reasons he was elected or appointed to the following positions: President of the I.I.C.C.A., in 1964; Chairman of the Men's Physical Education Department, 1965-70; Chairman of the N.A.I.A. Track Coaches Association, 1966-67-68; N.A.I.A. Representative on the U.S. Olympic Committee, 1968; A.A.U. Representative on the U.S. Olympic Committee, 1969-72; President of the N.A.I.A. Cross Country Coaches Association, 1968; and Chairman of the "Committee of Fifteen", 1962.

(predecessor of the Faculty Senate)

Concurrent with receiving national recognition O'Brien was selected as the Eastern News' "Man of the Year" in 1968, and in 1971 he was awarded the "Distinguished Faculty Award" for his many years of dedicated service to the university.

CHAPTER IV

MAYNARD "PAT" O'BRIEN THE MAN

Early in his coaching career O'Brien discovered a poem which moved him in such a way that through the years he made its meaning a part of his life.

CREDO

I who bow not but before thee,
Oh God of the fighting clan,
I lift thee my fists,
I implore thee - give me the heart of a man.

Give me no pity - nor spare me,
Calm not the wrath of my foes,
See - how they beckon to dare me,
Bleeding, half beaten I go,
Not for the glory of winning,
Not for the fear of the night,
But shunning the battle is sinning,
So God, grant me the heart to fight.

Here with the battle before me,
Oh God of the fighting clan,
Grant that the woman who bore me
Suffered - to suckle a man.¹

Anonymous

He fashioned himself into a man and in the process he developed many outstanding qualities. Lyle Bennett admired and respected O'Brien for "his honesty, integrity, capacity for hard work, and his academic knowledge in the

¹Presented by William Buckellew to the writer,
April 4, 1974.

fields of physical education and athletics."¹ Fred Young was impressed by simply his "character and ability to get the job done."² Jack Horenberger used only three words to effectively describe O'Brien's outstanding qualities, "honest, outspoken, and capable."³ Carl Appell went a bit further and used three sentences in his description.

"A sincere interest to be of help in furthering a college athlete's performance records in track and cross country. A lively interest in any student's academic performance. An abiding interest in the moral and physical growth of all young people."⁴

Bob Eudeikis characterized O'Brien in a manner which revealed his closeness and insight into the man.

"Maynard O'Brien is above all a very logical and fair individual. Although gruff in outward appearance, you always knew where you stood with him. His loyalty to his friends, colleagues, athletes, school, etc. are complete. I don't think I have ever heard him utter an insincere word. By that I mean if he praised, he meant it, if he chewed you out, he meant it too."⁵

O'Brien also possessed a very strong and forceful personality. To an individual who was not personally acquainted with him, his manner could have seemed overly

¹Based on personal correspondence between Lyle Bennett and the writer.

²Based on personal correspondence between Fred Young and the writer.

³Based on personal correspondence between Jack Horenberger and the writer.

⁴Based on personal correspondence between Carl Appell and the writer.

⁵Based on personal correspondence between Bob Eudeikis and the writer.

harsh and abusive upon occasion. But those who knew and understood him were aware that beneath the gruffness was a kind and gentle man who was sensitive to the needs of others. Joseph Cogdal recalled the following incident,

"Once when our teams were enroute to an I.I.A.C. meet we were visiting after our charges were put up for the night. I said, 'Pat, maybe I shouldn't tell you this but I like you.' He evidently had anticipated something different, hesitated a moment and thrusting out his hand gave me a firm hand shake. The liking was mutual. Under a gruff manner there exists a very sensitive nature."¹

Charles Foster in expressing his impression of O'Brien's personality stated,

"One time when Pat was running the National Indoor N.A.I.A. meet, several coaches were trying to influence him on a certain event to be run to their advantage, but Pat said, 'We will run the event according to the rules of track and field.' That settled the question."²

Hop Pinther stated that O'Brien had a "strong individualist character, sometimes conservative, sometimes a little harsh, but a man with deep humanitarian convictions."³ O'Brien was concerned about people, especially the athletes under his supervision. Vice president, emeritus, William Zeigel, who served as director of placement for several years was quite impressed with his interest in young men. "He had an interest not only in the athletic abilities of young

¹Based on personal correspondence between Joseph Cogdal and the writer.

²Based on personal correspondence between Charles Foster and the writer.

³Statement by Hop Pinther, personal interview, April 12, 1974.

men, but also in their character, integrity, courage, and loyalty."¹ He also possesses the ability to build a strong morale with his squads which fostered a winning attitude. The qualities of leadership within O'Brien were manifested in his temperment, disposition, and personal characteristics. Furthermore, these qualities which O'Brien displayed himself and sought in others are depicted clearly in this student evaluation he wrote many years ago.

"I have known Mr. Blank for the past four years. My association with him has been in the capacity of a student and as a person in student activities. His character is above reproach. He has shown a deep interest in the activities of young men and has prepared himself to serve in this capacity. He is of understanding nature, considerate, cooperative, and possesses a high degree of moral and physical courage. He could serve well in either the junior or senior high schools. I recommend him without reservation for a position of his choosing."²

Another outstanding quality O'Brien had was displayed in his coaching ability. Dick Abbot stated,

"As a coach, he is outstanding because of his thorough knowledge of techniques and his dedication to bringing kids along slowly, but thoroughly. I think he knows his men thoroughly (through and through) and will do anything in his power to get the best out of them. He has always been concerned with the lives of his boys, not just their athletic talent. As an administrator, he led rather than drove, but would not hesitate to call a spade a spade with those he came in contact. He was always prepared."³

¹Statement by William Zeigel, personal interview, April 12, 1974.

²Statement written by O'Brien and presented by William Zeigel, May 12, 1974.

³Based on personal correspondence between Dick Abbot and the writer.

He was able to take athletes who were virtually unknown, and assist them to national recognition. Sandy Osei-Agyeman, sprinter - 9.3 seconds; Rodney Jackson, hurdler - 13.7 seconds; and John Craft, triple jumper - 53' 9" are all individual examples of this coaching ability. "As a coach he was able to get emotionally involved with his sport. He identified with the athletes and understood most of their problems,"¹ He always followed the rules and taught his athletes to do the same. Bob Eudeikis made the following statement which affirms this fact,

"I feel that Pat O'Brien has had the ability for years to bring out the best in the young men who have worked under him. The instilling of initiative and leadership qualities into those who played for him probably stands out strongest in my mind. He is a hard taskmaster to play for because he will accept nothing but the best from his players--just as he will from himself."²

O'Brien also possesses a rather vivid sense of humor. Robert Hussey recalled an incident that occurred in the "old" Lantz Gymnasium locker room. It seems that a particular faculty member was giving a rather detailed account of an incident in which two unidentified females accidentally entered the men's locker room. Apparently the men under observation immediately attempted to wrap towels around their waists to reduce the embarrassment. After patiently listening to the account, O'Brien smiled and

¹ Statement by Walter Lowell, personal interview, March 14, 1974.

² Eudeikis, loc. cit.

expressed the opinion that if they were that embarrassed they should have covered their faces, then maybe the women would not have been able to recognize them.¹

The quality O'Brien exhibited which perhaps rose above all others was his knowledge in the areas of physical education and athletics. Al Duer stated, "I would consider Dr. O'Brien one of the outstanding coaches and educator-administrators in our 565 member institutions."² Dick Abbot in recalling his association with O'Brien stated,

"On the N.A.I.A. Indoor Games Committee (Track and Field) the first three years it was held, I was associated with Pat and was impressed with his knowledge and organization. We worked hard to make those meets successful, always with the athletes in mind. Once again, principles came first."³

His knowledge coupled with the ability to transmit that information to others, along with the capacity to earn the respect of the people with whom he came into contact, allowed him to do an extremely effective job as educator, coach, administrator, and leader of young men.⁴ Howard Hancock characterized the "Bear" in a most befitting way, "A real gentleman, determined and enthusiastic, a coach respected by his players and able to get his information

¹Statement by Robert Hussey, personal interview, May 19, 1974.

²Based on personal correspondence between Al Duer and the writer.

³Abbot, loc. cit.

⁴Statement by Tom Katsimpalis, personal interview, May 19, 1974

across to them."¹

¹Based on personal correspondence between Howard Hancock and the writer.

CHAPTER V

SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Summary

Maynard "Pat" O'Brien spent thirty-nine years of his life serving the school systems of Illinois. He taught and coached eleven years in the secondary schools with the remaining time being devoted exclusively to Eastern Illinois University. During those years he developed the reputation in Illinois and throughout the United States of being a knowledgeable, capable, and fair individual with uncanny organizational abilities.

The purpose of the study was to represent as accurately as possible the life of O'Brien and his professional contributions to Eastern Illinois University. The study included his childhood and education, but was concentrated on his years as a physical education instructor, coach, and administrator at Eastern.

O'Brien was born January 12, 1907 in Canton, Illinois. As a youngster he recalled having an avid interest in athletics. During his senior year at Canton High School he became one of the few individuals to letter in four sports. Following graduation he worked for a year before entering Lombard College in Galesburg, Illinois. He continued his athletic

proWess at Lombard by lettering three years in football, two years in basketball, and three years in track. Due to his ambition to become an aeronautical engineer his major areas of concentration were mathematics and chemistry.

During the Depression, Lombard College was forced into bankruptcy and closed its doors in 1930. As a result, O'Brien completed his undergraduate degree at Illinois Wesleyan College in Bloomington, Illinois. Concurrent with completing his degree he also lettered in football, basketball, and track.

Upon graduating in 1931, O'Brien accepted his first teaching position at Lewistown High School in Lewistown, Illinois. After three years he moved to Mount Olive where he obtained a similar position. In 1937 he was hired at Carlinville High School in Carlinville, Illinois, and in 1941 he undertook his last high school job at Decatur High School.

Although he coached football, basketball, and track throughout his early career, his most impressive accomplishment was reflected in his basketball coaching record. His teams won approximately seventy percent of their games over a period of eleven years.

From 1942 until 1946 O'Brien was on active duty in the United States Navy. Following his release he arrived at Eastern and assumed the position as physical educator and head football coach. Through the years he added to his repertoire involvements with boxing, wrestling, Varsity Club,

Chairman of the Physical Education Department, construction of the Lantz Building and the Stadium, plus coaching cross country, and track. In addition, he was appointed to the following positions which pointed out the esteem in which he was held by his friends and colleagues.

1. President of the I.I.C.C.A., 1964.
2. Chairman of the Men's Physical Education Department, 1965-70.
3. Chairman of the N.A.I.A. Track Coaches Association, 1966-67-68.
4. N.A.I.A. Representative on the Olympic Committee, 1968.
5. A.A.U. Representative on the Olympic Committee, 1969-72.
6. President of the N.A.I.A. Cross Country Coaches Association, 1968.
7. Chairman of the "Committee of Fifteen" 1962 (predecessor of the Faculty Senate).

He was also selected as the Eastern News' "Man of the Year" in 1968, and in 1971 he was awarded the "Distinguished Faculty Award" for his many years of dedicated service to the university. O'Brien's career at Eastern officially ended June 30, 1974, but hopefully his contributions to the university will continue on a less formal basis.

Conclusions

It is the opinion of the writer that O'Brien possesses a vast amount of knowledge which could assist and enhance the growth of Eastern's physical education and athletic program for years to come. His contributions to the university stem basically from twenty-eight years of continuous

dedication in the fields of physical education and athletics. As an administrator he contributed his organizational abilities and extensive knowledge of building construction for the purpose of promoting physical education and athletics at Eastern. As a teacher and coach he had an in-depth knowledge of his subject matter and an unusual ability to transmit that knowledge both in the classroom and on the athletic fields. He had tremendous insight in dealing with young people, which enabled him to look into the psychological make-up of students and see the change in them from year to year. Through this ability he was periodically able to re-evaluate his teaching and coaching techniques. Consequently, he became increasingly more competent in his disciplines. His capability was evidenced by the fact that he was selected by his peers to head various state and national organizations.

O'Brien felt very strongly that a good coach had to be a good teacher and vice versa. On numerous occasions, he stated that the difference between teaching and coaching was so minute that as far as he was concerned a difference did not exist. His philosophies and ideals changed during the years he coached, but through those years his desire to win and to achieve remained constant. The elements that have been affixed in his mind for so many years, can best be expressed in the poem, "The Man Who Thinks He Can":

If you think you are beaten, you are
If you think you dare not, you don't
If you'd like to win, but you think you can't
It's almost a cinch you won't

If you think you'll lose, you're lost,
For out in the world we find
Success begins with a fellow's will
It's all in the state of mind

Full many a race is lost
Ere ever a step in run
And many a coward fails
Ere ever his work's begun

Think big and your deeds will grow
Think small, and you'll fall behind
Think that you can and you will
It's all in the state of mind

If you think you're outclassed, you are
You've got to think high to rise
You've got to be sure of yourself before
You can ever win a prize

Life's battles don't always go
To the stronger or faster man
But soon or late, the man who wins
Is the one who thinks he can¹

W. D. Wintle

Recommendations

1. It is recommended that similar studies be undertaken to investigate the contributions of John Masley, and Rex Darling to Eastern Illinois University.

2. It is also recommended that a study be undertaken to record the history of physical education and athletics at Eastern Illinois University.

¹Presented by Thomas Woodall to the writer, March 10, 1974.

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Related various points of his association with O'Brien.

Darling, Rex. Tennis Coach at Eastern Illinois University. Personal interview. Charleston, Illinois. March 28, 1974.

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Masley, John. Retired Professor of Physical Education at Eastern Illinois University. Personal interview. Charleston, Illinois. May 17, 1974.
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Recalled his impression of O'Brien's personality and various other points of their association. This interview is on tape.

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E. PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE

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Commented on O'Brien's outstanding qualities.

Personal correspondence between Carl Appell, retired track coach at Northern Illinois University, and the writer.
Commented on O'Brien's outstanding qualities.

Personal correspondence between Lyle Bennett, retired track coach at Central Michigan University, and the writer.
Commented on O'Brien's outstanding qualities.

Personal correspondence between Joe Cogdal, retired track coach at Illinois State University, and the writer.

Commented on his impression of O'Brien's personality.

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Personal correspondence between Robert Eudeikis, former assistant track coach at Eastern Illinois University, and the writer.

Commented on his impression of O'Brien's personality.

Personal correspondence between Charles Foster, retired track coach at Kearney State College, and the writer.

Commented on O'Brien's personality.

Personal correspondence between Howard Hancock, retired athletic director at Illinois State University, and the writer.

Commented on his impression of O'Brien as a man.

Personal correspondence between Jack Horenberger, athletic director and baseball coach at Illinois Wesleyan University, and the writer.

Commented on O'Brien's outstanding qualities.

Personal correspondence between Fred Young, sport editor for the Bloomington Pentagraph, and the writer.

Commented on his impression of O'Brien's character.

APPENDIXES

APPENDIX A

LETTERS OF CORRESPONDENCE

The following is a copy of the letter sent to O'Brien's friends and colleagues:

I am in the process of writing a thesis for a Master's degree in Physical Education at Eastern Illinois University. My paper is entitled, "The Life of Dr. Maynard 'Pat' O'Brien and His Professional Contributions to Physical Education and Athletics at Eastern Illinois University."

I have been informed that you have known Dr. O'Brien for a number of years and that you can convey information which will be helpful in the completion of the study. I will greatly appreciate any assistance you can give me.

Enclosed is a questionnaire to which you may respond in any manner you choose. Upon completion of the questions please feel free to include any additional information you consider pertinent.

I am looking forward to hearing from you soon, and thank you for your help.

Sincerely yours,

The following is a copy of the letter sent to O'Brien's athletes:

I am gathering data for the purpose of writing a thesis for a Master's degree in Physical Education. My paper is entitled, "The Life of Dr. Maynard 'Pat' O'Brien and His Professional Contributions to Physical Education and Athletics at Eastern Illinois University."

My preliminary research indicates that Dr. O'Brien was one of your coaches when you were a student at Eastern. Consequently, your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Enclosed is a questionnaire to which you may respond in any manner you choose. Upon completion of the questions, please

feel free to include any additional information you consider pertinent.

I am looking forward to hearing from you soon, and thank you for your help.

Sincerely yours,

APPENDIX B

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. How long have you been acquainted with Dr. O'Brien?
2. Describe the manner in which you became acquainted with Dr. O'Brien.
3. In what capacity did you know him?
4. What do you consider to be some of Dr. O'Brien's outstanding qualities?
5. Briefly reflect your thoughts in reference to Dr. O'Brien as a physical educator, coach, administrator, and leader of young men.
6. Using an anecdote, describe what has impressed you the most concerning Dr. O'Brien.
7. Please comment on your impression of Dr. O'Brien's personality.
8. What was your impression of Dr. O'Brien from an athlete's point of view?
9. What was your impression of Dr. O'Brien as an opposing coach?
10. If you took a class under Dr. O'Brien, what is your opinion of him as an educator?
11. If you know of someone else who can also contribute to this study, please include his/her name and address.

APPENDIX C

FOOTBALL

YEARLY TEAM MEMBERS¹

1946

Jim Sexton
Don Davisson
Don Johnson
Howard Barnes
Louis Stivers
Charles Gross
Bernard Hayton
Jack Miller
Albert McClure
Randall Colwell
LeeRoy LaRose
John Holand
John Bristol
Leonard Bujnowski
Wesley Hilligoss
Allen Walker
Robert Black
William Richey
Robert Babb
John Stabler
Russell Ghere
Billy Myers

Neal Hudson
Lewis Cox
John Richmond
Frank Cox
Norman Waltrip
Monte Popham
Harold Schmalhausen
John Lewis
Jack Robertson
Jerry Curtis
John Wargo
Vern Ingram
James LaMasters
Thomas Carlyle
Bob Sink
William Snapp
Donald Wheeler
Donald Jackson
Earl Benoche
William McDermott
Harold Gray

1947

Howard Barnes
Mike Howard
Frank Pitol
Charles Gross
LeeRoy LaRose
Louis Stivers
Don Johnson
Jim Sexton
Bob Sink
Russell Ghere

Roman Dongu
Paul Burrus
Gene Scruggs
Bill Anderson
Jim Boone
Virgil Sweet
Joe Kruzich
John Wargo
Jack Robertson
Don Waltrip

Charles Boyle
 John Sowinski
 Paul Arnold
 J. Richard Mills
 Bob Babb
 Tom Carlyle

Bill Hotto
 Bill Snapp
 Howard Boudreau
 Bill Sargent
 Bob Lencioni
 J. Richard Adams

1948

Russell Ghere
 Gerald Baker
 Mike Howard
 Tom Carlyle
 Louis Stivers
 Charles Gross
 John Horsely
 Don Johnson
 Frank Cox
 Leonard Bujnowski
 Howard Boudreau
 Emmett Perry
 Bill Crum
 Bill Snapp
 Joe Patridge
 Frank Pitol
 Bob Sink

Gene Scruggs
 Howard Barnes
 Charles Smith
 John Lopinski
 Roman Dongu
 Virgil Sweet
 Joseph Kruzich
 Dick Adams
 Jim Sexson
 John Mills
 John Haworth
 Jim Gindler
 Morris Tschannen
 Jerry Curtis
 Vernon Wagner
 Earl Benoche
 Larry Mizener

1949

Forrest Lile
 Bill Crum
 John Lopinski
 Earl Benoche
 William Snapp
 Frank Cox
 James Gindler
 Morris Tschannen
 Gerald Baker
 Russell Ghere
 Leonard Bujnowski
 Virgil Sweet
 Howard Boufreau
 Stanley Martin
 Harold Hankins
 William Musselman
 Paul Burrus
 Dick Adams
 Michael Howard
 Jerry Curtis
 Joe Patridge

John Horsley
 John Sowinski
 Gene Scruggs
 Vernon Wagner
 Pearl Parke
 Larry Mizener
 Bill Sargent
 Joe Stone
 Otto Schweinberger
 Gail Abney
 William Hardin
 Donald Henderson
 Charles Williamson
 Roy Hatfield
 Don Gratteau
 Dwayne Roe
 Edwin Gire
 Edwin Soergel
 James Anderson
 Richard Davis
 James Buchanan

1950

Paul Gilpin
 Don Richardson
 Pearl Parke
 Paul Burrus
 Don Henderson
 Larry Mizener
 Dave Cohrs
 Don Inboden
 Jim Fredenberger
 George Reed
 Gerald Ferguson
 David McQueen
 David Wahl
 John Chancellor
 Paul Wheeler
 Joe Patridge
 Don Rogers
 Jim Welker
 Howard Edinger
 Don Myers
 Bill Sargent
 Vernon Wagner
 Bill Musselman
 Charles Smith
 Clarence Childress
 William Hardin
 Dick Adams
 Ed Soergel

George Kantner
 Kenneth Kauffman
 Frank Pitol
 John Sowinski
 Otto Schweinberger
 Jerry Curtis
 Robert Harrison
 Jerome Osmoe
 Carl Shew
 Richard Davis
 Robert Smith
 John Horsley
 Don Dean
 Gene Scruggs
 George Harris
 Don Calvin
 Don Woods
 Lloyd Voyles
 Charles Snider
 Dwayne Roe
 Bernard Racop
 Richard Enochs
 Stanley Austin
 Jim Anderson
 Berl Pullian
 Bob Roland
 Lee Viehweg

1951

Dr. Maynard "Pat" O'Brien was on sabbatical leave during the 1951 football season.

1952

Howard Current
 Billy Deeter
 Bob Calvin
 Don Calvin
 John Simmons
 Dave Cohrs
 Edgar Smitley
 J. Alvin Dougherty
 Clark Frantz
 Jim Fredenberger
 Jack Fulgham
 Don Branson

Jim Brubeck
 Dwayne Roe
 Gorden Watkins
 Paul Foreman
 Dick Adams
 Arnold Franke
 Robert Murphy
 Don Magsamen
 Don Myers
 Don Larimore
 Jim Fanakos
 Paul Wheeler

Lyle Lloyd
 Jerry Griffith
 Henry Carter
 Charles Edington
 Robert Thrash
 Gary Newell
 John O'Dell
 Jim Haworth
 Billy Temple
 Malcolm Childs
 Herbert McDonwell
 Leo Beals
 John Hamilton
 Charles Larson
 Gene Murray
 William Reid

Arnold Schultz
 Larry Brandt
 Tom Daykin
 Joe Reano
 Lee Viehweg
 John Riddell
 Victor Landers
 Richard Corso
 Richard Enochs
 Wayne Wyatt
 Gail Borton
 Joe Summerville
 David Jeffries
 Don McDowell
 Pat Price
 Dale Downs

1953

John O'Dell
 Victor Landers
 Charles Edington
 Gail Borton
 Arnold Franke
 J. Alvin Dougherty
 Ronald Hicks
 Dave Radford
 Roy Hatfield
 Don Magsamen
 Samuel Anderson
 Richard Wakeland
 Richard Francis
 Robert Gilpin
 Lyle Lloyd
 Jerry Griffith
 Tom Juravich
 Roger Ives
 Charles Clay
 Charles Guthrie
 Pat Price
 Richard Corso
 Barry Cook
 David Jeffries

Joe Summerville
 Robert Smith
 Jim Fredenberger
 Bob Calvin
 Henry Carter
 Roger West
 Robert Thrash
 Dwayne Grothe
 Gary Newell
 Malcolm Childs
 Ray Fisher
 Melvin Carl
 Franklin Nickell
 Winston Brown
 Eddie Brooke
 Ron Leonard
 Lowell Gire
 Charles Larson
 Robert Borich
 John Murphy
 Leo Beals
 James Maxon
 Dale Downs

1954

Roger West
 Ray Fisher
 Jim Griffith
 Charles Larson
 Bob Thrash

Darrell Brown
 Gene Ward
 Pat Price
 Ronald Leonard
 Eddie Brooke

Hank Carter
 Bob Gilpin
 Ed Gire
 Gene Ward
 Rod Landers
 Roy Hatfield
 Don Magsamen
 Arnold Franke
 Bob Smith
 John Murphy
 Bill Hardin
 Gary Anderson

Dwayne Grothe
 Gail Borton
 Bob Calvin
 Charles Edington
 Richard Francis
 James Fredenberger
 Tom Juravich
 John O'Dell
 Dave Radford
 Joe Summerville
 David Jeffries
 Winston Brown

1955

Jon D. Ware
 Eddie Brooke
 Bob Nabors
 Charles Vaughan
 Alvin Miller
 Ivan Hamilton
 Ron Leonard
 Roy Hatfield
 Sam Anderson
 Charles Larson
 John Murphy
 Bob Thrash
 Pat Price
 Gene Ward
 Howard Current
 Louis Strack
 Maynard Laub
 James Becker
 Vincent Zuber
 Don Magsamen
 Winston Brown

Darrell Brown
 Don Bacyznski
 Robert Williams
 Kenneth Greeson
 Mark Sherrick
 John Keiser
 Jack Kempfor
 Charence Jasper
 William Moutray
 Roger West
 Francis Brotherton
 Bill Neibch
 Don Arnold
 Ray Fisher
 Ray Wurtsbaugh
 Bob Hans
 David Decker
 Bill Hardin
 Henry Carter
 Robert Gilpin
 Marvin Hamilton

¹All team records obtained from school yearbooks, newspapers, varsity records, and athletic handbooks.

APPENDIX D

WRESTLING

YEARLY TEAM MEMBERS¹

1948

Jim Logan
Howard Sheffield
Harold Hankins
Paul Rittmanic
Jim Dukas
Glen Temple
Jack Casey
Harry Bauler
Ken Sedgwick
Olen Price

John Pankey
Charles Pritchett
Clyde McKinney
John Sullivan
William Trescott
Richard Fiscus
Victor Paieda
James Mimicou
Emmett Perry
Randall McClure

1949

Dave Cohrs
Allen Strader
Emmett Perry
Frank Knox
Charles Williamson
Fred Crawford
Harold Hankins
Harold Freeland
Randall McClure
Roy Hatfield
Charles Smith
John Chancellor
Don Bathe
Howard Edinger
Wayne Schonert

Edward Vogt
William Balch
Jimmie Cody
Glen Temple
Edgar Smitley
Lloyd Lance
James Welker
James Bewley
Jack Payan
Donald Rogers
Tom Hartley
Paul Gilpin
Robert Roland
Bill Allen

1950

The records for the 1950 wrestling team are
not available.

1951

Dr. Maynard "Pat" O'Brien was on sabbatical leave during the 1951 wrestling season.

1952

Edgar Morgan
Lyle Lloyd
Gail Borton
Donald Magsamen
Richard Flood
Tom Fallor
Howard Current

Ben Witherbee
George Albin
Richard Galbreath
Carroll Dukes
John O'Dell
James Maxon
James Robison

¹All team records obtained from school yearbooks, newspapers, varsity records, and athletic handbooks.

APPENDIX E

TRACK AND FIELD
YEARLY TEAM MEMBERS¹

1947

Ernie Waren	Ralph Everson
Chuck Gross	Bob Richmond
Lyle Knott	Don Sullivan
Jack Robertson	Bob Drolet
Don Johnson	Bill Monier
William Thiel	Dick McCulloch
Dick Spillers	Francis Parkey
LeeRoy LaRose	John Barr
Don Brauer	Bob Babbs
Roy Klay	Lee Markwell
Melvin Smith	Aaron Gray
Wayne Parke	Calvin Colwell
Charles Voorhees	John Lewis
Kenneth Sedgewick	Max Stites
George Reat	Neal Hudson
Charles Hilderbrand	Russ Ghere
Ken Klette	Glen Piland
James Bone.	Max Pugh
William Anderson	
Walter Stein	

1948

Dick Perry	Vern Wagner
LeeRoy LaRose	Bob Taylor
Jim Sullivan	Walter Briggs
Dick Spillers	Jack Sheets
Ernie Waren	Bill Schouten
Don Johnson	Bill Monier
Don Sullivan	Ken Klette
John Barr	Max Stites
Chuck Gross	Neal Hudson
Russ Ghere	Jim Logan
Paul Arnold	Gene Carigan
Paul Roosevelt	

Jack Sheets
 Dick McCulloch
 Richard Kennedy
 Jack Robertson
 Roy Klay
 Bill Scott
 Dick Tabor
 John Fortier
 Charles Hilderbrand

Wilbur Hanks
 Kenneth Sedgewick
 Bob Babbs
 Don Brauer
 Bob Drolet
 Dean Smith
 J. K. Mitchell
 Frank Pitol
 Harry Hedden

1949

Don Johnson
 Wilburn Hanks
 Dick Spillers
 Neal Hudson
 LeeRoy LaRose
 Paul Arnold
 Herb Wills
 Bob Slater
 Dean Smith
 Dick Kimble
 Gerald Ray
 Frank Pitol
 Hank Lopinski
 John Randolph
 Ken Klette
 Russ Ghere
 Bill Schouten
 Paul Roosevelt

Morris Jacobs
 Fred Thurston
 Walt Radulavich
 Dick Davis
 George Merrimac
 Bob King
 Tom Fears
 Ken Rearson
 Don Gratteau
 Bill Hardin
 Jack Howell
 Joe Patridge
 Don McKinney
 Bill Pennybacker
 Vern Wagner
 Gus Abney
 Harry Hedden

1950

Bill Schouten
 Vern Wagner
 Jack Howell
 Gerald Ray
 Herb Wills
 Glenn Curtis
 Frank Knox
 Harold McCoy
 Cliff Nugent
 Gus Abney
 Don Duez
 John Hughes
 Morris Jacobs
 Allan Rodgers
 Howard Seigel
 Jack Sims
 Bob White
 Don Henderson
 Don McGinnis

Dick Kimble
 Roy Klay
 Fred Crawford
 Ted Ellis
 Bob Scott
 Paul Arnold
 George Merrimac
 Paul Roosevelt
 Don Siegel
 Carl Shew
 Bill Strater
 Joe Hanneberry
 Dick Rude
 Charles Harper
 Bob Ziegel
 Lloyd Lantz
 Stan Cornelison
 Jim Greathouse
 Foster Campbell

Gerald Ferguson
Dennis Gregory
Tom Hartley

Frank Pitol
Dwayne Roe
James Johnson

1951

Ted Ellis
Glenn Curtis
James Johnson
Cliff Nugent
Don Siegel
Herb Wills
Gerald Ferguson
Carl Shew
Jack Farris
Roger Young
George Zimmerman
Don Woods
Charles Edwards
Jerome Osmoe
Edmond Ross
Don Calvin
Richard David
Glen Taylor
Ed Vogt

Roger Dettro
Fred Crawford
Roger Ewing
Howard Seigel
Jack Sims
Don Henderson
Frank Pitol
Vern Wagner
Jim Acklin
Dan Coleman
Dick Walker
Byron York
Carrol Pullen
Orval Brandenburg
Charles Smith
Dwayne Roe
John Hamilton
Ed Soergel
Jack Payan

1952

Dr. Maynard "Pat" O'Brien was on sabbatical leave during the 1952 track and field season.

1953

G. Reichert
Jack Sims
Jack Farris
Gary Newell
Fred Gore
Leo Beals
Jim Mitchell
J. Alvin Dougherty
B. Seed
Carrol Pullen
Bruce Knicley
Gail Borton
Richard Corso
Pat Price
Ted Ellis

Bill Reid
Charles Matheny
Hank Carter
Jon Ulz
John Hamilton
Jim Edmundson
Donald Magsamen
John Riddell
Lyle Lloyd
Fred Crawford
Dwayne Roe
Paul Halway
Carl Brauer
J. Griffith
Dick Burch

John Byrne

Ted Black

1954

Leo Beals
 Bruce Knicley
 Gail Borton
 Chuck Matheny
 Dick Burch
 Gary Newell
 Jim Mitchell
 Fred Gore
 Jim Edmundson
 Wesley Walker
 Jerry Biggs
 Dick Phipps
 Pat Price
 J. Alvin Dougherty
 Dick Martin
 Tom Juravich

Gerald O'Flaherty
 Winston Brown
 Bob Gilpin
 Marvin Sproston
 Hank Carter
 John O'Dell
 Jon Ulz
 Jim Wood
 Wayne Brooke
 Jim Bruce
 Albert Luthe
 Ray Fisher
 Roger West
 Everett Hardy
 Joe Mansfield
 Marvin Carl

1955

Ray Fisher
 Winston Brown
 Charles Matheny
 Pat Price
 John Milholland
 Hank Carter
 Jerry Biggs
 David Murphy
 Fred Gore
 Jim Mitchell
 Leo Beals
 James Becker
 Clint Byrd
 Glenn Curtis
 Everett Hardy
 Harold Pelszynski
 Wesley Walker
 Ron Claussen
 John O'Dell
 Walter Jones
 R. A. Carter

Roger West
 Jack Howell
 Jim Bruce
 Bruce Knicley
 Bob Gilpin
 Ed Madix
 John Byrne
 Raymond White
 Jim Edmundson
 Michael Harvey
 Charles Smith
 Joe Baker
 Jerry Garrity
 Jay McGuire
 Richard Phipps
 Vincent Zuber
 John Kissell
 John Potts
 Tom Jurovich
 Virgil Jacobs

1956

Ray White
 Leo Beals
 Jim Becker

Winston Brown
 Jim Bruce
 John Byrne

Hank Carter
 Jim Edmundson
 Mick Harvey
 Ed Madix
 John Milholland
 Dave Murphy
 Roger West
 Bill Kelly
 Lynn Hawkey
 Neal Admire
 Ken Christiansen
 David Fields
 Bob Gilpin
 Gerald Johnson
 Wesley Walker
 Danny Elam
 Fred Hein
 William Moutray
 Everett Hardy

Ray Fisher
 Fred Gore
 Bruce Knicley
 Chuck Matheny
 Jim Mitchell
 Harold Pelszynski
 Jon Ware
 Frank Casey
 Bob Parrish
 Gerald Gossett
 Darrell Wicklein
 Jerry Garrity
 James Simmering
 Jerry Potts
 John Goddard
 Ron Noren
 Dick Storm
 John Huffman
 Paul Rexcoat
 C. Sessions

1957

Neal Admire
 Don Arnold
 Winston Brown
 Robert Bruce
 Kenneth Christiansen
 J. Alvin Dougherty
 Gerald Gossett
 Everett Hardy
 Ronald Kerr
 Dennis Kirby
 Harold Knowles
 Robert Lathrop
 Edward Madix
 David Murphy
 Robert Parrish
 Robert Sarver
 Gerald Tenbarge
 Roger West
 Ray White

James Becker
 Norman Bomkamp
 Ray Fisher
 David Fields
 James Fox
 Robert Gilpin
 John Goddard
 Michael Harvey
 William Kelly
 Richard Kragler
 Edward Landers
 Rawlan Lillard
 John Milholland
 Ronald Noren
 Paul Rexcoat
 Richard Storm
 John VanVoorhis
 Darrell Wicklein
 Ed LaCrone

1958

James Fox
 Bob Parrish
 Gerald Gossett
 Ed Madix
 Mick Harvey
 Dick Kragler

Norm Bomkamp
 Ken Christiansen
 Rawlan Lillard
 Paul Rexcoat
 Dave Fields
 Donald Thomas

John Malmquist
 Harold Knowles
 Bill Kell
 John Miholland
 Dave York
 Robert Lathrop
 Phil Gullege
 Warner Semetis

Don Arnold
 Max Eldred
 Robert Harder
 Edward Landers
 James Simmering
 John VanVoorhis
 Dennis Kerby

1959

John Armour
 Joe Barber
 Jerry Biggs
 Tom Birge
 Norman Bomkamp
 Robert Bruce
 Clint Byrd
 Tom Chandler
 Ken Christiansen
 Wilmer Tom Clark
 Brian Cossell
 Claibourne Dungy
 Fred McKenzie
 William Miller
 Marlon Mitchell
 Esterino Molinary
 Stanley Papp
 Robert Parrish
 Paul Rexcoat
 Gordon Ritter

Charles Eads
 Max Eldred
 David Fields
 James Fox
 John Goddard
 Ronald Herr
 Harold Knowles
 Bill Gollaway
 Richard Kragler
 Rawlan Lillard
 Robert Lathrop
 John Malmquist
 Otis Shouse
 Dick Storm
 Dennis Taylor
 Don Thomas
 John VanVoorhis
 Floyd Walgren
 Samuel White
 Jerry Zachary

1960

Edison Allen
 Norman Bomkamp
 Brian Cossell
 Claibourne Dungy
 Max Eldred
 Marvin Honn
 Robert Lathrop
 Richard McClain
 Jerry Quick
 Lee Sprimont
 Ben Ward
 David Blievernicht
 Arthur Cofer
 Edward Ethington
 Gary Glosser
 Alfred Jeter
 John Johnson

Jerry Briggs
 W. Tom Clark
 Ronald Dawkins
 Charles Eads
 James Fox
 Arthur Jacoby
 Rawlan Lillard
 William Miller
 James Quinlan
 John VanVoorhis
 Jerry Zachary
 Michael Casserly
 James Cunningham
 Michael Cannon
 Ronald Gorden
 Robert Hall
 Harold Knowles

Bill Kyle
 William Meckfessel
 Robert Stallman
 Donald Varner

Don McMorris
 Gary Schliessman
 Dennis Taylor
 Robert Wubbenhorst

1961

Gary Allen
 Edison Allen
 Ben Butler
 W. Tom Clark
 Brian Cossell
 Claibourne Dungy
 Chuck Eads
 Terry Engleton
 Ed Frazier
 Jeff Gaines
 Jerry Grandone
 Robert Hall
 Marvin Honn
 Arthur Jacoby
 John Johnson
 Dick McClain
 William Fisher
 Dean McKee
 Don Varner
 Carroll Wright
 Mike Gannon

William Meckfessel
 Don McMorris
 Bill Neal
 Harold Palishen
 David Piper
 Bill Reynolds
 Jim Quinlan
 Bill Scroggins
 Lee Sprimont
 Bob Stallmen
 Larry Thomason
 John VanVoorhis
 Ben Ward
 Ron Leibig
 Gerald Marshall
 Don Blievernicht
 Latham Heath
 Art Thompson
 D. Joe Vitton
 David Potter

1962

James Astle
 Rod Butler
 Tom Christy
 W. Tom Clark
 Brian Cossell
 Ron Dawkins
 Claibourne Dungy
 Roger Salinas
 Walter Scott
 Daniel Selivon
 Lee Sprimont
 Arthur Steele
 George Steigelman
 Wayne Stingley
 Arthur Thompson
 Ocie Tolson
 D. Joe Vitton
 Ben Ward
 Frederick Washburn
 Carroll Wright

Dick McClain
 Donald McMorris
 William Meckfessel
 Harold Palishen
 David Piper
 James Quinlan
 Jerry Grandone
 John Haggerty
 Latham Heath
 David Heinrich
 Marvin Honn
 Arthur Jacoby
 John Johnson
 Jesse Knight
 Ronald Leibig
 Jerry Loew
 Don Love
 Tom Masters
 Lawrence Watts
 Larry Weach

William Hamilton
Ray Weger

Bob Trimble

1963

John Alwelt
Tom Andres
James Astle
Roderick Butler
Robert Clifford
Ronald Dawkins
William Delaplane
John Elson
Lyle Eroh
Jerald Grandone
Lyle Hamilton
Marvin Honn
Arthur Jacoby
David James
Roger Jebe
Richard Johnson
James Kimball
Richard Letts
C. Dick McClain
Robert McConkey
Donald McMorris

Edward McGraw
William Miller
William Neal
Harold Palishen
David Piper
James Quinlan
Ronald Rentfro
Roger Salinas
Raymond Schaljo
Walter Scott
Arthur Steele
Wayne Stingley
Lynn Strack
Robert Trimble
Andy Ventress
D. Joe Vitton
Ben Ward
Lawrence Watts
Lee Willett
Richard Wollenschlager
Carroll Wright

1964

John Akers
Glenn Anderson
James Anderson
James Astle
Larry Baird
Adrian Beard
Russell Benjamin
Roderick Butler
William Dortch
James Ficek
Richard Gill
Jerald Grandone
Roger Hartman
Lyle Honnold
Larry Hopkins
Roger Jebe
Richard Johnson
James Kimball
Joel Justis
R. Thomas Loyd
James Morris
Gerald Marshall

Edward Nilsen
Harold Palishen
Charles Peabody
Charles Peglow
Charles Peterson
Roger Quinlan
Cyril Rennels
Robert Rennels
Ronald Rentfro
Ray Schaljo
John Schneider
Arthur Steele
Willie Stepney
Wayne Stingley
Maurice Sykes
Robert Trimble
Charles Turner
D. Joe Vitton
Robert Weise
Lee Willett
William Reynolds
Tom Jennings

James Ohm

1965

William Anderson
 James Astle
 Larry Baird
 Russell Benjamin
 Gregory Dennis
 William Dortch
 James Ficek
 W. Lyle Honnold
 Larry Hopkins
 Roger Jebe
 Richard Johnson
 Joel Justis
 James Kimball
 Richard Letts
 R. Thomas Loyd
 Gerald Marshall

James Morris
 Edward Nilsen
 Charles Peabody
 Charles Peterson
 Roger Quinlan
 Ronald Rentfro
 Ray Schaljo
 John Schneider
 Arthur Steele
 Wayne Stingley
 Robert Trimble
 Charles Turner
 Robert Weise
 Richard Wiese
 Lee Willett

1966

Larry Baird
 Russell Benjamin
 William Dortch
 Charles Flamini
 Richard Gill
 Charles Graham
 Gary Hale
 Roger Quinlan
 Ronald Rentfro
 Jerry Robbins
 Ray Schaljo
 Tom Schlickman
 James Anderson

Roger Hartman
 Roger Jebe
 Richard Johnson
 Arthur Mitchell
 James Morris
 Jeffrey Murdy
 Charles Peabody
 Michael Snow
 Charles Turner
 William Walton
 Robert Weise
 Lee Willett

1967

Mark Sorensen
 Tom Murphy
 Roger Quinlan
 Bill Dortch
 John Schneider
 Jerry Robbins
 Mike Van Deever
 Charles Flamini
 Roger Rezabek
 Bill Carson
 Charles Graham

Jim Morris
 John Craft
 Bob Weise
 Art Mitchell
 Tom Schlickman
 Jim Cox
 Allen Williams
 Russ Benjamin
 Jim Anderson
 Larry Baird

1968

James Cox
 John Craft
 Gregory Crockett
 William Dortch
 James Fehrenbacher
 Charles Flamini
 John Harrison
 Gerald Harvey
 Virgil Hooe
 Larry Mayse
 Martin McIntire
 James Mills
 Arthur Mitchell
 David Parkinson
 James Ping
 Phillip Powers
 Tom Schlickman
 Tom Spencer
 Philip Stirrett
 John Troughton
 Allen Williams
 William Wooten
 Garold Hettmansberger
 Michael Pamatot

Steve Benich
 Walter Crawford
 Richard Forsheir
 David Harder
 Perry Hill
 Steven Hutt
 Birch Jones
 Kenneth Klipp
 Douglas Kurasek
 Kenneth Landsdown
 Lloyd Laukkanen
 Gerry Morehead
 Robert Reiter
 Robert Rentschler
 Tom Reynolds
 Robert Rice
 Gerald Schlenz
 Warren Schneider
 Steven Snyder
 Peter Tschaepe
 Michael Weller
 David Dagner
 Paul Demos

1969

Steve Benich
 Lonn Calanca
 Ron Caldwell
 James Cox
 John Craft
 Gregory Crockett
 James Curtis
 John Davis
 James Fehrenbacher
 Richard Forshier
 Ronald Garrity
 James Guess
 James Hackbarth
 Tom Halloran
 David Harder
 Steven Harres
 Gerald Harvey
 Garold Hettmansberger
 Warren Schneider
 James Skinner
 John Sloan
 Tom Spencer
 Phillip Stirrett

Lindsey Hickman
 Perry Hill
 Virgil Hooe
 Victor Jennings
 Kenneth Klipp
 Kenneth Landsdown
 William Lebensorger
 Larry Mayse
 Robert McFarland
 Martin McIntire
 Stephen Moncrief
 Jerome Mortensen
 Michael Pamatot
 James Ping
 Paul Pinther
 Robert Rentschler
 Tom Reynolds
 Gerald Schlenz
 Robert Sullender
 Joseph Taylor
 Gregory Weller
 Richard Wyffels

1970

James Andres
 Steve Benich
 Steven Black
 Victor Brooks
 Ronald Caldwell
 Donald Collins
 William Creer
 Gregory Crockett
 John Davis
 Michael Dority
 Roger Einbecker
 James Fehrenbacher
 Tom Feig
 Kevin Green
 James Hackbarth
 David Harder
 Steven Harres
 Gerald Harvey
 Lindsey Hickman
 Perry Hill
 David Hocking
 Bruce Hunt
 Rodney Jackson
 Kenneth Klipp

Keith Kowalczyk
 Larry Mayse
 Robert McFarland
 Robert McGee
 Martin McIntire
 Stephen Moncrief
 David Murphy
 Ted Odom
 James Ping
 Tom Reynolds
 Gerald Schlenz
 Martin Schnorf
 Tom Spencer
 Philip Stirrett
 Robert Sullender
 Michael Swisher
 Joseph Taylor
 Greg Thorpe
 Paul Towns
 Gary Warren
 Gregory Weller
 Richard Wyffels
 Joseph Zunich
 James Skinner

1971

Bill Been
 Timmy Bostwick
 Richard Bowman
 Victor Brooks
 Darrel Brown
 Ronald Caldwell
 David Childers
 Michael Clapsaddle
 Donald Collins
 Walter Crawford
 John Davis
 Michael Dyer
 William Kelper
 Robert Kell
 Arnold Klapperich
 Ronald Lancaster
 Rick Livesey
 William Miller
 Stege Moncreif
 Larry Morts
 Ricky McWhorter
 David Nance

Richard Edwards
 Roger Einbecker
 Charles Foehr
 John Flood
 Glenn Fredrickson
 Harold Gifford
 James Hackbarth
 John Hochmuth
 David Hocking
 Rodney Jackson
 Keith Jacobi
 Kenneth Jacobi
 Isaac Osei-Kuffour
 Sandy Osei-Agyeman
 Michael Pitchell
 James Skinner
 Stephen Sronce
 David Stotlar
 Benjamin Timson
 Paul Towns
 Michael Welch
 Anthony Williams

Jeffery Nevius
Stan Thurmon

Steven Harris

1972

Bill Been
Richard Bowman
Victor Brooks
Darrell Brown
Ronald Caldwell
David Childers
Donald Collins
Walter Crawford
John Davis
Richard Edwards
Roger Einbecker
Jack Flood
Charles Foehr
Glenn Fredrickson
Harold Gifford
John Hochmuth
Keith Jacobi
Rodney Jackson
Arthur McWhorter
Anthony Williams
Michael Pitchell
David Hocking

Ken Jacobi
William Keiper
Robert Kell
Ronald Lancaster
Rick Livesey
Johnie Meisner
William Miller
Stephen Moncrief
Larry Morts
David Nance
Jeffrey Nevius
Sandy Osei-Agyeman
Isaac Osei-Kuffour
James Skinner
David Stotlar
Benjamin Timson
Paul Towns
Michael Welch
Michael Clapsaddle
Michael Dyer
James Hackbarth
Arnold Klapperich

1973

John Barron
William Been
Bruce Bell
Richard Bowman
James Bratek
Timmy Brechbill
James Dickey
John Dickey
Richard Edwards
Roger Einbecker
William Esposito
Gregory Gasaway
Harold Gifford
David Hocking
John Hudecek
Rodney Jackson
Kenneth Jacobi
Ronald Lancaster
Michael Larson
Rick Livesey
Gregory Matthews

Victor Brooks
Darrell Brown
Kenneth Burke
James Butts
Walter Crawford
David Childers
David Nance
Jeff Nevius
Michael Novotany
Sandy Osei-Agyeman
Issac Osei-Kuffour
Richard Piacenti
John Quinn
Terrance Ryan
David Stotlar
Tom Sullivan
Benjamin Timson
Paul Towns
Michael Welch
Anthony Williams
Tom Wollney

James McGrath
 Jack Messmore
 Donald Hale

William Womack
 Robert Lareau

1974

Robert Abraham
 Toni Ababio
 Barry Anderson
 John Barron
 Richard Bowman
 Michael Brehm
 Robert Brockman
 Darrell Brown
 Kenneth Burke
 James Dickey
 Timothy Dooling
 Scott Durham
 Richard Edwards
 Frank Ferrantelle
 Ronald Garvick
 Gregory Gasaway
 Keith Gooden
 Harold Gifford
 Donald Hale
 Neil Haseman
 Stephen Higgins
 John Hudecek
 Keith Jacobi
 Kenneth Jacobi
 Russell Janota
 Harold King
 Robert Kratz

Ronald Lancaster
 Stephen Lane
 Michael Larson
 Rick Livesey
 Michael Lehman
 Michael Lord
 John McDannald
 Gregory Malan
 Jack Messmore
 Bertram Meyers
 Gregory Milburn
 Michael Miller
 David Nance
 Jeffrey Nevius
 Michael Novotany
 Sandy Osei-Agyeman
 Michael Raef
 Louis Schloderback
 Joe Sexton
 Donald Sparks
 Phillip Stivers
 David Stotlar
 Benjamin Timson
 Donatus Van Zinnicq Bergmann
 Thomas White
 William Wilkins
 William Womack

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APPENDIX F

CROSS COUNTRY

YEARLY TEAM MEMBERS¹

1956

Rawlan Lillard
Wes Walker
Dick Kragler
Mick Harvey
Dick Storm
Ed Landers
Jim Fox

Bill Kelly
Charles Crawford
Raymond White
John Van Voorhis
Tom Dailey
Don McKenzie

1957

Dick Kragler
Rawlan Lillard
Ed Landers
Don Thomas
Mick Harvey
Charles Crawford

Dick Storm
Ben Butler
Robert Button
Larry Hess
Tom Dailey
John Van Voorhis

1958

Clint Byrd
Marion Mitchell
Rawlan Lillard
Don Thomas
Dick Storm
Dick Kragler
Ben Butler

Bob Brown
Darrell Harris
Jim Fox
Charles Eads
Ron Gorden
Bill Fisher
Ronald Leibig

1959

Dave Blievernicht
Dick McClain
Lee Sprimont
Jim Quinlan
Don McMorris

Jim Cunningham
Bill Mechfessel
Rawlan Lillard
Dick Kragler
Don Dawkins

Gary Glosser
Ken Mitchell

Ron Gorden
Marion Mitchell

1960

Don McMorris
Dick McClain
Jim Quinlan
Ron Gorden
Marvin Honn
Ron Dawkins

Bill Meckfessel
Dave Blievernicht
Dick James
Larry Watts
Don Vitton
Bill Scroggins

1961

Jim Cunningham
Fred Washburn
Dick McClain
Jim Quinlan
Marvin Honn
Lee Sprimont
Dave Blievernicht
Don McMorris

Fred Para
Don Vitton
Roger Salinas
Larry Watts
Tom Jennings
Larry Wesch
Ed McGraw
Jim Astle

1962

Don McMorris
Jim Astle
Dick McClain
Jim Quinlan
Jim Cunningham

Ron Dawkins
Ed McGraw
Larry Watts
Marvin Honn
Don Vitton

1963

Tom Sterchi
Roger Quinlan
Jim Cunningham
Larry Watts
Don Vitton
Joel Justis
Bob Weise

Bob Rennels
Ed McGraw
John Schneider
Dan Willis
Jim Mentz
Jim Morris

1964

Jim Morris
Joel Justis
Larry Hopkins
Jim Astle

Bob Weise
John Schneider
Roger Quinlan
Rich Letts

1965

Jerry Robbins
 Roger Quinlan
 John Schneider
 Jeff Murdy

Jim Morris
 Bob Weise
 Mike Snow

1966

Jerry Robbins
 Roger Quinlan
 John Schneider
 Darwin Enicks

Bob Weise
 Art Lawson
 Mike Snow
 Jeff Murdy

1967

Larry Mayse
 Phil Powers
 Vic Ford
 Jim Fehrenbacher

P. Dike Stirrett
 Virgil Hooe
 John Troughton
 Marty McIntyre

1968

Tom Halloran
 Jim Fehrenbacher
 Larry Mayse
 Jim Hackbarth
 Jim Guess

Marty McIntyre
 P. Dike Stirrett
 Virgil Hooe
 Ken Klipp
 Pete Tschaepe

1969

Bill Creer
 P. Dike Stirrett
 Jim Fehrenbacher
 Larry Mayse
 Marty McIntyre
 Ken Klipp
 Joe Taylor
 Jim Hackbarth

Jeff Murdy
 Bruce Hunt
 Gary Warren
 Mike Dority
 Jim Skinner
 Bob McGee
 Keith Kowalczyk

1970

Gary Warren
 Ron Lancaster
 Jim Skinner
 Ben Timson
 Ken Klipp

Dave Childers
 Bill Been
 Keith Jacobi
 Ken Jacobi
 Rick Bowman

Jim Hackbarth
 Keith Kowalczyk
 Arnold Klapperich

Marc Schroeder
 Bruce Hunt
 Michael Hays

1971

Dave Childers
 Mike Clapsaddle
 Rick Livesey
 Glen Fredrickson
 Ben Timson
 Ron Lancaster
 Jim Hackbarth

Walter Crawford
 Jim Skinner
 Bill Been
 Ken Jacobi
 Keith Jacobi
 Rich Bowman
 Michael Pitchell

1972

Mike Larson
 Ron Lancaster
 Rick Livesey
 Ben Timson
 John Dickey
 Jim Dickey
 Walter Crawford
 Bill Taber
 Dave Childers
 Ken Burke

Glen Fredrickson
 Mike Novotny
 Lance Boward
 Bob Lareau
 Ken Jacobi
 Keith Jacobi
 Jim McGrath
 David Nance
 Bill Been
 Rich Bowman

1973

Rich Bowman
 Mike Brehm
 Ken Burke
 John Dickey
 Tim Dooling
 Keith Gooden
 Neil Haseman
 Keith Jacobi
 Ken Jacobi
 Rusty Janota
 Ron Lancaster
 Mike Larson

Mike Lehman
 Rick Livesey
 John McDannald
 Bert Meyers
 David Nance
 Mike Novotny
 Mike Raef
 Joe Sexton
 Don Sparks
 Ben Timson
 Bill Wilkins

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APPENDIX G

FOOTBALL
YEARLY TEAM RECORDS¹

1946

Season---Won 2 Lost 8

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
12	Butler	19
13	Normal	26

Other records not available

1947

Season---Won 2 Lost 6

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
13	Ball State	21
13	Eastern Kentucky	14
13	Northern Illinois	33
6	Southern Illinois	25
13	Millikin	14
13	Normal	6
13	Indiana State	14
19	Western Illinois	0

1948

Season---Won 7 Lost 2

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
19	St. Joseph	6
14	Eastern Kentucky	25
12	Ball State	0
7	Western Illinois	0
15	Northern Illinois	6
13	Normal University	7

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
20	Indiana State	21
27	Millikin	7
38	Southern Illinois	0

1949

Season---Won 3 Lost 5

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
13	Quincy College	19
6	St. Joseph	12
7	Normal	6
26	Southern Illinois	13
33	Indiana State	0
0	Western Illinois	14
14	Northern Illinois	40
13	Ball State	47

1950

Season---Won 5 Lost 3

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
35	Ball State	6
28	Quincy State	25
0	Emporia College	18
21	Illinois Normal	23
47	Indiana State	0
21	Southern Illinois	7
0	Western Illinois	13
34	Northern Illinois	13

1951

Dr. Maynard "Pat" O'Brien was on sabbatical leave during the 1951 football season.

1952

Season---Won 2 Lost 7

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
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28	Millikin	19
13	Scott Field	18
7	Michigan Normal	13
19	Northeast Missouri	27
7	Southern (H. C.)	22
6	Western Illinois	7
0	Central Michigan	41
26	Illinois Normal	27
7	Northern Illinois	0

1953

Season---Won 1 Lost 8

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
0	Lincoln Univ.	30
6	Central Michigan	33
6	Michigan Normal	34
2	Northeast Missouri	7
20	Univ. of Ill. (Chicago)	6
0	Southern Illinois	6
12	Western Illinois	19
0	Normal	20
6	Northern Illinois	19

1954

Season---Won 2 Lost 6 Tied 1

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
7	Indiana State	40
7	Kalamazoo	19
0	Central Michigan	60
0	Michigan Normal	33
40	Univ. of Ill. (Chicago)	6
6	Southern Illinois	20
13	Western Illinois	13
7	Illinois Normal	13
28	Northern Illinois	9

1955

Season---Won 3 Lost 6

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
15	Kalamazoo	0

7	Evansville	40
13	Illinois Normal	16
13	Southern Illinois	26
33	Indiana State	13
7	Michigan Normal	14
14	Northern Illinois	0
14	Central Michigan	48
7	Western Illinois	13

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APPENDIX H

WRESTLING
YEARLY TEAM RECORDS

1948 - 1952

The records for the 1948 - 1952 wrestling teams
are not available.

APPENDIX I

TRACK AND FIELD
YEARLY TEAM RECORD¹

1947

Season---Won 4 Lost 1
Elmhurst Invitational---Eleventh
IIAC---Third

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
84 3/5	Millikin	46 2/5
83 1/2	Illinois Normal	47 1/2
86	Indiana State	45
47	Southern Illinois	84
88	Millikin	43

1948

Season---Won 4 Lost 2
IIAC---Fourth

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
82	Millikin	44
80 1/2	Illinois Normal	50 1/2
54 2/3	Southern Illinois	76 1/3
68	Indiana State	63
68 1/3	Ball State	62 2/3

1949

Season---Won 2 Lost 4
IIAC---Fourth

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
45 1/6	Washington Univ.	85 5/6
72 1/2	Indiana State	58 1/2

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
51 1/2	Northern Illinois	79 1/2
51	Southern Illinois	80
57 1/2	Ball State	73 1/2
96 2/3	Illinois Normal	34 1/3

Triangular

Eastern Illinois--77 Chanute--73 1/2 Evansville--11 1/2

1950

Season---Won 5 Lost 2
 Midwest Indoor Meet---Tenth
 IIAC---Third

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
85	Chanute	46
68 1/3	Illinois Normal	62 2/3
70 1/2	Southern Illinois	60 1/2
74	Ball State	57
106 1/2	Indiana State	24 1/2
84	Western Illinois	45 2/3

Triangular

Eastern Ill.--68 1/2 Millikin--72 1/2 Ill. Wesleyan--21

1951

Season---Won 6 Lost 1
 IIAC---Second

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
85	Chanute	46
68 1/3	Illinois Normal	62 2/3
70 1/2	Southern Illinois	60 1/2
74	Ball State	57
106 1/2	Indiana State	24 1/2
84 1/3	Western Illinois	45 2/3

Triangular

Eastern Illinois--68 1/2 Millikin--72 1/2
 Illinois Wesleyan--21

1952

Dr. Maynard "Pat" O'Brien was on sabbatical leave during the 1952 track and field season.

1953

Season---Won 3 Lost 2
 State College Meet---Third
 NAIA District #20 Meet---Fourth
 IIAC---Sixth

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
70 4/15	Millikin	60 11/15
81	Illinois State	50
92 1/2	Northern Illinois	38 1/2
58	Western Illinois	68
50	Southern Illinois	81

1954

Season---Won 6 Lost 2
 State College Meet---Third
 IIAC---Fourth

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
71	Millikin	60
144 2/3	Indiana State	16 1/3
63	DePauw	68
67	Illinois State	64
50	Southern Illinois	81
67	Northern Illinois	64
106 1/3	Lincoln	24 2/3
93 1/4	Western Illinois	37 3/4

1955

Season---Won 5 Lost 0
 State College Meet---First
 IIAC---Third

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
107 1/3	Indiana State	14 2/3
93 1/3	Illinois State	37 2/3
68	Southern Illinois	63

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
66	Northern Illinois	65
106	Millikin	25

1956

Season---Won 6 Lost 0
 State College Meet---First
 IIAC---Third

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
105	Chanute	26
73	Illinois State	58
74	Southern Illinois	57
82	Northern Illinois	49
95	Univ. of Louisville	36
92	Western Illinois	34

1957

Season---Won 3 Lost 1
 Elmhurst Invitational---Third
 State College Meet---First
 IIAC---Third

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
82 1/2	Illinois State	48 1/2
65	Northern Illinois	66
96 1/2	Univ. of Louisville	33 1/2
66	Southern Illinois	65

1958

Season---Won 2 Lost 2 Tied 1
 State College Meet---Third
 IIAC---Seventh

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
41	Bradley	90
77	Illinois Normal	54
62 1/2	Northern Illinois	68 1/2
65 1/2	Southern Illinois	65 1/2
66 1/2	Western Illinois	64 1/2

1959

Season---Won 4 Lost 2
 Midwest Indoor Meet---Eleventh
 State College Meet---Third
 IIAC---Sixth

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
67	Bradley	64
67 1/2	Illinois State	63 1/2
110	Chanute	21
43 1/2	Northern Illinois	87 1/2
49	Southern Illinois	82
99	Western Illinois	32

1960

Season---Won 4 Lost 2
 State College Meet---Sixth
 IIAC---Sixth

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
59	Bradley	72
71	Northern Illinois	60
114	Chanute	17
64	Southern Illinois	67
76 2/3	Illinois Normal	54 1/3
72	Western Illinois	54

1961

Season---Won 4 Lost 2
 State College Meet---Fourth
 IIAC---Sixth

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
71 1/2	Bradley	59 1/2
24 2/3	Northern Illinois	106 1/3
90 1/2	Illinois State	40 1/2
45	Southern Illinois	86
117	Chanute	13
74	Western Illinois	57

1962

Season---Won 3 Lost 2
 Elmhurst Invitational---Third
 State College Meet---Third
 IIAC---Fourth

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
75	Bradley	56
50	Northern Illinois	81
59	Central Michigan	72
74 1/2	Illinois State	56 1/2
86 2/3	Millikin	43 1/3

1963

Season---Won 4 Lost 1
 State College Meet---First
 Elmhurst Invitational---Second
 Midwest Indoor Meet---Sixth
 IIAC---Third

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
81	Bradley	50
54 1/2	Northern Illinois	76 1/2
75	Millikin	56
68	Illinois State	63
78	Western Illinois	53

1964

Season---Won 4 Lost 1
 Elmhurst Invitational---First
 State College Meet---Second
 NAIA---Seventh
 IIAC---Second

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
97 1/2	Bradley	47 1/2
62 1/2	Northern Illinois	68 1/2
67	Illinois State	64
105	Millikin	26
83	Western Illinois	62

1965

Season---Won 4 Lost 1
 Elmhurst Invitational---Second
 State College Meet---First
 IIAC---Third

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
87	Bradley	58

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
85	Northern Illinois	60
86	Illinois State	59
57	Indiana State	88
82	Western Illinois	57

1966

OUTDOOR TRACK

Season---Won 3 Lost 1
 Elmhurst Invitational---First
 State College Meet---First
 IIAC---Third

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
66	Northern Illinois	79
88	Indiana State	57
95	Bradley	50
100	Western Illinois	40

Non-Varsity---Won 2 Lost 0

INDOOR TRACK

Season---Won 1 Lost 3
 NAIA #20---Second

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
55	Bradley	67
47	Southeast Missouri	62
36	Central Michigan	77
58	Illinois State	54

Non-Varsity---Won 4 Lost 0

1967

OUTDOOR TRACK

Season---Won 3 Lost 0
 State Intercollegiate Meet---First
 Elmhurst Invitational---First
 Illinois Invitational---Fourth
 IIAC---Second

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
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78	Bradley	67
80	Illinois State	61
77	Indiana State	67

Non-Varsity---Won 2 Lost 0

INDOOR TRACK

Season---Won 6 Lost 0

NAIA #20---First

IIAC---First

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
64	Southeast Missouri	54
70	Central Michigan	52
79	Bradley	43

Triangular

Eastern Illinois--94 DePauw--24 Washington--33

Non-Varsity---Won 4 Lost 1

1968

OUTDOOR TRACK

Season---Won 3 Lost 2

State Intercollegiate Meet---Third

DePauw Invitational---Third

IIAC---Second

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
84 1/2	Bradley	59 1/2
79	Illinois State	66
39	Indiana State	106
91	Western Illinois	53
42	Central Michigan	93

Non-Varsity---Won 2 Lost 2

INDOOR TRACK

Season---Won 3 Lost 1

Illinois Invitational---Fourth

NAIA #20---First

IIAC---Second

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
46	Southeast Missouri	76

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
83	Bradley	39
	Triangular	
Eastern Illinois--94	Washington--34	DePauw--23

1969

OUTDOOR TRACK

Season---Won 1 Lost 3
 Illinois Invitational---Second
 Northern Invitational---Fifth
 Illinois Intercollegiate Championships---Third
 IIAC---Third

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
80	Bradley	65
48	Illinois State	95
46	Indiana State	108
57	Central Michigan	88

Non-Varsity---Won 3 Lost 2

INDOOR TRACK

Season---Won 1 Lost 1
 Illinois Intercollegiate Indoor---Fifth
 IIAC---Second

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
56 1/2	Southeast Missouri	65 1/2
80	Bradley	42

Triangular

Eastern Illinois--36	Kentucky--32	Purdue--104
Eastern Illinois--110	DePauw--32	Illinois Wesleyan--9

1970

OUTDOOR TRACK

Season---Won 4 Lost 2
 Northern Invitational---Fourth
 Illinois Intercollegiate Championships---Third
 IIAC---Fourth

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
74	Bradley	71
70	Illinois State	75
59	Indiana State	95

Quadrangular

Eastern Illinois--85	Augustana--47
Bradley--38	Valparaiso--26

INDOOR TRACK

Season---Won 4 Lost 0
 Illinois Intercollegiate Indoor---Fourth
 Illinois State Invitational---Second
 NAIA Indoor---Twenty-sixth

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
62	Southeast Missouri	60
101	Bradley	20
67	Western Kentucky	55
65	Illinois State	57

Triangular

Eastern Illinois--35	Purdue--74	Murray State--43
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1971

OUTDOOR TRACK

Season---Won 3 Lost 1
 Northern Invitational---First
 Illinois Intercollegiate Championships---Third

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
89 1/2	Bradley	53 1/2
50	Indiana State	97
100	Western Illinois	63
83	Illinois State	80

INDOOR TRACK

Season---Won 4 Lost 0
 NAIA Indoor---Third
 Illinois Intercollegiate Indoor---Fifth
 Illinois State Invitational---Second

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
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93	Southeast Missouri	29
75	Western Kentucky	47
67	Illinois State	55
95	Bradley	27

Non-Varsity---Won 2 Triangulars Lost 0

1972

OUTDOOR TRACK

Season---Won 2 Lost 1
 Eastern Illinois Invitational---First
 Northern Illinois Invitational---Second
 Illinois Intercollegiate Championships---Third
 NCAA College Division---Fourth
 NAIA---Sixth

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
75	Illinois State	88
90	Indiana State	64
123	Western Illinois	40

INDOOR TRACK

Season---Won 4 Lost 0
 Illinois Intercollegiate Championships---Fourth
 Illinois State Invitational---First

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
111	Univ. of Ill. (Chicago)	9
83	Southeast Missouri	39
67	Western Kentucky	55
83	Illinois State	39

Triangular

Eastern Illinois--103 Bradley--37 Loyola--10

1973

OUTDOOR TRACK

Season---Won 4 Lost 0
 NCAA College Division---Third
 Eastern Illinois Invitational---First
 Northern Invitational---First
 Illinois Intercollegiate Championships---Fourth

APPENDIX J

CROSS COUNTRY

YEARLY TEAM RECORDS¹

1956

Season---Won 1 Lost 4
 State Cross Country Meet---None
 IIAC---Sixth

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
47	Northern Illinois	15
46	Illinois Normal	15
34	Southern Illinois	23
32	Western Illinois	23
15	Union College	39

1957

Season---Won 5 Lost 1
 IICCA---Second
 IIAC---Fifth

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
27	Wheaton College	31
21	Bradley	42
28	Northern Illinois	27
24	Illinois Normal	35
21	Southern Illinois	35
26	Western Illinois	29

1958

Season---Won 4 Lost 5
 IICCA---Seventh
 IIAC---Seventh

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
36	Wheaton	19

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
16	Indiana State	47
30	Northern Illinois	25
15	Bradley	50
28	Illinois Normal	27
26	Loyola of Chicago	31
30	Southern Illinois	25
18	Indiana Central	45
29	Western Illinois	26

1959

Season---Won 7 Lost 3
 State Meet---Third
 IIAC---Fourth

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
26	Indiana State	29
30	Northern Illinois	26
15	Rockford College	50
19	Illinois Normal	39
20	Loyola	38
22	Bradley	37
35	Southern Illinois	22
15	Indiana Central	47
38	Western Illinois	20
23	Wheaton	36

1960

Season---Won 4 Lost 4
 State Meet---Fourth
 IIAC---Fifth

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
21	Indiana State	38
30	Northern Illinois	26
20	Illinois State Normal	43
25	Loyola	33
30	Bradley	25
50	Southern Illinois	15
32	Western Illinois	23
20	DePauw	39

1961

Season---Won 4 Lost 4

State Meet---Fifth
 IIAC---(Tied Fifth, 132 pts.)

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
23	Indiana State	37
42	Northern Illinois	17
20	Illinois State Normal	43
39	Loyola	20
19	Bradley	38
37	Western Illinois	19
40	Southern Illinois	15
19	DePauw	42

1962

Season---Won 4 Lost 3
 State Meet---Fourth
 Wabash Invitational Meet---Third
 NAIA District Meet---Second
 NAIA---Fifth
 IIAC---Fourth

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
45	Northern Illinois	15
23	Indiana State	34
41	Loyola	19
20	Illinois State	43
34	Western Illinois	21
19	Loyola	42

Triangular

Eastern Illinois--22 MacMurray--51 Bradley--68

1963

Season---Won 5 Lost 2
 State Meet---Sixth
 Wabash Invitational---Third
 IIAC---Fourth

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
48	Northern Illinois	15
26	Indiana State	31
20	Loyola	43
27	Illinois State	30
15	Bradley	50
36	Western Illinois	19

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
16	DePauw	47

1964

Season---Won 4 Lost 3
 State Meet---Fourth
 NAIA District #20 Meet---Second
 Wabash Relays---Second
 IIAC---Fourth

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
39	Northern Illinois	20
26	Indiana State	29
18	Illinois State	39
32	Loyola	25
22	Bradley	35
28	Western Illinois	27
24	Wheaton	31

1965

Season---Won 6 Lost 2
 State Meet---Sixth
 NAIA---Eleventh
 Wabash Hokum Karem---First
 IIAC---9 (Tied First)

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
24	Northern Illinois	33
29	Indiana State	26
18	Illinois State	42
23	Loyola	32
21	Bradley	38
31	Western Illinois	24
19	Washington	38
25	Wheaton	30

Non-Varsity---Won 3 Lost 2

1966

Season---Won 7 Lost 3
 State Meet---Third
 Taylor Conditioner Meet---Third
 NAIA---Seventeenth
 NCAA---(J. Schneider 10th, R. Quinlan 15th)

IIAC---Second

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
22	Indiana State	33
27	Bradley	30
18	Washington	41
34	Western Illinois	23
34	Ball State	25
15	Butler	48
21	Loyola	36
18	Illinois State	41
28	Wheaton	27
21	Loras	34

Non-Varsity---Won 3 Lost 0

1967

Season---Won 8 Lost 3
 State Meet---Second
 Taylor Conditioner Meet---Third
 NAIA---Tenth
 IIAC---First

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
22	Indiana State	33
19	Illinois State	42
21	Loyola	36
17	Bradley	38
30	University of Illinois	25
24	Western Illinois	34
31	Augustana	24
18	Central Michigan	39
25	Southeast Missouri	30
15	Wheaton	41

Triangular

Southeast Missouri--37 Harding College--42 E.I.U.--43

Non-Varsity---Won 2 Lost 1

1968

Season---Won 9 Lost 1
 State Meet---Second
 NAIA---Fifth
 NCAA College Division---Second (later was awarded first)
 IIAC---First

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
25	Harding College	34
26	Southeast Missouri	34
24	Indiana State	33
27	Illinois State	28
15	Loyola	49
17	Bradley	45
32	University of Illinois	23
25	Western Illinois	36
15	Central Michigan	49
20	Southeast Missouri	43

Non-Varsity---Won 3 Lost 1

1969

Season---Won 10 Lost 2
 State Meet---Second
 NAIA Meet---Fifth
 NCAA College Division---First
 IIAC---First

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
15	Harding College	50
15	Southeast Missouri	46
27	Indiana State	28
33	Illinois State	25
18	Northern Illinois	37
16	Loyola	43
16	Bradley	47
39	University of Illinois	18
20	Western Illinois	41
19	Central Michigan	42
15	SIU Edwardsville	50
17	Southeast Missouri	44

1970

Season---Won 4 Lost 4 Tied 1
 State Meet---Fourth
 NCAA College Division---Tenth
 Notre Dame Invitational---Sixteenth

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
23	Northern Illinois	34
17	Loyola	45
37	Illinois State	18
15	Bradley	45

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
50	University of Illinois	15
37	Central Michigan	20
34	Southeast Missouri	23
15	Western Illinois	49

Triangular

E.I.U.--32 Southeast Missouri--32 Harding College--74

1971

Season---Won 7 Lost 1
 State Meet---Third
 NAIA Meet---Sixth
 NCAA College Division---Fifth
 Notre Dame Invitational---Tenth

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
25	Southeast Missouri	34
32	Illinois State	27
17	Northern Illinois	46
15	Loyola	49
15	Bradley	49
26	Southeast Missouri	33
16	Augustana	43
15	Western Illinois	50

1972

Season---Won 7 Lost 2
 State Meet---Fourth
 NCAA College Division---Seventh

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
32	Southeast Missouri	23
17	Northern Illinois	44
15	Loyola	50
23	U of Wisconsin (Parkside)	38
19	Bradley	40
23	Augustana	33
20	Southeast Missouri	41
29	Illinois State	26
23	Western Illinois	32

1973

Season---Won 9 Lost 0

NCAA Division II Championships---Third
 Notre Dame Invitational---Sixth
 Illinois Intercollegiate Cross Country Championships---Second

E.I.U.	Opponent	Opp.
15	Southeast Missouri	50
24	Illinois State	33
15	Northern Illinois	46
20	U. of Wisconsin (Parkside)	43
15	Milwaukee Track Club	50
15	Bradley	50
18	Augustana	42
15	Southeast Missouri	48
23	Western Illinois	35

Non-Varsity---Won 0 Lost 4

¹All team records obtained from school yearbooks, newspapers, varsity records, and athletic handbooks.

John Melvin Craft

John Melvin Craft was born March 24, 1947, in Laurel, Mississippi. At the age of four, he moved with his family to Kankakee, Illinois where he completed his elementary and junior high education. In 1963, his family moved six miles west of Kankakee at which time he transferred to Momence High School in Momence, Illinois. He graduated from Momence High School in June of 1965. Next he entered Eastern Illinois University where he pursued a B.S. in Education Degree with a major in physical education and a minor in health and driver education. While attending Eastern, he lettered four years in track. In 1967, he placed first in the triple jump at the N.A.I.A. Championships and was selected to that organization's All-American Track Team. In 1969, along with winning the triple jump in the N.A.I.A., he also won that event in the N.C.A.A. College Division and A.A.U. Championships. During that same year, he also placed third in the N.C.A.A. Championships.

Upon graduating from Eastern, he accepted a teaching position at Westview High School in Kankakee, Illinois. In 1970 he returned to Eastern as a faculty assistant. He continued to compete in track, and in addition to winning the A.A.U. Championships four years consecutively, he was a member of the 1972 Olympic Track Team. Since 1969, he has traveled and competed extensively throughout the United States and Europe. Presently, he is a candidate for the Degree of Master of Science in Physical Education and expects to graduate in August of 1974.

POST SCRIPT

John Melvin Craft has been one of the finest athletes Dr. Pat O'Brien has coached. In his thesis, John described the qualities of O'Brien as a superior teacher and coach. As a high school athlete in a small Illinois public high school, John did not receive the distinction of being an All-State track athlete. John came to Eastern as a "walk-on" athlete with no previous experience in the triple jump. In 1965, when he became a freshman candidate on the track team, O'Brien recognized John's potential ability and then continued to teach and coach him. Each season John improved dramatically in performance in the triple jump. O'Brien's success as a track coach is exemplified in the track accomplishments of Craft. At graduation four years later, John Craft was the nation's collegiate record holder in the triple jump and was selected as one of the U. S. competitors in the U. S. , Russian, and British Commonwealth Track Meet, which was a lead-up to his eventual competition in the 1972 Olympics.

In 1970, John returned to Eastern as a full-time physical education teacher; he also continued to practice regularly in preparation for the 1972 Olympics.

At the present time, John Craft works out daily in a continuous attempt to improve his triple jump skills. He competes in national and international track meets on a regular basis. His present athletic goal is to compete in, and win, the triple jump at the 1976 Olympic meet. John has shown by personal example to all who know him, that he is dedicated to the beliefs and standards of the Olympic athlete. The example, instruction and encouragement given to him by Dr. O'Brien has served as a constant guide to John in reaching for the supreme goal of the Olympic-bound athlete.



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