Sports Personalty

Joe Ayarbe

As our final Sports Personality of the year we honor Joe Ayarbe, Athletic Director, who deserves credit for a very successful season. Joe would much rather talk about the athletic program at WNCC than about himself, but we were able to get some background notes.

A native Nebraskan, Joe graduated from White Pine High School in Elko. While attending Utah State in Logan, he majored in physical education and played football and baseball. Graduating with a B.S., Joe coached at Carlin High School in Carlin, Nevada, for 3 years. From there he went to Elko and stayed 5 years, 3 of which was as athletic director. While at Elko Joe began both the baseball and golf teams there. Wooten High School in Reno next used Joe's services both as a classroom teacher and as football and basketball coach. To date Joe has participated in 9 State Championships both as a player and coach.

When I was offered a position with Nevada Technical Institute I felt it was an advancement; Joe commented. In 1973 N.T.I. became a part of WNCC and Joe stayed on as a counselor and instructor. "I'm fortunate to be with WNCC," Joe stated. "I'm doing the kind of work I want to do."

Joe, having been in athletics most of his life, felt that some type of program needed to be started at WNCC. "WNCC is an integral part of any college system," Joe remarked. "It's a way of giving identity to a college, benefits the students, and the total program has value." Joe approximated 600. Donnelly outlined the athletic program and the reason for one. After discussion the program was approved. Joe went next to the Student Government asking for their support. "There would have been no athletics without student support. The Student Government agreed to underwrite it," Joe reflected.

Basketball was chosen as the first sport for a number of reasons. "If it's the easiest to start," Joe said. "We had a gym, could play twice a week, and it was a way of getting on the paper." Last year was the first year for basketball, and this year WNCC joined the Golden Valley Conference. "This conference has 9 other teams," Joe commented. "Travel-wise it is economical with few games requiring overnight stays.

Aside from WNCC, Joe has a wife Dawn, and three children, Joseph Lynn 22, Susan 20, and Karen 11. They all try to attend as many games as they can root for WNCC. Joe has served WNCC well and will continue to do so for quite a few years to come.

Good Time By All

Second Annual WNCC Sports Award Banquet

WNCC's inter-collegiate athletic program climaxed a successful year by holding a well-attended banquet in the Centennial Room of John A. Logan's Nugget. After a delicious dinner, Joe Ayarbe, athletic director, introduced the head table: Jack Davis, executive vice-president; Mrs. Davis; Dr. Charles Donnelly, president; Mrs. Donnelly; James Easterly, dean of instruction; Mrs. Davis, and Mrs. Ayarbe. "It is gratifying to see as many people here who show support and interest in our program," Joe Ayarbe commented. A count taken indicated 76 attended.

As Joe Ayarbe presented Dr. Donnelly, who was the featured speaker, part of Donnelly's background was revealed. Dr. Donnelly played in the major baseball league for the Cubs. He also was coach for Flint Junior College, located in Flint, Mich.

After Dr. Donnelly's speech awards were presented to deserving faculty and students as follows:

1) Cheerleaders (presented by Pat Milneberger, associate dean of students):
   - Stephanie Carolla-Head
   - Sue Szczesny
   - Michelle Barry-Mascot
   - Vickie Clark
   - Denise Vanover

2) Basketball (presented by Joe Ayarbe):
   - Lettermen—returning:
     - Chris Crow—third in conference rebounds
     - Grant Jones
   - Sam Jefferson
   - Roger Peterson—sixth in scoring; fifth in rebounds
   - Rich Rybo
   - Lettermen—eligibility played out:
     - Dwight Lindemann
     - John Hansen

Both transferred from other schools and could only play with WNCC for one year.

Jerry Finkle receives his first letter. Joe Ayarbe announced Jerry's birthday and was happy to say that he was the "Youngest" Golf Team member.

Lettermen—leaving:
- Dave Kress—only three letterman
- Rulsea Martin—21-point game average; tenth in scoring; holds WNCC high game of 39 points
- Roger Delashaw—8th in field goal percentage

A special award went to Roger Peterson for being named to the Golden Valley All-Conference Basketball team.

Ayarbe also presented assistant coach Neil Fauquier with a picture of the team.

3) Golf (presented by Joe Ayarbe):
   - This was the first year golf was a sport at WNCC.
   - Lettermen:
     - Gary White—first man
     - Dave Kress—second man
     - Terry Stewart—third man
     - Jerry Finkle—fourth man
     - Dwight Lindeman—fifth man

Ray Embry was presented a gift for taking over the team when Joe because ill and could not travel with the team.

4) Skiing Win hamary members (presented by Dave Kress)
   - Flamed for their sport and interest in WNCC's athletic program:
     - Jack Davis
     - Dr. Charles Donnelly
     - Dean James Easterly
     - Dean George Tavares

5) Special awards (presented by Stephanie Carolla, Roger Delashaw, Dwight Lindeman, Terry Stewart):
   - Basketball team plaque to Joe Ayarbe, coach.
   - Golf team plaque to Joe Ayarbe, coach.
   - Cheerleader plaque to Joe Ayarbe for trophy case.
   - Stephanie Carolla received an award as head cheerleader for her excellent work during the basketball season. This was presented to her by the United Students

Math Teaser

A group of birds were sitting on two tree branches. The group on the lower branch said to the group on the upper branch, "If you send one to join us, we would have the same on this branch as you have." The group on the upper branch replied, "If one of you would come up here, we would have twice as many as you." How many were on each branch?