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The second major division consists of an appendix listing all the men's and women's cross country and track participants. Other appendixes include listings of the all-time top performers in each event, the All-Americans from ESU, updated school records, world and American record holders from ESU, and Olympic Trials and Olympic Games participants from ESU.

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Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

The history of track/field and cross country at Emporia State University is a rich and colorful one. Athletes from Emporia State have set national and world records, won national championships, and attained the status of All-America numerous times. ESU track performers have participated in the Olympic Games, and one emerged an Olympic champion.

The coaches at Emporia State have been no less recognized. Their names can be found in national track and field halls of fame; they have helped coach United States Olympic and Pan American teams.

All of these accomplishments and many more provide the sports of track/field and cross country with perhaps the richest tradition of any of Emporia State's athletic teams. Documentation is necessary for the purpose of preserving this tradition and establishing a factual record of Emporia State's achievements in track/field and cross country.

The Problem

Statement of the Problem

The purpose of this study was to prepare an historical account of the men's and women's track/field and cross country teams at Emporia State University for the years 1900-1984 inclusive.

Objectives of the study were: (1) to provide an historical account of the program which will be a valuable addition to the

university archives, (2) to provide a base upon which further research can be initiated, and (3) to establish a source of information which will simplify future record keeping.

Importance of the Study

A tradition such as that enjoyed by the track/field and cross country programs can be very valuable in selling both the programs and the university to prospective student-athletes. It can also be a source of pride to former athletes on the track and cross country teams, to alumni of the university, and to the university as a whole. This tradition needed to be recorded in a written form that would assure its preservation. This seemed especially important while many of the older participants were still able to contribute.

Scope of the Study

The scope of the thesis encompassed the historical accounting of the men's and women's track/field and cross country programs of Emporia State University from 1900 through 1984. A major portion of the text was devoted to a summary of outstanding individual and team achievements and a record of all participants within the years 1900-1984. In order to carry out a complete study of the programs, this investigator researched all available information, including the sources described below.

Review of Related Literature

Several studies have been conducted that were related to this

study. Taylor (1947) wrote a <u>History of Athletics at Kansas State</u> <u>Teachers College</u> that outlined the history of all men's sports teams at Emporia State from 1894 through 1942. Ensminger (1962) followed this up with <u>A History of Men's Intercollegiate Athletics at Kansas</u> <u>State Teachers College, Emporia, 1942-1952</u>. Ensminger attempted to show the effects of World War II on college enrollment, especially at Emporia State.

In 1962, Markowitz (1962) wrote <u>A History of Football From 1893 to</u> <u>1962 at the Kansas State Teachers College of Emporia</u> as a part of the 100th Anniversary celebration at the Teachers College. Although a football history, it contains useful information on conference affiliation and on the coaches at ESU.

McRae (1975) did a study of the baseball history at Emporia State. His study was a compilation of statistics, results and rosters.

Women's athletics has received very little formal historical study. However, Watts (1976) did research on the history of women's athletics at Emporia State from 1900 through 1976 for a directed readings requirement. Because women's track was started at ESU in 1976, the Watts account contains information only on that first women's track season.

Student publications, <u>The Bulletin</u> and <u>The Sunflower</u>, contain historical accounts of track and cross country results. The <u>Emporia</u> <u>Gazette</u> also contains accounts of Emporia State track news. These sources were systematically reviewed for pertinent information.

In 1936, Fish and Kaiser (1936) wrote An Outline of the History of

the Kansas State Teachers College of Emporia, 1865-1934. This is a condensed history that documents events which marked the growth of KSTC, and contains information on programs and facilities that was pertinent to this study.

Procedures

The Sources of Information

various sources of information were used. The information was taken from the following sources:

(1) The student publications of The Bulletin and The Sunflower.

(2) The Emporia Gazette.



chronological order, with cross country and track for both men and women included in the same section.

The second major division consists of an appendix listing all the men's and women's cross country and track participants. Letter winners were noted in this portion of the paper.

Because of the extensiveness of the research, several appendices have been added. The appendices include listings of the all-time top performers in each event, all the All-Americans at ESU, and updated school records for men and women.

Throughout the remainder of the paper, track and field is referred to as track. Also, "tracksters" and "thinclads" is used to refer to track performers, and "harriers" is used to refer to cross country performers.

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INTRODUCTION

The sport of track and field began with the ancient Greek civilizations. The Greeks love of athletics, the European word for track and field, originated very early in their history and reached its pinnacle in the ninth century B.C. Footraces, favorites of the Greeks, were run regularly in Elis on the plain of Olympia. Eventually discus and javelin events were added and, as more cities participated, the event became quite popular, being held every four years. Thus began the Olympic Games, for which formal record keeping started in 776 B.C. The Romans took over the games in 336 B.C., adding boxing, wrestling and the pentathlon, and the Olympics continued until A.D. 393 when the Roman Emperor Theodosius I abolished the games as a pagan spectacle. At the time of their demise, the Olympic Games were famous in all parts of the world and were attended by athletes from many countries.

Modern track and field began in England with the formation of athletic clubs. The first clubs were formed at Oxford and Cambridge in the early 1850's, and in 1857 the first intercollegiate contest was held between the two schools. Athletic clubs served as the foundation for the establishment of track in the United States as well. Modeled after its English counterparts, the New York Athletic Club was organized in 1868. Enrollment soared to 300 members in only a few months, prompting the first contest held on November 8th, 1868. The New York Club was in many ways the pioneer of track and field in this country. Besides sponsoring the first contest in the U.S., the NYAC built the first cinder track in the United States and brought the first spiked shoes into the country. The New York Club acted as the pattern and the stimulus for similiar organizations in various parts of the country. According to Crowther and Ruhl (1905), by 1886 major athletic clubs were located in every section of the United States, and two years later the first national meet of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States was held. There were 120 athletes from all parts of the country entered in this event. The meet was a complete success and, by the beginning of the 1890's, club athletics had reached the height of their success.

Track did not develop as quickly in the colleges. The sport was taken up in the eastern colleges in the early 1870's, and the first intercollegiate contest was held between the Ivy League schools in 1874. There were five events in that first meet: the mile run, the 100-yard dash, the three-mile run, the 120-yard hurdles, and the sevenmile walk. Curiously enough, spectators at these early meets took more interest in events such as the seven-mile walk than in the other events. The Middle West was about 20 years behind the East in beginning intercollegiate track contests, due in part to the conservative views of the administration and faculty of the Middle West colleges. It was not until well into the 1880's and 1890's that interest spread throughout the country. Growth in intercollegiate track developed just in time to replace the athletic clubs, which were declining due to professionalism among the competitors and bickering

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among the different clubs. Track survived in the United States because it had a firm hold in the nation's colleges.

1900-1909

Track at the Kansas State Normal School did not have an auspicious beginning. In the late 1890's and early 1900's the only track event was the all-school field day. The field day was a competition among the four societies (social organizations) at the Normal, and included all the events contested in a regular track meet. The meet was anticipated with a great deal of interest by the Normal students, and downtown merchants offered prizes for the winners. In the next decade, the field day was replaced by the interclass meet, with the intent of drumming up interest to compete on the established track team. It provided a means for the coach to locate talent that was not out for the track team. However, by the 1920's, these events had lost all importance in the development of KSN track.

In 1896, KSN helped form "The Interstate League of Normal Schools", of which Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois were members. Each year in May, these schools would gather on one of the campuses for a debate and oration contest, a baseball game, and a track meet. Student publications from this period suggest that KSN was strongly represented in the debate and oration contests during the early years of the Interstate League. However, no record of participation in the baseball game or track meet can be found.

The students and faculty at KSN were not satisfied with this lack

of interest in field athletics. In April of 1900, a new constitution for the Athletic Association was developed outlining a new plan for KSN athletics. The Association, made up of representatives from the faculty, the students, and the alumni, represented seven sections (teams), one of which was track. Each team was managed by the students with close faculty supervision. It was hoped that interest in field athletics would be increased greatly under the new plan.

These efforts led to KSN's first participation in the track meet at the seventh annual interstate contest in 1902. This contest, held in Emporia, had a positive impact on the growth of track on the KSN campus. Major influences were both the performances of the KSN athletes and the fine showing of the Iowa and Illinois teams. Considering the infancy of the program, KSN's athletes made a respectable showing, gathering a first in the hammer, and seconds in the hammer, broad jump, 220-yard dash and 440-yard dash. The following excerpt from the <u>Student Index</u> shows the impact this success had on the KSN campus:

The ease with which Drake and Davies, the only boys on our team who had made any special practice for the inter-state meet, took 1st and 2nd places (in the hammer) shows what our school could do if all were to work as they should. (Student Index, Vol. 1, No. 17)

The greatest impact on the KSN program, however, came from the outstanding performances of the Iowa and Illinois teams. The success of these two schools, winning 10 of the 11 events and taking a majority of the seconds and thirds between them, acted as a decided stimulus to track and field at KSN. During September, 1902, 16-18 KSN men, inspired by the training practices and performance results of the Iowa and Illinois men, started training to prepare for the 1903 interstate meet. This work paid off as the Emporia Normal scored 17 points to place fourth in the meet. John Davies, the second place winner in the hammer the year before, was the individual star for KSN, winning the shot put and the hammer and placing second in the discus. Davies set a school record of 112'-7" in the hammer. This mark still stood when the javelin replaced the hammer as an event in 1912 and lasted until the 1960's when competition in the hammer was renewed.

Three men led the development of the KSN track program during its initial decade. Earl M. Carney, who took charge of the development of all athletics at the Normal in 1899, directed activities in the early years. During his last year, KSN participated in its first interschool contest other than the interstate meet, a rain shortened dual loss to Kansas University.

Carney left KSN in 1904 to enroll in the KU Medical School. His replacement, Paul B. Samson, also had charge of all the sports teams at the Normal. Samson coached the track teams at KSN for four seasons, during which time the program became solidly established. Samson immediately initiated dual meets with Baker and the College of Emporia, both of which would develop into strong rivalries.

In 1904 the Kansas Conference, a league composed of all colleges in the state, was formed. The first conference track meet was held in 1906, and the Normal finished third behind the Kansas Agricultural College (Kansas State's predecessor) and the College of Emporia. KSN improved to second in the state meet in 1907 and placed third the following year. By the time Samson left in 1908, the track teams at the Normal were among the strongest in the state.

The third man who helped in the development of the track program was Dr. Norman Triplett. He was an ardent supporter of track on the Normal campus. Triplett even temporarily took over the reins of the track squad for the 1909 season, when Samson's resignation after the 1908 football season left KSN without a track coach. But his main role was as faculty advisor, a responsibility Triplett held for 30 years until his retirement in 1931.

Many outstanding performers represented KSN during these early years. One of the first was Leonard Hargiss, who was a star hurdler and sprinter on the 1902-1905 teams. He was followed to KSN in the fall of 1905 by his younger brother, Homer W. "Bill" Hargiss, who became the outstanding performer of the decade and one of the all-time greats in Emporia State University athletic history.

The performers of this period were characterized by great versatility. Many participated in four or five events at each meet; Bill Hargiss was no exception. He ran the sprints and hurdles, broad jumped, threw the hammer, and usually anchored KSN's mile relay. His specialty, however, was the hurdles. During his junior season Hargiss ran under the state record in the high hurdles in a dual meet with Fairmount College of Wichita and also won the 220-yard low hurdles at the state meet. There was little doubt that Bill would own both state marks in the hurdles after his senior year, and his performance in the opening meet of the 1909 season was spectacular. In that meet, a dual against Fairmount, Hargiss won the broad jump, the hammer, the high hurdles, and anchored KSN's mile relay to victory. Hargiss' tremendous ability is shown in this account of the mile relay from the <u>KSN</u> Bulletin:

The relay race was the most exciting event. Fairmount kept the lead for the first three laps. When Hargiss started he had twenty-five yards to gain (sic) a good man against him. On_the first half lap he did not gain much, but when he came to the 220 yard line he started to sprint. He gained on his man at every step and crossed the line a few inches ahead of him. (KSN Bulletin, Vol. 8, No. 32)

Unfortunately Hargiss' great promise went unfulfilled. His season came to an end shortly after the Fairmount meet when he came down with the mumps. The shortness of his senior track season does not diminish the greatness of his athletic accomplishments at KSN, nor would it be the end of Bill Hargiss' association with KSN track.

Other standouts during the decade include H.D. Davis, who was the first state champion for KSN, winning the two-mile in 1906. Sidney Miller was the two-mile state champion in 1907, and he came back to win the mile at the 1908 state meet. Aubrey Davidson was another champion in the 1908 state meet, winning the half-mile. W. Roy Campbell, the state champion pole vaulter in 1908, 1909 and 1910, was also outstanding for KSN, even though he was almost the cause of cancellation of the 1907 track season. On May 2nd, 1907, the day of the Baker dual, the Athletic Board declared Campbell ineligible because of low grades. The rest of the Normal team thought the decision unfair and refused to run. The meet was called off and Baker went home. However, peace returned to the Normal team when Campbell was reinstated, and KSN went on to defeat C. of E. in a dual meet and finish second in the state meet behind Fairmount College.

A unique feature of this period was the participation of high school students from the Normal Training School on KSN's athletic teams. In 1908, a high school student named Harry Cole began the longest and one of the most successful associations with Normal athletics of any athlete in ESU's history. Cole was a weight man, and his specialty was the discus. He finished second in that event in the 1908 state meet, and before his career with KSN ended in 1923, it would extend over parts of three decades and include three state championships, and school, state and world records, all in the discus.

In 1907, the Kansas Conference set a limit of four years on the athletic eligibility in college competition. This ruling had little effect on the Normal program, though, as it was then common for college students to leave school after one or two years of study. Students were able to do this because KSN offered a two-year course of study as well as a four-year course of study, allowing students to get teaching jobs after only two years of college education. Also, many students would leave school at any time during the year for a job, then return a few years later to finish their degree. Why this rule did not affect Harry Cole and other such cases is not known, perhaps his high school standing was the reason. Whatever the reasoning was, Cole participated on the KSN track team for five years as a high school student and for two years as a college student.

A development that greatly strengthened the KSN track program was the addition of a permanent cinder track, completed in time for the The new track provided KSN with one of the best 1909 season. facilities in the state. It also allowed KSN to host the state meet almost every year during the next decade. Besides the new facility, two other occurrences highlighted the 1909 season. KSN dropped athletic relations with C. of E. due to incidents of poor sportmanship that had marred many of the athletic contests between the two schools during the preceding years, including two track meets. Bad feelings had emerged after the 1906 and 1907 dual meets over what both schools considered unfair starts in the dashes. The second occurrence was a dual loss to Washburn College and their head coach Garfield Weede. Ten years later, Weede moved to Pittsburg Normal as the head coach of all sports and began a long career with that school that included a fierce rivalry on the track with the Emporia Normal School.

Although the success of the initial decade of competition in track at KSN could not be demonstrated in wins and losses, the experience had been gained and the commitment made to field a strong track program in the coming years. From 1904, when dual competition started at KSN, until 1909, Normal thinclads split 10 duals, winning five and losing five. The results from four other duals on the schedule are not available. KSN tracksters made strong showings in the first four years of the Kansas conference meet, both as individuals and as a team. Only once in the four years did KSN finish lower than third, finishing fifth

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KSN's developing track program reached a high point in 1910 when the Normal won the state championship. The Normal tracksters defeated the two-time defending champ Kansas State Aggies by three points to take the team title. Outstanding for KSN was Roy Campbell, who won the pole vault for the third straight year, won the high hurdles in state record time, and finished second in the low hurdles and third in the broad jump. Harry Cole set a new state record in winning the discus, as well as grabbing a second and third in the shot put and hammer respectively. Marcus Gambill was the only other individual winner for KSN, taking first in the mile run. The Aggies won seven individual titles to four for KSN, but the Normal thinclads placed in every event to win the meet. The victory set off quite a celebration on the Normal campus, with a parade, a bonfire, and speeches by KSN's president and the outstanding athletes.

In addition to winning the state championship, the 1910 team went undefeated in dual competition. In their three dual meets, the Normal athletes easily defeated Washburn, Baker and Fairmount. The traditional dual with C. or E. was not held that year, because the Normal Athletic Association had decided not to resume athletic relations with C. of E. and risk stirring up the bad feelings that had been prominent a few years earlier.

KSN's representative on the cinder paths in 1911 was again strong,

despite the loss of Campbell and Gambill. The loss of Campbell's skills was completely offset by the addition of Leonard Hurst. Competing in the same events Campbell had starred in for the previous four years, Hurst performed in spectacular fashion. In a dual victory over Southwestern College, Hurst scored 20 points, winning the pole vault, both hurdles, and the broad jump. His mark of 20'-6" in the broad jump in this meet set a new school record. At the state meet, Hurst won the high hurdles and the pole vault, setting a state record of 11'-0" in the vault. However, Kansas State regained the state title defeating KSN by five and one-half points. Besides Hurst and Cole, the latter who defended his title in the discus and placed second in the hammer and third in the shot put, only four other Normal tracksters were able to place. Cole's winning toss of 121'-7" in the discus broke his own state record by almost seven feet.

Leading the Normal in 1910 and 1911 was Fred Honhart, who came to KSN in the fall of 1909 and coached until 1912. Unfortunately, Honhart's last year at KSN was dampened by a dual loss to Baker and a fourth place finish in the state meet. Cole was the only individual state titlest that returned from the championship and near championship seasons of 1910 and 1911, and he won his third consecutive crown in the discus while extending his state record by almost seven and one-half feet to 129'-3½". His second place finish in the shot put was the next highest finish for KSN; no other Normalite could place above third in an event. The bright spot of the season was an easy dual victory over C. of E., celebrating resumption of athletic relations between the two

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schools.

George Crispen succeeded Honhart in 1913, but his two years at the Normal were frustrating ones. The Kansas Conference ruling in 1912 barring high school students from college athletics kept Harry Cole from participating, and weakened the team in several other places. KSN suffered another loss when Welford Diggs, captain of the 1913 team, quit school before the season started. Diggs, the school record holder in the 100 and 220-yard dashes, had placed in both events at the 1912 state meet. These developments left KSN without well rounded teams. and the Normal tracksters were winless in five duals in 1913 and 1914, losing to Baker, C. of E. twice, Haskell and Kansas State. KSN slipped to fifth in the state meet in 1913, and withdrew from the Kansas Conference before the 1914 state meet. KSN's withdrawal from the conference was precipitated by problems with players eligibility. The break up of the conference soon after KSN's withdrawal led to cancellation of the 1914 state meet. In the summer of that year, an attempt was made to form a new conference composed of Kansas and Missouri colleges. However, the new conference never materialized, and the Kansas Conference was reformed that fall. KSN was voted back into the conference in December of 1914, and resumed participation in the state track meet in 1915.

Despite being unable to gain team victories, Crispen's teams were not without outstanding performers. James Nichols set a school record of 52.5 seconds in the 440 in 1914, equalling the state record. This did not count as a state record because it was not recorded in the

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state meet. John Bollin set a school record of 2:04.6 in the half-mile in winning the event against Kansas State in 1914. Gambill, the 1910 state mile run champion, was back in school in 1914, but because of the break-up of the conference, he did not get a chance to repeat.

In 1915 the familiar face of H.W. Bill Hargiss appeared to guide the athletic fortunes of KSN. Hargiss left the head football job at Kansas University to return to his alma mater as coach for all sports. He had been at KU for only one year, but confusion among athletic policy makers at the State University prompted Hargiss to accept KSN President Thomas Butcher's offer. Prior to coaching at KU, Hargiss had been at the Normal's crosstown rival, C. of E., for three years as head football and track coach.

Hargiss brought renewed enthusiasm to the Normal team and immediate success was realized from this enthusiasm. KSN regained the state championship in Hargiss' first year, winning easily with 51½ points. Bollin continued his success from 1914, winning the half-mile at the state meet in the school and state record time of 2:02.6. Three newcomers also helped KSN win the championship. Cloudsley Lockman and Charles Weber, both sophomores new to the program, won their respective events. Lockman took first in the high hurdles tying the state record, while Weber won the two-mile in the outstanding time of 10:19.8, setting a state and school record. This time would stand as a state record until 1924 and as a school record until 1927 despite the tremendous development in track throughout the state following World War I. The third newcomer was freshman distance runner Bruce T. Portwood. Portwood won the mile for the first of three times, although these titles would not be consecutive because of the outbreak of the World War. KSN also won the state mile relay as the team of Harry Van Campen, Bollin, Harris and Carpenter set a school record of 3:35.0.

The 1916 season opened as one of great promise and Normal fans were not disappointed. The season began with a new twist for the KSN thinclads when they participated in an indoor dual meet with Kansas University. This was the first indoor meet ever entered by the Normal and, although KU won easily, this participation signified another step toward the development of a consistently strong track program at KSN. Two weeks after the KU meet. KSN athletes entered the Kansas City Athletic Club Invitation Indoor meet, competing against athletes from all over the United States. According to newspaper accounts of the event, the Normalites made good showings in the events they entered despite not placing. A unique feature of this meet was the method of contesting the relay races. The track at the Convention Hall in Kansas City was only four lanes wide and was banked, therefore, to prevent excessive fouling during the races, the fields were kept small. Two or three schools would be matched against each other in a race, the pairing usually based on the size of the schools. The first year KSN, paired against William Jewell College, was beaten in the last lap of the race. In later years this format matched KSN against Pittsburg Normal (now Pittsburg State) and the two conference rivals rarely failed to produce a close and exciting race.

The 1916 outdoor season opened with a convincing victory over the

Haskell Indians, who were well known for their strong teams and outstanding individuals. This victory was a sign of how strong the Normal team had become. Guy Cross, a freshman, emerged as the new KSN star, winning the 440-yard dash and the broad jump with school record efforts in both, as well as beating the state record in the 440 by almost one second. Cross also ran on the winning mile relay and placed second in the 100-yard dash. Another freshman, Lloyd Sharpe, set a school record in the shot put. With this outstanding new talent, plus veterans Portwood, Weber and Lee Stites, KSN overwhelmed the competition in taking a second straight state title. Portwood and Weber repeated as state champions in the mile and two-mile respectively. Stites won the javelin with the state record toss of 170', placed second in the low hurdles, and ran on the winning mile relay team with King, Carpenter and Cross. Rounding out the individual champions for KSN were Hamill in the 880-yard run and Cross in the 440 and broad jump, the latter with a state record jump of $22'-1\frac{1}{2}"$.

KSN won a third straight state title in 1917, winning eight events and scoring in all but the high jump. However, the accomplishment was diminished by the impending war. Many schools had dropped spring athletics from the schedule in mid-April, therefore, only eight schools entered the meet held on the Normal campus, half as many as had participated in 1916. Some of the top performers in the state were in training camp for the war or had gone back to the farm to work, further reducing the quality of the meet. KSN was not hit as hard by these losses in 1917 as many schools were, losing only Lee Stites, and retained enough individual talent and depth to win. Cloudsley Lockman won his second title in the high hurdles, equalling his own state record set in the 1915 state meet. Harry Van Campen finished on top in the 440-yard dash, and Sharpe won the shot put. Arthur Garrison upset teammate Cross in the broad jump, and Claude Galbraith won the javelin. Galbraith had broken the state javelin record at the 1916 meet, but the record lasted only a few minutes as teammate Stites broke the mark on his next throw to win the event. The most outstanding accomplishments of the meet, however, belonged to Cross, as this account from the <u>Emporia Gazette</u> relates:

Cross, of the Normal, was the leading point winner. His performance yesterday was phenomenal. He won two firsts, a second and a tie for third, and he had to get up out of bed to come to the meet. He has been sick for two weeks with appendicitis. His weakened condition showed up in the broad jump and he tied for third. Last year he set a new record in this event. However, it was the brilliant race of Cross which won the mile relay for the Normal. He came from behind in the last lap in a great burst of speed. (Emporia Gazette, 1917, p.7)

Cross's two firsts were in the 100 and 220-yard dashes, with the second in the high hurdles.

The state meet was the only outdoor meet held in 1917, as the war caused cancellation of four scheduled dual meets. Normal trackmen did participate in the indoor season, losing duals to KU and Kansas State. The top KSN athletes again participated in the KC Athletic Club indoor meet, where Harry Van Patten's tie for first in the pole vault with Atwood of KU at 11'-3" set a school record. No other places were earned by KSN athletes, and the Normal relay team was defeated by KU in their section of the race.

The effect of the war could not be avoided forever, leading to disappointing seasons for KSN in 1918 and 1919. KSN slipped to sixth and fourth in the 1918 and 1919 state meets respectively as most of the stars from the previous three years had graduated or were in military service. Sharpe was the only individual champion remaining on the 1918 team, and his second place in the shot put was the highest finish by a KSN athlete at the state meet that year. Portwood returned from military service for the 1919 season and finished his career by winning the mile run at state for the third time. Jim "Tubby" Vaughn also ended his career with a victory in the 1919 state meet, winning the shot put. Vaughn had performed during the previous two seasons in the shadow of Sharpe, KSN's star shot putter, usually placing second behind him. With Sharpe gone in 1919, Vaughn was able to cop the victory.

KSN's meet record was not the only disappointment of 1918 and 1919. Coach Bill Hargiss resigned after the 1918 season to accept a position with the Oregon State Agricultural College in Corvallis. Hargiss' coaching record was a testimony to his ability to inspire young men to their highest potential, and his presence was sorely missed. But he would return in 1921 to lead another resurgence in Normal track fortunes. H.D. McChesney took over the head track position for the 1919 season and performed admirably considering the circumstances.

Chapter 4

1920-1929

For the Kansas State Normal track program, the third decade of this century did not begin with great distinction. H.D. McChesney had moved up to athletic director, and the 1920 team inherited by George W. McLaren returned only three lettermen. The lack of experience showed as KSN dropped duals to Ottawa, Friends, C. of E., and Washburn. The Normal finished eighth in the state meet, the worst finish by a KSN team since the meet began in 1906. Lloyd McGahan was a bright spot for McLaren during the season, breaking the school record in the high jump twice, the second time at the state meet when he won the event with a leap of 5'-10".

KSN's yearbook, the <u>Sunflower</u>, contained an account of the 1920 season that would prove prophetic for the rest of the decade:

This year will mean much to K.S.N. in the way of track. Experience was gained and the foundation laid for a team next year that undoubtedly will bring back lost prestige. All the men will be back and new stars will enter to make a team that will make history for K.S.N., in track athletics. (Sunflower, 1920, p.168)

KSN track athletes would indeed make history during this decade.

The first major event of this history was the return of Bill Hargiss from Oregon in 1921. Hargiss had led KSN to three consecutive state track championships during his previous tenure as head coach. His return brought a resurgence of enthusiasm to the track program at the Normal, resulting in KSN's most successful season since 1916. Normal thinclads resumed participation in the KCAC indoor meet, and defeated Baker, Pittsburg, Friends and C. of E. in dual competition. KSN's only loss in a dual meet was to Washburn, and the season ended with a fourth place finish in the state meet. McGahan repeated as state champ in the high jump.

A familiar face on the 1921 Normal team was Harry Cole, who had been on the 1908-1912 teams as a high school boy. After being declared ineligible in 1913 because of his high school standing, Cole began a long and eventful odyssey. He enrolled at the Oregon Agricultural College in 1914 and stayed for two years. In 1916, while competing for Oregon, Cole broke the world record for the indoor discus with a throw of 140'-9". When World War I broke out, Cole enlisted in the army, and he was on the ship Tuscania when it was torpedoed off the Irish coast. While in France, Cole entered an international track meet which was held in Paris during the spring of 1918. However, Cole broke his ankle in training prior to the meet and was unable to compete. After being discharged from the service, Cole entered the Normal in 1920 as a junior.

During the 1921 season, Cole was among the best discus throwers in the nation. When he threw 134'-11½" in the Washburn dual, Cole qualified to attend the Pennsylvania State Relay Carnival in Philadelphia. The Penn Relays were the largest meet in the world at this time, and it was a great honor for one of KSN's athletes to attend. When the athletic department could not afford to send Cole, money to pay the expenses for the trip was raised by the student body

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to support the Normal athlete. Unfortunately, Cole did not place in the top three at Penn, and although an account of his performance is not available, there is evidence to suggest that Cole did not perform up to his usual standards. The discus was won by Weiss of the University of Illinois with a throw of 138'-8", while third place was taken with a mark of 126'-3". Cole had thrown consistently around 135 feet during the season and had marks around 139 feet in practice, either of which would have easily earned Cole a place in the Penn meet, and potentially the victory.

However, Cole did not need to travel to Philadelphia to find competition. Harland Wiley of Friends College in Wichita had broken Cole's eight year old state discus record in 1920, and in 1921 Wiley was also one of the best throwers in the nation. Wiley defended his state championship that year in defeating Cole by one-half inch, setting a new state record of $135'-4t_5''$.

When the 1922 track season opened, Cole was not in school. However, a large number of promising freshmen had been added to the squad, the best of whom was Earl McKown. McKown won the state high school pole vault in 1921, setting a record of 11'-9". In addition to the new talent, KSN added a new 16-lap to the mile indoor track which was one of the best in the state. This greatly facilitated Yellowjacket training in the early season. KSN's athletes had picked up the new nickname, the Yellowjackets, because of the color of the football team's uniforms, and the moniker began to be used quite exclusively when discussing Normal athletics. KSN opened the 1922 indoor season with the annual KCAC meet. McKown won the pole vault for the Yellowjackets' only place. KSN ended the indoor season with a convincing dual victory over C. of E. on the Normal track. This was KSN's first-ever indoor dual against a Kansas Conference school, and it ended heavily in the Normal's favor.

The 1922 outdoor season was KSN's most successful up to this point. The Yellowjackets trounced Baker, Pittsburg and C. of E. in dual competition, won a triangular meet against Southwestern and C. of E., and won the state championship easily with 48 points. A dual loss to Kansas State was the only smudge on the season record. Normal trackmen broke 10 school records during the season, many of them more than once. KSN won seven events at the state meet, setting four new records and tying two. McKown won the pole vault with a record jump of 12'-4'', $1-\frac{1}{4}$ inches less than his school record set earlier in the year. Team captain Cleyon Stewart won the 440-yard dash with a state and school record time of 51.2 seconds. Maurice Myer made up for the disappointment from 1921, setting a state and school record of 1:59.6 in winning the 880-yard run. After having an outstanding season in 1921, Myer missed the state meet when his entry was not properly certified. Merritt Sherer and Robert Dunning won the low and high hurdles respectively, both tying the state record and setting school records. Elijah Williams won KSN's sixth individual title, taking the 100-yard dash in 10.0 seconds, a new school record. A freshman from Emporia High School, "Lige", as he was nicknamed, was highly regarded as a high school sprinter, and had been recruited by some of the

largest schools in the country. Lige chose to attend KSN so he could stay close to his family. The Yellowjackets' final victory was in the mile relay, the team of Myer, Sherer, George Holtfrerich and Stewart setting another state and school record.

Two Yellowjackets bettered state records during the season, but could not repeat their performance at the state meet. Lloyd McGahan bettered his own state and school record with a leap of $5'-10\frac{1}{2}''$, and Holtfrerich threw the javelin $172'-3\frac{1}{2}''$ to better the state record set by KSN's Lee Stites in 1916. Both marks counted as school records, but not state records as they were not recorded in the state meet. The final school record was set by Williams in the 220-yard dash.

Unfortunately, the great success of the year was marked by tragedy. Claude Galbraith was forced to give up track early in the season due to an illness which resulted in his death in April. Galbraith was a member of the 1916, '17 and '21 teams, winning the javelin at the state meet in 1917. His contributions were greatly missed during the 1922 season.

The KSN program had progressed to the point where some of the athletes were of a caliber to compete in championship meets beyond the state meet. During the summer of 1922, six KSN trackmen entered the First Annual Mid-West AAU track meet in St. Joseph, MO, and earned third place for the Normal behind KU and the University of Iowa. McKown won the pole vault with a jump of 12 feet, Myer placed second in the 880-yard run behind Morrow of Iowa, and McGahan finished second in the high jump. Sherer earned the final points for the Normal, taking third in the high hurdles.

In March of 1923, Kansas State Normal's name was changed to Kansas State Teachers College of Emporia. This had more significance for the program than would be expected, as the name change designated a shift from two-year normal courses to a full four-year teacher training program. It would no longer be common for students to leave school after one or two years to teach.

The 1923 season opened as usual with the annual KCAC indoor meet. Earl McKown, KSTC's sophomore pole vaulter, turned in a phenomenal performance, clearing 12'-10" to break the world record for the indoor vault by one inch. The following account from the <u>KSTC Bulletin</u> describes McKown's record setting vault:

Having won the event (at 12'-6"), McKown asked that the bar be raised. The bar was then placed at 13 feet on the standards, but by actual measurement was 12 feet 10 inches high. The Normal athlete failed to clear the bar on the first attempt. After a more careful measurement of distance for the second trial, he cleared the bar with several inches to spare. (KSTC Bulletin, Vol. 22, No. 36, P. 1)

McKown completed the indoor season with a second place finish at the Illinois Relays in Urbana.

The Yellowjacket thinclads had another banner year during the 1923 outdoor season. After an initial loss to Oklahoma A. & M., KSTC swamped Baker, Friends and C. of E. in duals. They defeated Pittsburg in a dual without McKown and Lige Williams who were competing at the Drake Relays. Normal tracksters competed in the First Annual Kansas University Relays, taking fourth place as a team. At KU, McKown claimed first in the pole vault at 12'-9", and the KSTC two-mile relay team of Merle Tate, Francis Talbott, Ralph Summers and Maurice Myer took first with a time of 8:31.6. Lige Williams won KSTC's other place, taking third in the 100-yard dash. Williams only lost by inches despite being set back a yard from the starting line for jumping Williams remembers this race in the following account: "I the gun. ran a dead heat against Roland Locke of Nebraska, 9.6 seconds. I had been set back one yard for a false start although I was not guilty. Bill Hargiss raised cain. We both almost were put out of the race." (E. Williams, personal communication, June 1984) Harry Cole, who was competing again after sitting out during 1922, was ruled ineligible after taking second in the discus. NCAA rules did not allow men with three years of track competition or freshmen to compete in open or university class events, and Cole was disqualified because he was in his fourth year of college competition as a college athlete. Robert Dunning was ruled ineligible before he ran the high hurdles, costing the Hornets a possible place in the event. Dunning was ruled out because he had attended Kansas University in the fall of 1922, and the Missouri Valley required a year's residence at a school for eligibility.

The following week, while the remainder of the KSTC team defeated Pitt in a dual, Williams and McKown participated in the Drake Relays. KSTC's first venture to Des Moine, IA, was successful as Williams took third in the 100-yard dash and McKown placed fourth in the pole vault. Hargiss thought Williams had won the 100 and filed a protest. After a 20 minute delay, the judges picked Red Irvin of Kansas State the winner. The first three men, Williams, Irvin, and Locke of Nebraska, were all timed in 9.8 seconds, which tied the Drake record. Three of the sprinters Williams defeated in this race made the U.S. Olympic team in 1924.

KSTC defended its state championship in 1923, more than doubling the score on runner-up C. of E. Williams' performances were magnificent, as he won the 100 and 220-yard dashes in 9.7 seconds and 21.8 seconds respectively. Both were school and state records, and his 9.7 in the 100 equaled the American Intercollegiate record and was within .1 of a second of the world intercollegiate record. Merritt Sherer repeated in the 220- yard low hurdles with the record time of 25.4 seconds, and Bob Dunning won his second consecutive title in the high hurdles. Dunning equaled his state record time of 15.6 seconds, but it was not allowed because he knocked down two hurdles. McKown repeated in the pole vault with a jump of 12'-0", four inches below his state record and 13 inches below his school record set earlier in the season. McKown's school record of 13'-1" tied the American Intercollegiate record, but his feat was not officially recognized as it was set in dual competition. Cole again lost to Wiley of Friends in the discus, both beating the old state record.

Williams' heroics were not finished with the state meet. The week after, when KSTC was defeating C. of E. in their traditional dual, Lige tied the world record for the 220-yard dash around a curve, blazing to a time of 21.8 seconds. Unfortunately, this was not recognized as a world record because no "official" AAU timer was present.

Williams, Dunning and McKown qualified for the NCAA meet in Chicago held June 15 and 16, becoming the first KSTC athletes to compete in national championship competition. Cole had qualified also, but again the four-year rule kept him from competing. In the national meet, McKown tied for first in the pole vault with Brooker of Michigan at 13 feet, adding six inches to the old NCAA record. The KSTC vaulter cleared 13 feet on his first attempt, while Brooker did not get over until his third attempt. Both missed three attempts at 13'-4", so they were awarded a tie for first. According to rules in force in 1923, the height cleared determined the winner, not the number of attempts.

Williams and Dunning both met with hard luck in the NCAA meet. Williams qualified for the finals of the 100-yard dash, but had to withdraw because of a leg injury sustained in the semi-final race. Dunning was barely nosed out of the finals in the high hurdles; then while leading his semi-final heat in the low hurdles, he tripped and fell over the third hurdle. Dunning describes the latter race in this account from the KSTC Bulletin:

"I got off to a wonderful start in the low hurdle race," he said, "but I was too eager, and running faster than I even (sic) run before. I was on the third path and passing around the man ahead, when zip! zowie! - my leg caught the third hurdle. The force of the impact sent me almost straight into the air, while at the same time my legs doubled in, and I landed in a heap. The race was about over by the time I was able to get up." (The Bulletin, Vol. 22, No. 54, p. 5)

Competing in the Midwest AAU later that summer, McKown took first in the pole vault, and Dunning placed second in the high hurdles and third in the low hurdles. Cole was eligible to enter this meet because the only requirement was amateur status. However, he was working in the harvest fields and was unable to get back to Emporia. Thus, Cole's successful career with KSN ended, his best performance in the discus being 144'-5" set in the 1923 Pitt dual. This mark stood as a school record until 1948.

Due to the great success being experienced by the KSN program, trackmen began working out early during the fall of 1923. About 25 of the new men were enrolled in a track class, taught by Bob Dunning, that met three days a week. A cross country team was formed for the first time since the war, and the KSTC harriers raced against Fairmount College, losing 28-56. Since the early days of the program, cross country running had served as a means of fall training for track men. For a few years prior to the war and continuing after 1923, the Yellowjackets' cross country team competed against other schools. Nevertheless, it was not considered an intercollegiate sport and was still basically a fall training program.

Another interesting development in training occurred in early January of 1924. A new mat stuffed with hay was purchased to be used by the indoor jumpers and vaulters. Until this time jumpers had not had such luxury. Outdoors, the vaulters and jumpers continued to land in sand pits. Considering this and the fact that the poles used in vaulting were bamboo poles, the heights that McKown was making in the event were truly outstanding.

In 1924, McKown began his third year of competition by repeating his victory in the pole vault at the annual KCAC indoor. He did not

match his world record effort of the year before, but his winning height of 12'-6" was still exceptionally good. Dunning and Roy Pringle were entered in the high hurdles, but failed to arrive at the arena in time for the preliminaries. The starting time for the event had been moved forward and Hargiss had not been informed. This mistake cost the Yellowjackets' only other entries in the meet a chance to earn a place.

Competing in the Illinois Relays, McKown tied for second in the vault with a leap of 12'-9¼". Lige Williams, competing in the 75-yard dash, did not qualify for the finals. There was a question about whether Williams did qualify, as McKown insisted Lige took an easy second in his heat; however, only two of the six judges supported McKown's claim.

The 1924 outdoor season opened as one of great promise. McKown, Williams, Dunning and Maurice Myer returned as state record holders, and former state record holder Guy Cross was back in school and on the team. Cross had set the state record in the broad jump in 1916, but left school the next year to teach. His state record had stood until 1923, and Cross was back to try to reclaim it. New men on the team included some outstanding sprinters. Lois Williams, freshman from Chanute, had set state high school records in the 100 and 220-yard dashes the previous spring, and another freshman, Frank Harris, had a best mark of 10.0 seconds in the 100-yard dash. These men helped make KSTC's sprint teams very strong.

The sprint teams showed their strength in the second year of

KSTC's participation at the Kansas and Drake Relays. At KU, an 880-yard relay team of Ibra Brown, Fred Lighter, Lois Williams and Lige Williams finished second to Occidental College of Los Angeles. This loss to Occidental was not a mark against the Yellowjackets, as three of the men who ran on the Californian's winning relay also placed in the finals of the 100-yard dash at KU. The next week at the Drake Relays, the KSTC team, with Harris substituted for Brown, won the event in the time of 1:32.4.

KSTC's sprint teams were not the only winners at the big relay meets. At KU, McKown defended his title in the pole vault, raising his meet record to $13' - \frac{1}{2}"$ while just missing at 13' - 3". The two-mile relay team of Wilbur Myer, Clem Tuggle, John Swaze, and Roy Coats finished second to Occidental. The Yellowjackets' two fastest half-milers, Maurice Myer and Bill Upson, ran on the medley relay team instead of the two-mile team. However, the medley team was unable to place. Lige Williams' disqualification in the 100-yard dash cost the Yellowjackets perhaps another gold watch. Lige was ruled out on the protest of the Marquette University coach after easily winning his qualifying heat. Williams had attended Marquette in the fall of 1923 and did not meet the residence requirement. Dunning, who had missed the 1923 KU meet on the same ruling, qualified for the finals of the high hurdles but did not place in the top three.

McKown won his first Drake Relays title the next week, setting a new relays record of 13'-O". This was an exceptional performance because the runways were soggy from heavy rains. The two-mile relay, with Maurice Myer and Upson in place of Tuggle and Swaze, finished fourth.

The Pittsburg Normal track team had been steadily improving since Garfield "Doc" Weede took over the program in 1919, and Weede won his first state championship with Pittsburg in 1924 when Pitt defeated KSTC by eight and one-half points. In that meet, KSTC was handicapped by the conference rule limiting entries to fifteen men per team, resulting in six potential point winners being left at home. The meet was the best ever held in the Kansas Conference, as eight meet records were broken and one was tied. Five of the records that fell had been held by Yellowjacket athletes. The only Normal trackman to break a record was McKown, who upped his own record to $12'-6\frac{1}{2}"$ in winning his third consecutive vault title. George Holtfrerich, the Yellowjackets school record holder in the javelin, threw 170'-6" in the prelims of the event to break KSTC's Lee Stites' state record set in 1916. However, Holtfrerich's record only lasted until the finals, when Skelton of Pittsburg threw 172'-7" to win the event. Joe Weber tied the state record in taking first in the low hurdles. Weber first came into the limelight by winning both hurdle events in the 1924 Pitt dual, defeating teammate Dunning in both. He continued this success in the state meet with his victory in the low hurdles and a close second in the hights. Weber was relegated to second in the highs by Dunning, who won the event for the third straight year, although Dunning did not come close to his state record in the event. Also repeating was Lige Williams, who tied for first in the 100-yard

dash with Hooper of Pittsburg to win his third consecutive title in the event, and won the 220-yard dash for the second straight time. However, neither of Williams' winning times was close to his meet records.

In 1924, the Mid-Western section of the AAU was re-named the Missouri Valley Association, and the meet that year was designated an Olympic trials qualifying event. McKown and Williams represented KSTC with a great deal of success at the meet held in Lincoln, Nebraska. McKown won his specialty with a vault of 12'-8 5/16", while Lige took second in the 100 and 200-meter dashes. For his performance, McKown was chosen by the Olympic committee to represent the Western United States in the Olympis trials. Williams ran a close second to Irwin of Kansas State in both dashes, with Irwin's time in the 100-meter equaling the winning time posted by Charles Paddock of the U.S. at the 1920 Olympic Games. Williams, Irwin and Locke of Nebraska were recognized as the top three sprinters in the country, and the three had already qualified for the trials. Unfortunately, Williams injured his leg 10 days before the trials and was unable to compete. Irwin also missed the trials with an injury, and Locke was unable to compete, keeping the United States top sprinters out of the Olympics.

As he left for Boston and the Olympic trials, McKown was considered a sure bet to make the U.S. Olympic team. He still jointly held the American Intercollegiate record at 13'-1", although his world indoor record had been broken. At the trials, McKown was one of 10 men to qualify for the finals, but hard luck hit the day of the

finals. McKown woke that day feeling ill, and was thought to have tonsilitis. He competed despite the illness, but failed to earn a place on the Olympic team. The four qualifiers cleared 13'-O", a height McKown had consistently cleared during his outstanding years at KSTC. If not for the illness, McKown would probably have represented the United States and KSTC in the Paris Olympics. When he returned home, it was found that his illness was the mumps!

When the 1925 season rolled around, John Kuck, a freshman from Wilson, Kansas, was gaining all the laurels despite the presence of KSTC's two senior world class performers, McKown and Lige Williams. Kuck had gained national fame by breaking the world interscholastic record for the 12-pound shot put with a toss of 56'-8 3/4" at the 1924 Kansas state high school meet. Kuck had chosen to attend KSTC despite offers from some of the largest schools in the country, and he made his presence felt in the first meet of the season, winning the shot in the annual KCAC indoor. He was the only KSTC entry to place, as McKown and Williams did not attend the meet.

Kuck continued his success during the outdoor season. In a romp over C. of E., while most of the stars who were to compete in the Kansas Relays the next day sat in the bleachers, Kuck set a new American Intercollegiate record in the 16-pound shot, throwing 48'-11". He also exceeded the state record in the javelin. However, his intercollegiate record lasted only until the next day when Herbert Schwarze of Wisconsin broke the record with a toss of 49'-10 3/4" while competing at the KU Relays.

The greatest performance of the 1925 Kansas Relays was turned in by Earl McKown. "Mac", as he was nicknamed, shattered all his previous records with a vault of 13'-2 7/8", to establish a new world intercollegiate record, a new relays record, and a school record that would stand for over 20 years. McKown, pushed hard by his competition, had to set the record in order to win the event outright. The Yellowjacket two-mile relay team of Aaron Fink, Bill Upson, Clem Tuggle, and Wilbur Myer placed fourth in the college division at KU.

McKown was the only Yellowjacket to place at Drake the next week, winning his second vault title with a jump of 12'-9". Kuck could not participate in either of the big relay meets because of his freshman standing. Lige Williams, KSTC's world class sprinter, was bothered by severe rheumatism in his hips throughout the entire year, and never reached the level of performance that had come to be expected of him.

Incidents of racial discrimination were, unfortunately, common in the early days of sport in the United States, and KSTC was not immune to the effects. During the 1925 season, KSTC met the University of Missouri in a dual in Columbia. However, black athletes were not allowed to compete in the state of Missouri, which kept Lois and Lige Williams, the Yellowjackets' top sprinters, from competing. KSTC men performed admirably, winning five events, but without their star sprinters, the Yellowjacket team was noticeably weakened and Missouri won handily. This would not be the last time racial discrimination would affect the KSTC track team, although in later years under the

direction of Fran Welch, the KSTC team would not participate in a meet where all their athletes were not welcome.

KSTC regained the state title in 1925, defeating Pitt by 18 points. The meet was once again of very high quality, with nine new records being set, six by Yellowjacket thinclads. McKown again won the pole vault, increasing his record height to 13'-2". Lois Williams ran the greatest race of his life, winning the 220-yard dash in the school and state record time of 21.4 seconds. Lois also won the 100-yard dash in 9.9 seconds, defeating teammate Lige in both events. John Kuck and Joe Weber were double winners for the Yellowjackets as well. Kuck won the shot put and javelin, setting records with marks that would have set records in nearly any conference in the country. Weber won both hurdle races, setting a record of 24.8 seconds in the low hurdles. Alfred Quasebarth was the final Yellowjacket record setter, tying for first in the high jump with a leap of 6'-0". This mark was one and three-fourths inch below his school record set earlier in the year.

At the NCAA meet, in his final college appearance, McKown tied for first in the pole vault for the second time. He tied with four other men, all who cleared a height of 12'-4". McKown ended his collegiate career holding the world intercollegiate record, the NCAA record, the Kansas Relays record, the Drake Relays record, the Missouri Valley AAU record, and the KCAC indoor meet record. He was KSTC's first Olympic trials competitor, beginning a tradition of KSTC representation in the U.S. trials and the Olympic Games. McKown's accomplishments helped make Emporia Teachers College track famous throughout the nation.

Although he had completed his collegiate competition, McKown was able to represent KSTC one last time at the National AAU meet in San Francisco. Because eligibility for AAU competition was not limited by class status, freshman John Kuck was eligible to compete in this meet as well. The AAU meet was divided into two sections based on the junior and senior college rating of the contestants. Since he was a freshman and had never competed in a national meet, Kuck was able to enter the shot, discus and javelin in the junior division. However, a contestant was allowed to compete in a division higher than his rating, so Coach Hargiss entered Kuck in the same three events in the senior division also. Kuck performed guite admirably, establishing a new junior national AAU shot put record of 48'-2 4/5", breaking a record that had stood since 1905. In the senior division, Kuck placed second in the javelin and third in the shot. The two men who beat him in the shot had finished first and second at the 1924 Olympics, with Kuck nosing out the man who had placed third at Paris.

McKown ended up third in the senior division pole vault. Mac was one of six men who tied for first at 13'-0" when all six failed to clear 13'-6". To determine a winner, the bar was gradually lowered until two men cleared at $12'-11\frac{1}{2}"$, gaining a tie for first. McKown cleared the bar at $12'-10\frac{1}{2}"$ for third. This is similiar to the procedure used today to break ties in championship meets, with one major difference being that after the two men both cleared at

12'-11½", the bar would have been raised up again to determine an outright winner.

KSTC supporters had come to expect world record performances from the Yellowjacket thinclads. They were not disappointed in 1926 despite the graduation of McKown and Lige Williams, for John Kuck remained, and he was coming into his own as the greatest all-around weight man in the world. At the KCAC meet in his first outing, Kuck set a new world indoor record of $49' - \frac{1}{4}$ " for the 16-pound shot. One month later, at the Illinois Indoor Relays, Kuck smashed his own record with a tremendous toss of 50'-6 3/4". The following account from the KSTC Bulletin describes the record setting throw:

The time came for him (Kuck) to perform in the finals. Forty feet from the ring from which he was to throw the shot was a white mark. A similiar line marked every foot from forty to fifty. Kuck walked to the fifty foot mark. Taking off his white sweat jersey, Kuck placed it a little beyond the fifty foot mark. He walked back to the circle. The crowd, sensing that something unusual was taking place, fought for advantageous positions from which to watch the event.

Kuck picked up the 16-pound iron ball. Easily and with perfect form, he tossed it. The shot landed squarely in the middle of his sweat jersey, which made it appear that he knew to the inch how far he could throw it. The crowd went wild. The record was no fluke. Kuck's two other heaves were well beyond the fifty foot chalk line. (KSTC Bulletin, Vol. 25, No. 44, p.1)

Kuck's new record didn't stand for long. Again it was Herbert Schwarze who bested Kuck's mark, throwing 7/8" farther than the old mark while defeating Kuck at the National AAU indoor only one week after the Illinois meet. Kuck retained the world intercollegiate indoor record, however, because Schwarze competed unattached.

Kuck was not the only outstanding performer for the Yellowjackets in 1926. Joe Weber and Lois Williams, both double winners in the 1925 state meet, returned to the Yellowjacket team, as well as Kuck's brother Frank, an outstanding weight man in his own right. A new man, Robert Greenwade, would become one of KSTC's all-time greats before his career was completed. These men, plus many others, gave KSTC another strong representative on the cinder paths for the 1926 season.

John Kuck continued his superlative performances during the outdoor season. He won the shot put and javelin at the Kansas and Drake Relays, setting meet records in both events at Drake. At Kansas, the AAU organized a special shot put event so that Kuck could meet Schwarze, who was no longer a collegian, in a battle for the world record. Schwarze won the event, but no record was set. At the Drake Relays, Kuck took second place in the discus to go along with his two firsts.

Two other Yellowjackets placed at the Kansas Relays. Weber took third in the high hurdles and Frank Kuck placed fourth in the shot put. The mile relay team of Frank Harris, Aaron Fink, Robert Greenwade and Lois Williams placed second at the Drake Relays.

No track meet in the history cf the state had ever aroused as much attention as the 1926 state meet at Pittsburg. Although the Yellowjackets were favored to win, Pitt had whipped them in a dual the week before the state meet. Both KSTC and Pitt were loaded with

national caliber athletes, and the meet promised to be one of the best in the Midwest. Track fans were not disappointed as KSTC scored 58 points to defend their state title in a very high quality meet. The most sensational performance was turned in by John Kuck, who tossed the javelin 214'-2 1/8" for a new world intercollegiate record, only two feet off the world record. Kuck also set a new state record in the shot put, tossing the iron ball $50'-5\frac{1}{4}$ ", less than seven inches off the world record in that event. Kuck ended his day by winning the discus with a fine throw of 133'-6". His performance firmly established Coach Hargiss' claim that he was the best all-around weight man in the world. Lois Williams defended his titles, winning the 100 and 220-yard dashes while setting a new record of 21.3 seconds in the 220-preliminary heat. Weber also set a new record in the prelims, running the high hurdles in 15.5 seconds. He came back in the finals to win both hurdle races for the second consecutive year. Robert Greenwade rounded out the Yellowjacket champions, winning the 440-yard dash in 49.4 seconds.

Kuck continued his record breaking spree into the summer. At the NCAA meet in June, he established a new national intercollegiate record of 50'-3/4" in the shot put, and placed third in the javelin with a toss of 187'-11". He was hindered in the javelin by a very muddy field, and was able to take only two steps and throw rather than use his normal approach.

In July, Kuck and Greenwade entered two major events in the East. The first was the National AAU meet held in Fhiladelphia. Kuck won the

javelin with a throw of 199'-7", a new National AAU senior division record, and finished second to Schwarze in the shot. Greenwade competed in both the junior and senior divisions, but failed to place in either. The second meet was a benefit meet for the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City. The meet was held in Yankee Stadium and attracted many of the best track athletes in the world. Kuck's performance was magnificent, as he won four events and broke two world records. Kuck broke the world record for the eight-pound shot with a throw of 68'-7 5/8", and the world record for the 12-pound shot with a toss of 57'-9 3/4". Both marks had stood for nearly 20 years. Kuck also won the 16-pound shot, defeating Bud Houser, the 1924 Olympic champion, and Schwarze. Kuck's fourth win was in the javelin throw, where he defeated Jonni Myyra, the world record holder. Kuck's performance was so outstanding that though Greenwade had won the 440-yard dash in the same meet, it was not known until the athletes returned to Emporia because of the publicity given to Kuck.

Because of their outstanding performances in New York City, Kuck and Greenwade were invited on a month tour through Finland, Holland, Norway and Sweden. They left in early August and returned the middle of September. Kuck's and Greenwade's performances while on the tour brought great praise to the Emporia Teachers College. They competed in eight meets and won a place in all of them. Kuck won most of the events he entered, his outstanding performance being a javelin throw of 215'-2", the best mark posted in the world that year and within inches of the world record. In the shot, Kuck broke the European record with a toss of 49'-0". Greenwade was just as successful, tying the world amateur record of 48.7 seconds in the 400-meter dash. He also broke the European record in the 100-meter by running 10.7 seconds, and he tied the European 200-meter record of 22.2 seconds.

The Scandinavian tour was the last time John Kuck participated under KSTC's colors. John and Frank Kuck withdrew from school early in February of 1927. The loss of the Kuck brothers severly damaged Yellowjacket hopes for a third consecutive state title. John went on to compete for the Los Angeles Athletic Club. In 1928, he broke the world record in the shot put three times, the third time at the Amsterdam Olympics where he won with an Olympic record setting throw of 52'-0 13/16". Kuck has since been inducted into the Drake Relays Hall of Fame and the Emporia State Athletic Hall of Honor.

Although team strength was greatly reduced by the loss of the Kuck's, KSTC had several outstanding runners remaining. Lois Williams, Greenwade, Aaron Fink, John Concannon, Menzo Hainline, and Earl Howard were on hand to provide a strong sprint team. Chester Davenport, in his third year, became one of the best milers in the state to provide another strong point for the team.

In the KCAC meet, the Yellowjacket mile relay entry of Fink, Greenwade, Hainline and Howard posted the best college time of the meet in defeating Pittsburg, the first mile relay victory ever for KSTC in the meet. Davenport finished third in a classy field of milers, making the Yellowjackets venture to Kansas City a very successful one. The next stop on the indoor circuit was the Illinois Relays, where the Yellowjackets placed second in both the medley and mile relays. KSTC's medley team had the fastest time in the heats, but a mixup by the judges gave first to Michigan. Although available records do not list who ran on these relays, it can be surmised from the KSTC entries that Fink, Williams, Greenwade and Davenport were on the medley team and Fink, Williams, Greenwade and Hainline were on the mile team.

The opening of the 1927 outdoor season found Normal thinclads participating for the first time in the Texas Relays, the first stop on the Midwest Relay circuit. Success in the meet came early, as the medley relay team of Greenwade, Howard, Concannon and Davenport won the college class event, setting a Texas Relays record of 3:37. The mile relay team, with Fink in place of Davenport, finished fourth. The same mile relay team entered the Rice Relays the following day and won in the meet record time of 3:23.5.

The next stop on the relay circuit was the Kansas Relays. Again the medley team won, after a brilliant anchor leg dual between KSTC's Davenport and Osif of Haskell College. The KSTC medley, a version of the distance medley with Greenwade running 440 yards, Concannon 220 yards, Fink 880 yards, and Davenport a mile, posted a winning time of 7:45.3. The Yellowjacket mile relay team finished fourth.

Unfortunately, the KSTC medley team was upset at Drake in their bid for the Triple Crown. Haskell got revenge for the KU loss, outrunning KSTC in record time. Again the outcome of the race hinged on the anchor leg, and although Davenport ran the fastest mile of his career, it was not enough to beat Osif, who was the National AAU sixmile champ. The mile relay team scored a near miss as well, finishing .1 of a second behind Oklahoma Baptist for second place.

Despite having these outstanding relay teams, Hargiss did not have the depth necessary to field a strong team, and KSTC slipped to a tie for third with C. of E. in the state meet. Lois Williams was the only individual winner for the Yellowjackets, taking the 220-yard dash. Williams was upset in the 100-yard dash, taking a controversial second. The first three men in the 100 (one of whom was Williams) were in a photo finish at the tape, and it was only after a long and heated discussion that the judges gave first place to Puckett of McPherson.

This was the last KSTC participation in the Kansas Conference. In November of 1927, seven schools withdrew from the conference and formed the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The seven schools in the new conference were KSTC, Southwestern, College of Emporia, Fort Hays, Pittsburg, Wichita and Washburn.

Chester Davenport was the only Yellowjacket who went on to compete in a championship meet after the 1927 season. Davenport entered the mile at the National AAU meet in Lincoln, NB. Though he did not place, his participation was great experience, because this was the largest amateur meet in the country.

Early in December of 1927, Bill Hargiss accepted the head football job at Kansas University. He stayed on as KSTC's head track coach through the 1928 season, although he missed part of the season while directing spring football at KU. Hargiss served as head football coach at Kansas for five years. After stepping down as football mentor he handled other athletic duties until 1933, when he took over as KU's head track coach. Hargiss stayed on as Kansas' track coach for 10 years. After World War II, he served as athletic commissioner for KU until his retirement in 1961.

During his 12 years as KSTC's track coach, the Yellowjacket teams won seven state championships. Hargiss coached five men who held world records at some time in their career, as well as numerous men who developed into state champions under his tutelage. Hargiss' coaching record rates him as one of the all-time greats in Emporia State athletic history. Just recently he was inducted into the ESU Athletic Hall of Honor as one of the charter inductees.

Francis G. "Fran" Welch was chosen to succeed Hargiss as head football and track coach. Welch came to KSTC in 1914 as an undergraduate, and earned letters in football, basketball and baseball. After a stint in the service during the World War, Welch attended Kansas State as a graduate student. In 1922, after coaching at Roosevelt High School for two years, Welch became a full-time coach and teacher at the College. Welch assisted Hargiss in football and track from 1922 to 1928, and the athletes had confidence in his ability to lead them. However, this confidence was not shared by some members of the administration, and Welch's hiring was supposed to last for only a year or two until a big name coach could be found. As history shows, Welch lasted quite a bit longer than was originally intended.

KSTC athletes competed in the 1928 KCAC and Illinois Indoor Relays without a great deal of success. The only place won in either meet was

a third by the medley team of Oscar Kutchinski, John Concannon, Dave Massey and Chet Davenport at Illinois. Welch was in charge of the thinclads while Hargiss was officiating in the NAAU Basketball Tournament and holding spring football at KU.

Hargiss' last season at KSTC was not one of great success. The Yellowjackets lost duals to Wichita, C. of E., and Pittsburg, and finished second to Wichita in a quadrangular. The Yellowjackets ended the season with a fourth place finish in the first CIC meet. However, several individuals experienced success on the relay circuit. At the Oklahoma University Relays, Earl Bevan took first in the javelin, setting a meet record. Ray Beals won another first for KSTC in the high jump. These two men also placed well at the Kansas and Drake Relays. Beals tied for second in the high jump at KU, and placed fifth in the event at Drake. Bevan took third at KU and fourth at Drake in his specialty. The medley relay team of Massey, Kutchinski, Harold Hunter and Davenport also placed third at Kansas.

Pittsburg easily won the first CIC track title, the first of a string of 10 consecutive victories in the conference meet. For the Yellowjackets, Bevan won the javelin and Beals won the broad jump. As this was the initial year for the meet, all winning performances stood as conference records.

Bevan continued his success during the 1929 season. Only a second place finish at the Kansas Relays kept him from winning the Triple Crown in the javelin. Bevan won at Texas with a meet record throw of 206'-4", and came back the next day to win his specialty in the Southern Methodist Relays, setting another meet record. His SMU throw of 208'-6" stood as the top mark made in the United States during the 1929 season. After his second place finish at KU, Bevan won at Drake with a toss of 186'-6".

KSTC relay teams gained prominence during the season as well. The mile relay team of Kutchinski, Massey, Forrest Morgan and Raymond Raines won at the KCAC indoor and placed fifth at the Illinois Indoor relays. At KU, the two-mile relay team of Arvil Dixon, Frank Pecinovsky, Raines and Massey finished second to Pitt. Taking third at Drake was the sprint medley team of Massey, Kutchinski, Claude Freeman and Morgan.

The Yellowjacket thinclads ended the season and the decade with a third place finish in the CIC meet. The finals on Saturday were held in a downpour with water ankle deep on the track. Because of the weather, only one record was broken. Bevan broke his own record in the javelin prelims with a throw of 187'-7". The only other Yellowjacket to place first was George Brady, who won the discus, upsetting favored Green of Pittsburg.

Beginning in this era, with KSTC participating in the big relay meets, many of the dual meets were scheduled to coincide with the Texas, Kansas and Drake Relays. This was so the majority of the team, who were not able to qualify to attend the relay carnivals, would be able to compete. KSTC was able to win most of these dual meets without the services of the "stars", underlining the depth and quality of the athletes in the Yellowjacket program.

Chapter 5

1930-1939

What would become an exciting and spectacular era for the track program at KSTC had a slow beginning. Coach Welch's teams in the early 1930's maintained the tradition of strong relay teams, but lacked the depth needed to win team championships. Strong performances in the middle distances, a characteristic of the early 1930's teams, was to become a trademark of the Yellowjackets during the Welch era.

The middle distance performers showed up well during the 1930 season despite the loss of Forrest Morgan, who did not return to school. The mile relay team of Carl Fields, Verne Hiskey, Jimmy Knight and Oscar Kutchinski placed fourth at the Illinois Indoor Relays, the Texas Relays, and the Southern Methodist Relays. The medley team composed of the same men, with the exception of Dave Massey for Fields, placed fourth at both the Texas and SMU Relays. These same relay teams took a second and a fourth at Drake in the medley and mile respectively.

Warren Cook, who competed in the hurdles for the Yellowjackets from 1929-1933, recalls the following story:

One incident I still well remember; A meet at Wichita U. (a quad-rangular meet I think), Dale Burnett and I were running the high hurdles for KSTC, there were six competing. At the third hurdle Dale hooked the hurdle with his back toe so hard that the hurdle flew into the lain (sic) to his right which caused the man from Southwestern to hit his hurdle and fall in my lane which caused me to fall after I had gone over my hurdle. As a result only two men finished. Fran dressed Dale & me both down for not finishing even though we were both a bit bloody & skinned up. Those sinder (sic) tracks were brutal. Dale never ran the highs very gracefully, he ran them just like he played football, head down and full speed ahead and too bad for whatever was in his path. (W. Cook, personal communication, June 1984)

Burnett was a star on the 1926-1929 Yellowjacket football teams, as well as a very good hurdler for the Normal track team. He was twice an all-conference and all-state performer on the gridiron, and went on to play professional football for 11 years with the New York Giants.

The 1930 CIC meet had the distinction of being the first major meet in Kansas to be held under floodlights. The KSTC thinclads finished third in the meet behind Pittsburg and Wichita. Bert Morrill was the Yellowjackets' only winner, taking the javelin with a toss of 172'-6¼". Knight suffered his only loss of the season in the 440-yard dash, losing to Palmer Snodgrass of Pittsburg. The first three finishers in each event at the CIC earned the right to compete in the Kansas-Missouri Interstate meet at Warrensburg, MO, where Knight won the 440-yard dash, gaining revenge by defeating Snodgrass. Knight was the only Hornet to place in the meet.

A new development in track and field was initiated in 1930 by a former Yellowjacket. Robert Greenwade, in his training at San Antonio, TX, was using starting blocks, the first to appear in the Midwest section of the country. The implements had recently been approved by the National AAU and the NCAA. Up until this time, the athletes had dug holes in the track for their feet as a means of improving their start. Greenwade had been very successful since his days at KSTC, setting a world record in the 300-yard dash and running close to the

world record in the 440-yard dash.

Coach Welch took a leave of absence in the spring of 1931 to work on his master's degree, leaving the program in the hands of Paul Kutnink. Kutnink had served as Welch's assistant coach for two years. He had competed for the 1920-1923 KSTC track teams and was well liked and respected by the Yellowjacket athletes. Kutnink performed very capably in Welch's absence.

The Yellowjacket team was strengthened when Forrest "Frosty" Morgan returned to school in 1931. Morgan, along with veterans Massey, Knight, and freshman Bernard Grant, formed a particularly strong mile relay team. This team opened the season with a victory at the KCAC meet, defeating Pittsburg and Baker by 30 yards. They continued their success by winning at the Texas Relays and finishing a close second to Abilene Christian at the Rice Relays the next day. Both teams bettered the old Rice Relays record. The winning relay combination unfortunately ended when Massey pulled a muscle during the C. of E. dual. Kutnink did not have a capable replacement, and the team could only manage a fifth place finish at the KU Relays. The mile team did not compete at Drake.

The Yellowjackets repeated their CIC performance of 1930, finishing third behind Pittsburg and Wichita in the 1931 conference. Pitt was a dominant force, taking nine firsts while scoring in every event. The outstanding effort for the Yellowjackets was turned in by Knight. In the 440-yard dash, he was second to Widney of Wichita in a race so close that two of the judges called it a tie. Both men were timed in 49.7 seconds for a new CIC record. Although KSTC qualified three men for the 1931 interstate meet. Knight in the 440, Morgan in the 880, and Morrill in the shot put and javelin - Coach Kutnink did not send any to the Kansas-Missouri affair. Kutnink's reason for choosing not to attend is unknown.

The next spring Welch was back as coach and the rebuilding began in earnest. Fifty-one men checked out track equipment in January of 1932, the largest squad in years. Six of these men were returning lettermen, including Knight, Grant, Morgan and Morrill. Among the new men were Norman Rhoads and Lee Haring, who were both destined to become stars for the Normal although they came from extremely different Rhoads came to KSTC as the 1931 Kansas state high school backgrounds. 440-yard dash champ and the third best quarter-miler in the nation based on his placing in the national high school meet that same year. On the other hand, Haring's potential was unknown. Haring's background in track had been very limited, as he had participated on a two-man track team at Latham Rural High School, competing rather unspectacularly in a wide number of events. He had first enrolled at KSTC in 1930 and, after sitting out of school both semesters in 1931 to work, Haring returned in the spring of 1932. Despite his inauspicious beginning, Haring, along with Rhoads, would play a big part in returning KSTC to prominence in track and field.

Rhoads teamed with the three returning stars from the 1931 mile relay to win that event at the KCAC indoor. Running the third leg, Rhoads was leading when he was tripped by the Pittsburg runner, and

Knight, on the anchor, failed by only a few yards to catch up. However, Pitt was disqualified for fouling and KSTC gained the victory.

Because of a shortage of middle distance men, Welch moved Rhoads up to the 880-yard run during the outdoor season. Rhoads met with outstanding success at this new distance, completing the regular season unbeaten in the half-mile and breaking the school record twice. His best time of 1:56.3, recorded at the Pitt dual, bettered the CIC mark for the event by .2 of a second. Rhoads defeated Elton Brown of Pitt, the conference record holder, in the meet. At the CIC meet, Rhoads again defeated Brown to win the 880 with a time just off the meet record.

Rhoads was also a part of KSTC's success on the relay circuit. At the Drake Relays, the mile relay team of Rhoads, A.J. Holder, Grant and Knight ran a 3:21.8 qualifying time in the prelims, the fastest time ever posted by a KSTC team in the event. Due to the strength of the field, however, Welch pulled them out of the finals and entered the same foursome in the sprint medley relay, in which they placed third. The two-mile relay team of Knight, Rhoads, Morgan and Grant took another third for the Yellowjackets. This same quartet had placed second in the two-mile relay and fourth in the mile relay at KU the week prior to Drake.

KSTC improved to second place at the 1932 CIC meet, but Pittsburg was still dominant, winning by over 20 points. The Yellowjackets were much improved over recent years, scoring in 11 events to gain the best finish for KSTC since the conference began. Besides Rhoads' victory, KSTC earned one other first when Morrill regained the conference javelin title after his disappointing third place finish in 1931. Holder tied the conference mark of 10.0 seconds in the 100-yard dash during his preliminary heat, but was defeated by Swisher of Pitt in the finals.

After several years absence, KSTC returned to compete in the Missouri Valley AAU meet, where five Yellowjackets earned third place for KSTC. Rhoads won the 880-yard run, setting a meet and school record of 1:55.7. Orsie Poff, sophomore two-miler, won that event with the school record time of 9:55.4. Poff had broken the old record numerous times during his freshman and sophomore years. However, he had finished second or third on these occasions, and only first place times could be counted as school records. This policy was due to the unreliable timing of second and third places. First was the only place timed by meet officials, so second and third place times were recorded only by the team's coach. Thus, there was the possibility that a nonwinning team might not be timed when they did break a record. For the sake of uniformity, the plan of accepting only first place times for records was adopted.

Lee Haring, who had missed most of the 1932 season with the mumps, came on strong at the end of the year to reveal his potential. He won the high hurdles at the Missouri Valley meet and placed second in the lows. Haring had never run over a hurdle before he came to KSTC in 1930. In a freshman physical education class he took that fall, Haring started working on the hurdles with Warren Cook, a KSTC hurdler who was

in charge of the class. When Haring returned to school in 1932 after his one year layoff, he went back to running hurdles, and his efforts in the MVAAU meet helped salvage the season cut short by his ordeal with the mumps.

Orsie Poff recalls the Missouri Valley meet in the following account:

One year ('32 or '33) none of the coaches were available to go on a trip to Kansas City, MO. (Kansas-Missouri College meet on the Southwest H.S. field) Some of us wanted to participate so the coaches decided to send one carload so that we could each take part in our own events. I don't remember who was in charge, or who drove the car, (not me) but on the way to K.C. we decided to try to win the track meet as a team. Most of us won our events, and we all entered and (I believe) placed in every possible event. We even ran in 2 or 3 relays, placing (as I remember) in at least two of them. (I ran in two relays) The result was that we placed high in the meet (I believe second or third) and all of us won at least one medal. (O.L. Poff, personal communication, June 1984)

Rhoads was the only Yellowjacket to compete in the national intercollegiate meet that summer. The meet was an Olympic trials qualifying event, with the top three in each event earning a berth in the U.S. Olympic trials. Rhoads ran the two fastest races of his career, posting times of 1:54.8 in the prelims and 1:54.4 in the finals. Despite these performances, he could manage only a seventh place finish, even though he came in only seven yards behind the winner, and did not qualify for the trials. Shortly after this meet, the Los Angeles Athletic Club rated Rhoads as the fifth best half-miler in the United States.

For several years, the KSTC athletic teams had been referred to as

Hornets, a shortened version of Yellowjackets that most found easier to use. In the fall of 1932, the name of Hornets was officially adopted by KSTC. The Hornets fielded another large track team in the spring of 1933. Despite the effects of the depression on college enrollment and extra activities by students, 55 men reported for practice in early January. Several outstanding new men joined with the returning stars to form the strongest Hornet track team since 1926. Except for the annual clash with Pittsburg, the thinclads won every dual meet entered, including a 69-62 victory over Kansas State.

The KSTC relay teams experienced great success in the indoor and outdoor relay meets. At the Butler Indoor Relays in Indianapolis, IN, the quartet of Paul Bridges, Jimmy Knight, Forrest Morgan and Norman Rhoads won the mile and two-mile relays. However, the team was disqualified from the two-mile event when a judge ruled that Rhoads had fouled on the anchor carry. Brown of Pittsburg had attempted to pass Rhoads on the inside during the final lap and was tripped.

The same quartet won the two-mile relay at the Kansas Relays, setting a college division record of 7:50.5. Three other Hornet teams placed at KU; the half-mile team of Duward Crooms, Claude Fisher, Alva Gould and Lee Haring finished second, the distance medley foursome of Morris Clark, Fisher, Tyree Mack and Morgan finished third, and the mile team of Bridges, Bernard Grant, Knight and Rhoads was also third. The latter's time of 3:19.7 was under the KU record for the event. Haring ran second in the high hurdles to Bill Schiefly of Minnesota, the Big 10 champion in the event.

At the Drake Relays the following week, the two-mile team, composed of the same men who ran at KU, ran a dead heat with Pitt to tie for first. The time of 7:52.6 was a new college division Drake record. The mile quartet of Grant, Crooms, Holder and Mack placed second to Oklahoma Baptist. The Hornet team "officially" set a school record of 3:22.2 in winning their preliminary heat. The old mark had stood since 1927, and although it had been broken numerous times during the six years it had stood, no team finished first when beating the mark. According to the policy in effect, the times could not be counted as a record. The Hornets also gained a third place in the sprint medley, with the team of Crooms, Holder, Knight and Mack. Haring rounded out the KSTC scoring again placing second to Schiefly in the high hurdles.

Pittsburg continued their domination of the CIC, taking a sixth consecutive title in 1933. The Hornets had hoped to challenge for the title, and although this did not occur, KSTC closed the gap between themselves and Pitt. Haring won both hurdle races, setting conference and school records of 15.0 seconds in the highs and 23.7 seconds in the lows. Morrill added another victory, winning the javelin for the third time in four years with a toss of 175'-10". The outstanding performance of the meet was turned in by Rhoads who won the 880-yard run, setting a new conference and school record of 1:52.8. Rhoads' time was only 1.2 seconds off the world record and was believed to be the best time posted in the U.S. during the 1933 season. Rhoads also came back to run an outstanding quarter on the mile relay. This team ran the superb

time of 3:16.7, yet lost to Pittsburg by one-tenth of a second. In a very close decision, Holder lost to Swisher of Pitt in the 100-yard dash for the second straight year. Warren Cook writes concerning this race:

I well remember a remark made by A.J. Holder after losing the 100 to a Pittsburg man in the conference meet. It was one of those finishes that might have been a bit questionable. After coming into the infield where we were, his statement was, "Boy, if I'd been built like my gal I'd have had him by six inches." (W. Cook, personal communication, June 1984)

The Hornets competed in the MVAAU the weekend after the CIC, and placed third for the second consecutive year. Welch was saving Rhoads for the NCAA meet and did not enter him in his specialty, a decision which caused disappointment among track fans because Rhoads' entry in the 880 would have meant a dual with Glenn Cunningham, KU's star miler. Instead, Rhoads entered the 400-meter, and was barely nosed out of first in the time of 49.0 seconds. Haring won both hurdle events, a feat he had accomplished seven times during the season. Bridges and Poff ended the Hornet scoring, finishing second in the 1500 and 5000meter runs respectively.

Haring and Rhoads went on that summer to compete in the NCAA meet in Chicago, but neither Hornet was able to place in their event. Haring recalls special memories about that trip:

I got to take the trip to Chicago (World Fair year of 1933) that summer. Educationally I learned a lot. We rode the rails both ways and bunked in Hotel Sherman. That's where Norman Rhoads ordered dinner sent up to the room. \$4.00 for three people. Fran climbed the wall and hit the roof. I met and talked with Jesse Owens there on the infield of Soldiers and Sailors Field. He was a high school senior headed for Ohio State and destined to make Woody Hayes a great coach. I remember his blue eyes. I also remember he ran a 9.6 one hundred yard dash and jumped 24+ feet. This isn't bad for a high school kid... even today.... I didn't place at Chicago. I did see some things at the Fair that I would never have seen... except for track. (E.L. Haring, personal communication, June 1984)

Haring and Rhoads earned a place on the National Collegiate Honor Roll for their performances during the season, as did the Hornet two-mile relay.

Three members of the record setting two-mile relay team were missing in 1934. Knight and Morgan had completed their eligibility, while Rhoads had not recovered from a broken foot suffered while playing baseball in the summer of 1933. However, the Hornets maintained a strong team, due mainly to the efforts of the sprinters and hurdlers.

For the first time in several years, KSTC did not open the season at the Butler Indoor Relays. Instead, Welch took three men to the Tulsa Invitational Indoor at Tulsa, OK. Haring won both the 40-yard low and the 40-yard high hurdles, defeating Sam Allen of Oklahoma Baptist, one of the top hurdlers in the country. Bridges gained the Hornets other points, taking second in the 880-yard run.

Once again, KSTC defeated Kansas State by a score of 74 1/3 -56 2/3 to open the outdoor season. Hornet thinclads next turned their attention to the KU Relays, where they took second to Pittsburg in the college division. Crooms was outstanding, winning the open 100-yard dash in 9.8 seconds and anchoring the 880 relay team of Jim Fraley, Eustace Shannon and Holder to first with the time of 1:28. The two-mile relay team of Bridges, Mack, Paul Mahoney and Carl Van Weldon finished second to Pitt, and the mile team of Fraley, Elwood Miller, Mack and Bridges finished third. Haring again took second in the high hurdles, this year to Allen of OBU.

The Hornets' success continued the next weekend at the Drake Relays. The mile relay team of Holder, Mack, Bridges and Crooms captured first, defeating Pitt and OBU. These same men finished second in the sprint medley, and the two-mile team of Van Weldon, Mahoney, Mack and Bridges placed third. Crooms finished third in the open 100yard dash to Ralph Metcalff of Marquette, the world record holder, and to Hall of Kansas. Eustace Shannon placed third in the open long jump to complete the Hornets scoring.

At the Kansas Relays, Kansas State's 480-yard shuttle hurdle team had set a world record of 1:01.7. At Drake, a special team consisting of Herring from Texas A&M, Fisher from LSU, Allen from OBU, and Haring from KSTC ran the event in 59.8 seconds to beat the time set by K-State, and run the event in less than one minute for the first time in history. This was accomplished despite running the event in the middle of the football field. The mark was submitted as a world record, but for reasons unknown, it was never accepted.

Orsie Poff recalls an incident that occurred during this period:

On a trip to Lawrence, the team stopped for dinner at the Eldridge Hotel. We were told that the colored boys could not eat with us. The rest of us (team and coaches) told them that we all ate or none of us would - we all ate together. (O.L. Poff, personal communication, June 1984)

Racial discrimination reached into Kansas during this period, as blacks

were not allowed to compete on the athletic teams at KU, the state university. However, KSTC had for a number of years allowed black athletes to participate, and the school, coaches and athletes strongly supported all members of the team.

The Hornets again finished second to Pittsburg in the CIC as the Gorillas had too much depth for KSTC. Haring and Crooms were the individual stars for KSTC. Haring repeated in both hurdle races, his times of 14.6 seconds in the prelims and 14.7 seconds in the finals of the highs bettering the conference record. However, neither time was allowed as a record because they were wind-aided. Crooms won the 100 and finished second in the 220 and the broad jump. His times of 9.6 seconds and 21.1 seconds in the dashes, posted during the prelims, were also better than the existing conference marks, but again the wind velocity was over the allowable limit. The mile relay team of Bridges, Haring, Holder and Mack took KSTC's final victory.

The Hornets' last meet of the season was the Missouri Valley AAU. KSTC thinclads earned a third place tie with Oklahoma University, behind Pittsburg and KU. Haring continued his outstanding performances by winning the high and low hurdles, while Bridges finished third in the 880-yard run behind KU's Glenn Cunningham and Pittsburg's Brown. Crooms won his qualifying heat of the 100, but had to withdraw from the final because of a pulled muscle.

Later that summer, Haring and Crooms earned a great honor for themselves and KSTC. Both were selected to attend the NCAA meet in Los Angeles with their expenses paid by the NCAA, an honor that only the eight best in each event throughout the country received. For KSTC to have two athletes of this caliber spoke very highly of the Hornet program. The NCAA committee approved Bridges also, but he had to arrange his own expenses.

Against the national competition, the Hornet stars showed that they were worthy of this honor. Both Haring and Crooms qualified for the finals in their respective events, and both ran well in the finals. The judges used a new photographic timing device to confirm placings picked by the timers, and this system caused a revision of many of the places in the finals, including the placing of both Haring and Crooms. The judges did not place Haring in the high hurdles final, but the picture showed that he was actually sixth. Unfortunately, what the Hornets gained, they also lost. Crooms was picked by the judges as placing sixth in the 100-yard dash, but the picture moved him back to seventh place. Bridges also ran well, posting the fastest 880 of his career, but he did not qualify for the final. The three men who defeated Bridges in his heat finished first, third and fourth in the 880 final.

In the summer of 1933, Fran Welch received a letter that, according to the author, read something like this:

Dear Mr. Welch:

I would like to enter your school. I will do my very best in my studies. I want to be on your track team. I want to make the Olympic Team in 1936. My time is 4 minutes and 29 and 9 tenths seconds. (The Pan American Track & Field Journal, Clinic Notes, 1960)

The author of the letter was Archie San Romani. San Romani had attended

Bethany College in 1932-33 and wanted to transfer to KSTC because of the outstanding music and athletic programs. He comments about the letter:

I sent that letter to Mr. Welch. I can imagine how he felt and what he thought of a man with that time trying to make the Olympic team of 1936. He wrote back to me and said, "If you come here and work hard, I will see you have a roof over your head and something in your belly." That is just the way he put it. He gave me the break. (The Pan American Track & Field Journal, Clinic Notes, 1960)

Welch would not regret his decision.

San Romani attended KSTC during the 1933-34 school year, but was ineligible to compete because of the transfer rule. He was eligible when the 1935 season opened, and the addition of San Romani gave the Hornets a very bright outlook. Five school record holders were on the team: Crooms in the 100 and 220, Haring in both hurdles, Rhoads, recovered from his foot injury, in the 880, Bridges in the mile, and Perry Kirkpatrick in the broad jump.

KSTC resumed participation in the KCAC indoor meet in 1935 after a six-year absence. Haring won the 50-yard high hurdles and finished second in the 50-yard lows, while freshman Ken DeMott took fourth in the highs. San Romani ran the mile, finishing third. The Hornets returned to the Butler Indoor Relays to conclude the indoor season and took first in the college division, third overall behind Michigan and Ohio State. The two-mile relay team of Tyree Mack, Wendall Frame, Rhoads and Bridges set a meet record of 8:02 in winning the event. The mile team also won, setting a meet record of 3:27.2. Eustace Shannon, Rhoads, Bridges and Crooms ran on this team. The distance medley team of Clinton Bantz, Frame, Holder and San Romani finished second when San Romani moved them up from sixth place on the anchor carry. Forty minutes later San Romani came back to take third in the open mile. Haring was ill with the measles and did not compete, costing the Hornets valuable points in the hurdles.

KSTC opened the outdoor season with impressive victories over Wichita and Kansas State, the third straight over the Aggies who had recently won the Big 6 Indoor Championship. The Hornets next journeyed to the Kansas Relays, where they met with remarkable success. Crooms repeated his 1934 victory in the 100-yard dash, defeating a strong field including Jim Owens of the University of Iowa. Owens ran anchor on the teams that held world record's in the 440 and 880 relays. San Romani won the open 1500-meter in 3:57.2, then anchored the Hornets' distance medley to victory in the college division. Holder, Mack and Bridges joined San Romani on this team. The Hornets' fourth victory was in the 880 relay, the team of Shannon, Austin, Holder and Crooms winning with the time of 1:29. Welch entered a team in the university class 480-yard shuttle hurdles, and the Hornet hurdlers won the event. Unfortunately, they were not eligible to receive an award because Ken DeMott and Dick Dodd were freshmen and ineligible to compete in university class events. Jerome Carroll and Lee Haring were the other members of the team. Haring was unable to compete in the open high hurdles, an event he had placed second in the previous two years, because he had used up his three years of NCAA eligibility. The twomile relay team of Mack, Frame, Bridges and Rhoads was beaten by inches

at the tape when the Pittsburg anchor man made up 15 yards on Rhoads, costing the Hornets a sixth Relays victory. Shannon, Rhoads, Austin and Frame ran on the mile team that placed fourth, while Shannon earned the last points for the Hornets with a second in the broad jump. Shannon was in first and seemed assured of winning, when Pitts of Kansas leaped past him by one-fourth inch on his last jump.

Seven Hornets attended the Drake Relays the following week and performed well, although they did not match their success at KU. The mile relay team of Mack, Holder, Rhoads and Crooms won the event and set a school record of 3:20.0, while the two-mile team of Mack, Rhoads, Bridges and San Romani was defeated by Pitt by a scant yard for the second time in a week. The Hornets finished second to Pitt in the sprint medley as well with the team of Mack, Holder, Crooms and Bridges. Shannon turned in a spectacular performance in the broad jump, leaping 24'-6¼" to break his school record by seven inches. However, this jump was good for only fourth in a very strong field, including Jesse Owens of Ohio State, who set a new American record of 26'-1 3/4". Crooms also competed against Owens, in the 100-yard dash, and finished fifth while Owens tied the world record of 9.5 seconds.

The biggest victory of the season came two weeks later in the annual Pittsburg dual. KSTC defeated Pitt 69 1/3 to 61 2/3, Pitt's first dual loss in 11 years, and broke a string of 30 consecutive dual victories by the Gorillas. The Hornets outscored Pitt by 23 points on the track, and took first in the final three events to win the meet.

The success against the Gorillas was short lived, however, as the

Weedesmen came back to nip the Hornets by two and one-half points to win the CIC title. Winners for the Hornets inlcuded San Romani in the mile and two-mile, Haring in both hurdles, Leo Colton in the shot put, and Crooms in the 100 and 220-yard dashes. Crooms also took second in the long jump. KSTC scored heavily in all the running events, but weakness in the field cost the Hornets the title.

One of the most interesting and amusing incidents in the history of the program occurred on this trip. This account from the <u>KSTC</u> Bulletin describes the incident:

On the recent trip to Pittsburg for the conference meet, Lee Haring, Norman Rhoads, Harold Cook, and Eustace Shannon were incarcerated in the city calaboose Friday evening and spent two hours cooling their heels while city officials looked up the past records, present occupations, and future prospects of this quartet of desperadoes.

The difficulty started when Coach "Fran" Welch's proteges, after qualifying a good number for the meet Saturday, decided to take a little airing before retiring Friday evening. Without going into the details, suffice it to say that Haring, Rhoads, Cook, and Shannon created quite a disturbance, according to the chief of police, on one of Pittsburg's main thoroughfares. The chief, with one of his trusty retainers, drove up in the municipal wagon and asked the four Hornets to accompany them to the lock-up.

Haring, feeling especially courageous, argued the point.

"Let me see your badge," said the Hornet timber topper. "Climb in the wagon," growled the upholder of law and order, flashing a shiny gold badge. The offenders crawled. They rode to the station, where they were promptly escorted to the one and only cell and locked in.

While the chief of police communicated with the mayor, Dr. Garfield Weede, track coach at Pittsburg, and other people of importance, the Hornets organized a quartet and worked up a special version of "If I Had the Wings of an Angel", and "I'm in the Jail House Now", with special effects by Cook and Shannon. The rest of the time was spent reading the literary contributions left on the walls of the cell by former occupants. The news of the arrest finally reached the ears of Kenneth DeMott, another hurdler, who proceeded to carry the information to Coach "Fran" Welch.

"How are the beds?", the Hornet mentor calmly asked the troubled freshman.

"All right, I guess," he replied.

"Then we'll let them stay," said Welch. "They'll get a good night's rest." "But 'Fran'," protested Woody Teichgraeber, discus

"But 'Fran'," protested Woody Teichgraeber, discus thrower, "The ventilation is terrible. It's stuffy down there."

After due consideration, it was finally decided that if the four lads would promise to behave themselves for the remainder of the trip, they would be allowed to leave the jail. Haring, still showing a disposition to remonstrate with the chief of police, was advised by the mayor that everything he said would be held against him, and he was finally led away, still muttering protests.

and he was finally led away, still muttering protests. "The jail was terrible," said Harold Cook, in speaking of the incident. "I'm going to start a society for the improvement of municipal lock-ups. Haring is vicepresident, Rhoads secretary, and Shannon is sargeant-atarms."

There will be no treasurer, for obvious reasons. (KSTC Bulletin, Vol. 34, No. 62, p. 1)

The "disturbance" which led to the arrest of the four Hornets was a game of penny pitching, not a major crime by today's standards.

At the Missouri Valley AAU meet the weekend after conference, Haring and San Romani were winners for the Hornets. Haring won both hurdle events, setting a meet record of 14.8 seconds in the 110-meter highs. San Romani won the 1500-meter in the record time of 4:00.7. Rhoads finished second in the 400-meter, while thirds were earned by Bridges in the 800-meter, Shannon in the triple jump, Cecil Dryer in the shot put, and the mile relay team of Mack, Shannon, Bridges and Rhoads. All these men qualified for the National AAU with their performances.

The next meet on the schedule however, was the NCAA meet in

Berkeley, CA, where San Romani, Shannon, Crooms, Rhoads and Haring competed for the Hornets. San Romani turned in a superb performance in winning the mile with the time of 4:19.1, upsetting the favorites with a thrilling sprint finish to win by a chest. No other Hornet was able to place.

On the basis of San Romani's effort, KSTC trackmen were invited to stay in California and run in the Far West AAU meet the following week. Haring won the high hurdles and took third in the low hurdles, defeating many of the men who had beaten him at the NCAA's. San Romani finished second in the mile behind Norman Bright of the Olympic Club.

San Romani and Haring were the only Hornets Welch entered in the National AAU meet in Lincoln, NB. The competition in this meet was the best in the country, as any man with amateur status was eligible to enter. San Romani finished third in the 1500-meter behind two of the best milers in the world, Glenn Cunningham, the world record holder, and Gene Venzke. Haring did not qualify for the finals, and thus ended his career as one of KSTC's great track and field performers. Haring was listed on the 1935 National Honor Roll for the third consecutive year.

In the fall of 1935, construction began on a new stadium north of Lake Wooster. The project was a part of the government's work program and meant jobs for the men of the city and for students. The stadium was completed in 1937, and the track was first used during the 1938 season. This facility is known today as Welch Stadium.

In 1936, San Romani, by then recognized as one of the top milers

in the United States, was invited to compete in both the Millrose Games held at Madison Square Garden and the Boston Athletic Association Games. These were two of the four big eastern indoor meets to which only the top athletes in the country were invited. San Romani placed fourth behind Venzke, Cunningham and Joe Mangan at both meets.

KSTC added a new event to the 1936 indoor schedule by attending the Ozark AAU Indoor Relays in St. Louis, MO. Ken DeMott proved an adequate replacement for Haring by winning the 55-yard high hurdles in both the collegiate and open divisions, while Dick Dodd placed third in both divisions of the same event. San Romani finished second to Mel Truitt of Indiana in an unusually slow mile. Cecil Dryer placed second in the shot put to Don Elser of Notre Dame. Also placing second were the Hornet mile and two-mile relay teams with foursomes of Al Locke, Loren Austin, Rhoads and Crooms on the mile relay, and John Zimmerman, San Romani, Rhoads and Bridges on the two-mile team.

At the annual Butler Relays, KSTC again won the college division and placed third overall, behind the same two teams as in 1935. The team of Crooms, Bridges, Frame and San Romani set a Relays record of 10:32 in winning the college distance medley, while the mile team of Crooms, Austin, Bridges and Locke won, tying the meet record set by KSTC in 1935. Dryer and DeMott gained seconds in the shot and high hurdles respectively. The two-mile team of Mack, Frame, Rhoads and Locke finished third behind Pittsburg and Butler University. Fourths

were earned by DeMott in the low hurdles and Crooms in the 60-yard dash.

The Hornet thinclads resumed participation in the Texas Relays when the outdoor season opened. However, only five KSTC men competed because of the discrimination rule against blacks competing in Texas. The 1936 season was one of only three years during the decade that KSTC participated at Texas, and this was due at least partially to the ban on black athletes. The five who did compete were very successful, as the distance medley team of Austin, Rhoads, Bridges and San Romani won the university class event in the record time of 10:22.5, and Cecil Dryer placed second in the open shot put.

When Crooms failed to qualify for the finals of the 100-yard dash at the Kansas Relays, an event he had won the two previous years, Welch decided to shoot the works in the distance medley relay. He scratched San Romani from the 1500-meter and Bridges and Rhoads from the two-mile relay. The latter relay team, with Eugene Foster, Zimmerman, Mack and Frame running, finished second to Pittsburg. Welch entered the team of Crooms, Rhoads, Bridges and San Romani in the university class distance medley, and their performance was spectacular. In winning the event, they established a new Kansas Relays, American and world record with the time of 10:12.7.

The depth and quality of the Hornet distance runners was shown when Welch entered another foursome in the college distance medley, and the team of Locke, Mack, Zimmerman and Frame also won with the time of 10:40.3. KSTC gained two other second places, from Dryer in the shot

and the shuttle hurdle team of Jim Fraley, Verne Sumner, Dodd and DeMott. The half-mile relay team of Harold Haywood, Austin, Locke and Crooms took third.

At the Drake Relays, the Hornet medley quartet was denied a shot at the Triple Crown. The three year eligibility rule was enforced at Drake, keeping Crooms, Rhoads and Bridges out of the university class. Welch entered Frame, Rhoads, Bridges and San Romani in the two-mile relay, and this foursome won the event in a Drake record time of 7:52.0. KSTC also placed third in the sprint medley relay and the mile relay. Available records do not list the runners on these teams, but Welch had previously announced that Austin, Crooms, Locke and San Romani would run the sprint medley and Austin, Crooms, Locke and Mack would run the mile.

KSTC defeated the Pittsburg Gorillas for the second straight year in the annual dual, winning by 17 points, and the Hornets were favored to finally take the CIC title away from Pitt. The Weedesmen pulled off the upset, though, winning 64-63½ for their ninth straight conference title. KSTC had a ½ point lead with the low hurdles and mile relay remaining when hard luck hit. Verne Sumner, the favorite to win the low hurdles, was leading when he tripped over the next to last hurdle and did not place. Pitt gained a second place in the event and a lead the Hornet victory in the mile relay could not make up. San Romani and Crooms were the workhorses for KSTC. San Romani won the mile and two-mile and placed second in the 880, while Crooms took second in the 100, 220, broad jump, and ran on the Hornets' winning mile relay along with Locke, Rhoads and Bridges. Bridges took first in the 880 with the time of 1:59.5, and Harold Cook won the pole vault, jumping 11'-10". Cecil Dryer earned the Hornets final victory, winning the shot put with the conference record throw of 48'5½".

Two weeks later, San Romani broke his own Missouri Valley record in the 1500-meter, winning the event at the MVAAU meet in 4:00.0. Bridges was also a winner, taking the 800-meter, while Dryer placed second in the shot put. DeMott and Frame closed out the Hornet scoring, taking thirds in the high hurdles and 5000-meter respectively.

San Romani was the only KSTC athlete to continue competition into the summer, and he did so quite successfully. He first entered the NCAA meet in Chicago to defend his mile title, and won the 1500-meter while setting a new NCAA record of 3:53.0. By winning the NCAA, he earned the right to compete in the final Olympic trials. However, Welch decided to enter San Romani in the Olympic sectional meet at Milwaukee and the National AAU at Princeton, NJ, and San Romani finished a close second to Glenn Cunningham in the 1500-meter in both meets.

San Romani went to the U.S. Olympic trials in New York still considered by most experts to be an outside shot for the Olympic team. To get on, he would have to break up the big three on the American mile scene: Glenn Cunningham, the world record holder the the mile, Gene Venzke, the former world record holder the the indoor mile, and Bill Bonthron, the world record holder the the 1500-meter. San Romani not only broke them up, he almost won the event! Both he and Cunningham were timed at 3:49.9, but the former K.U. star was given the victory. San Romani became the first athlete to officially represent KSTC at the Olympic Games.

San Romani left for Berlin July 15th of 1936, accompanied by Coach Welch. The students of KSTC and the townspeople of Emporia had worked together to raise \$500 so Welch could accompany San Romani during the most important races of his life. San Romani went determined to win the race, but ended up fourth behind Jack Lovelock of New Zealand, Glenn Cunningham, and Luigi Beccali of Italy, the 1932 Olympic 1500-meter champion. Lovelock set a new Olympic and world record of 3:47.8, while San Romani's time of 3:50.0 was under the old Olympic record by 1.2 seconds. After the Games, San Romani stayed in Europe and participated in the AAU sponsored tour of the Scandinavian countries, a tour required of the U.S. Olympian's by the AAU.

Two months after the Olympic Games, San Romani met Lovelock and Cunningham in a special mile race promoted by Princeton University. Run at halftime of the Princeton-Williams football game, the race was set up to give Lovelock one final shot at Cunningham's world record of 4:06.7 in the mile, as Lovelock would retire after the race. San Romani upset the favorites, though, winning in 4:09. In defeating Lovelock by eight yards, San Romani ran the fastest last quarter ever run at the end of a mile. This was the first in a series of major victories that would establish San Romani as the number one miler in the world for 1937. San Romani's next victory came at the Sugar Bowl Game in "The Mile of the Century". Run at halftime of the Sugar Bowl Game in New Orleans, he defeated Cunningham by inches in the time of 4:14, which bettered the Southern record set by Cunningham in 1936. San Romani next moved indoors where, due to a lack of training facilities, his success was not as great. He finished a distant fourth to Cunningham's meet record in the Boston Knights of Columbus Games, then finished third to Cunningham and Venzke in the Millrose Games' Wanamaker Mile. San Romani had planned to enter the Baxter Mile at the New York Athletic Club Games, but bad weather forced cancellation of the trip.

The next stop on the indoor circuit for San Romani was the National AAU meet in New York, where he scored a thrilling victory in the 1500-meter, bursting past Luigi Beccali in the last five yards to win in 3:51.2. Cunningham had withdrawn from the race. San Romani and Cunningham met again a few weeks later at the Chicago Indoor Relays, and San Romani defeated the world record holder. Ken DeMott joined San Romani at Chicago, but did not place due to a pulled muscle that kept him out for most of the season.

San Romani joined the Hornet squad after the Chicago meet to participate in the regular season schedule. Graduation losses had been heavy, with Rhoads, Bridges, Crooms, Mack, Locke, Austin and Dryer gone from the 1936 team. Nevertheless, the 1937 squad remained one of the best small college teams in the Midwest on the strength of several outstanding performers. Though strong in the big relay meets, the Hornets did not have the depth necessary to challenge Pittsburg for

conference honors.

To open the season, KSTC athletes attended the 1st Annual Mid-West Intercollegiate Indoor meet in Naperville, IL. The Hornets finished third behind North Central College and Pittsburg. San Romani won the mile, setting a fieldhouse record of 4:27. Sumner set another fieldhouse record in winning the 60-yard high hurdles. Frame earned the Hornets' final victory, winning the two-mile and also finishing second to San Romani in the mile. Archie Shepard finished right behind his teammate to take second in the high hurdles. This meet underscored the Hornets strength in the distances and hurdles.

San Romani made one more venture into the indoor invitational meets during 1937, competing in the New York Knights of Columbus Games. He finished just two-tenths of a second behind Glenn Cunningham in the mile run at 4:08.9. Cunningham's time of 4:08.7 was just off his world indoor record for the mile of 4:08.4.

These two men were developing quite a rivalry, and they met again at the Butler Indoor Relays. San Romani won this round, defeating Cunningham by two yards with the time of 4:21. The Hornet distance medley also came up with the victory, taking the college class event with the team of James McAlpine, Zimmerman, Bill Skinner and Frame running a time of 10:53.4.

A new twist had been added to the KSTC-Pittsburg rivalry in 1936. The Hornets and Gorillas met in a dual relay meet, where all running events were contested as relays. Welch and Weede staged the event to give hometown fans a chance to see the outstanding relay teams that

had dominated the college relay circuit since 1933. In the 27 relay races entered by either team since that year, only twice had one or the other failed to win, and then they took second and third. Of the 25 remaining contests, the two squads finished first and second in 20 of them.

In the first year of the event, KSTC and Pitt had split the events. KSTC won the distance relays and weight events, while Pitt won the sprint relays and jumps. In 1937, the field events were contested as relays as well, and KSTC again won the weights while Pitt took the jumps. However, the Hornets were able to win only two of the seven running relays, the two-mile and distance medley. The Gorillas used their great depth to an advantage in winning the meet.

After the dual relay, the Hornets moved on to the Kansas Relays, where the thinclads turned in some outstanding individual performances. San Romani ran the feature mile race, outkicking hometown favorite Cunningham to win in 4:14.1. Sumner, who was fast becoming one of the best hurdlers in the nation, won the high hurdles in 15.0 seconds. Lawrence Hague broke John Kuck's 11 year old meet record in the javelin with a toss of 208'-10½". Unfortunately, he finished second to Terry of Hardin-Simmons College, Abilene, TX, who set an intercollegiate record of 229'-2½". The Hornet distance medley team won in the college division for the third consecutive year, taking permanent possession of the Jenny Wren Challenge Trophy. McAlpine, Zimmerman, Frame and San Romani ran on that team. The two-mile team of Romine, Zimmerman, Skinner and Frame finished second to Pittsburg.

At the Drake Relays, San Romani was again entered in a feature race. This was a one and one-half mile race against the famous Rideout twins of North Texas State College. San Romani won by over 200 yards with the time of 6:46.9, only four seconds off Paavo Nurmi's twelve year old world record for the distance. Frame finished third in the open two-mile, and Hague placed fourth in the javelin. Sumner was disappointed as he tripped over a hurdle in the highs and did not place. The only Hornet relay team to place was the two-mile, the foursome of Skinner, Romine, Zimmerman and Frame taking third behind Pitt and Butler.

KSTC placed second behind Pitt at the CIC meet for the sixth consecutive year. The Hornet stars shown bright, as four men accounted for six first's and five new CIC records. But again, KSTC did not have the depth to challenge for the team championship. San Romani won the mile and two-mile, setting records of 4:13.5 and 9:23.8 respectively. Sumner was also a double winner, setting a CIC record of 14.8 seconds in the high hurdles and winning the lows. Hague took the javelin with the record throw of 196'-3½". Anthony Lohkamp was the Hornets' final winner, the giant sophomore heaving the shot 48'-6 7/8" to break Dryer's 1936 record.

San Romani's performances in his next two appearances firmly established him as the top miler in the world for the year. At the Missouri Valley AAU, he won the 1500-meter with the time of 3:50.3, a new meet record and the best time in the nation during 1937. Two weeks later, in the Princeton mile, San Romani won with the time of

4:07.2, the second fastest mile ever run in the world, and just one-half second off Cunningham's world mark.

San Romani was unable to defend his title in the NCAA meet because of the three year eligibility rule, so his last performance as a Hornet was in the National AAU meet. San Romani was leading the pack in the 1500-meter with 200 meters to go when Cunningham stepped on his heel and San Romani fell. He got back up and managed to finish fourth in the race. San Romani ended his career as one of Emporia State University's all-time greats. In 1982, he was one of the charter inductees into the Emporia State University Athletic Hall of Honor. San Romani is also in the NAIA and Drake Relays halls of fame. He continued his running very successfully after graduation from KSTC. In August of 1937, San Romani again went to the Scandinavian countries, and while touring there set a new world record of 5:16.7 in the 2000-meter run. In 1938, he set a new American indoor record of 8:27.4 for the 3000-meter run, just one second shy of Paavo Nurmi's world record. San Romani continued running up through 1940 in hopes of making the U.S. Olympic team again. However, World War II caused cancellation of the Games that year and crushed those hopes.

Two Hornets did enter the 1937 NCAA meet at Berkeley, CA. Sumner, with record setting performances in the low and high hurdles at the Missouri Valley meet, had earned the ranking as one of the top six hurdlers in the nation, and went to the meet with expenses paid by the NCAA. Lohkamp was entered in the shot put for KSTC. Sumner lived up to the ranking, placing third in the low hurdles and fourth in the

highs. He was placed on the National Collegiate Honor Roll for his performances. Lohkamp was unable to place in his event.

The absence of San Romani in 1938 robbed that season of much of the color enjoyed during previous seasons. However, the year was not without highlights. Ken DeMott returned from his 1937 injury to give the Hornets an extremely strong shuttle hurdle team. The team of Winston Smith, Archie Shephard, DeMott and Sumner finished second to the University of Michigan in the 320-yard shuttle hurdles at the Illinois Indoor Relays. The same foursome came back to win the 480-yard event at Drake, setting a Drake Relays record of 60.1, a mark only .3 of a second off the world record held by USC.

The Hornets maintained strong middle distance and distance teams despite the loss of most of the stars of the previous five years. At the Kansas Relays, the two-mile team of Wilcox, Skinner, Liby and Frame placed second to Pittsburg, while Liby, Skinner, Zimmerman and Frame formed the distance medley team that placed third. The same two-mile foursome, with Romine in place of Wilcox, was beaten at Drake, again by Pitt. Pitt won by inches in setting a Relays record of 7:47.6.

The highlight of the season was the upset of Pittsburg in the CIC meet. The Hornets had defeated Pitt in the dual relay meet, winning one more event than the Gorillas, then had been defeated in the regular format dual by one point. At the CIC meet, Pitt won eight events compared to six wins for the Hornets. Emporia scored in every event, however, and consistency with seconds and thirds gave KSTC a six point victory over the Gorillas. Sumner repeated in the hurdles, tying his

own record in the highs and setting a new record of 23.6 seconds in the lows. Lohkamp and Hague were repeat champions as well, taking the shot and javelin respectively. Lohkamp broke his own meet record with the toss of 50'-3/4". Frame, in his senior year, won the mile and two-mile for the first time. Frame had finished second in both races to San Romani in the three previous years, and was KSTC's "other" star miler during those years, rarely losing to anyone besides his well-celebrated teammate.

The Hornets final participation of 1938 was at the Missouri Valley meet in Kansas City. Sumner and Lohkamp led KSTC to a second place finish by winning their respective events. Sumner took both hurdle races, while Lohkamp upset Elmer Hackney of K-State, the Big 6 shot put champion, in that event. Frame finished second in both the 1500 and 5000-meter races. Bob Liby took second in the 800-meter, and Al Locke, who returned after an absence in 1937, finished third in the 400-meter.

With the CIC title to defend, the Hornet trackmen began working out early for the 1939 season. KSTC upheld the tradition of strong middle distance teams, winning the two-mile relay at the Kansas Relays with the team of Romine, Wilcox, Chet Peterson and Liby. KSTC gained points in three other events at Kansas. The distance medley and mile teams placed third, and Lohkamp placed second to Hackney of K-State in the shot put. At Drake, with Wayne Goldsmith in place of Romine, the Hornet two-mile relay was barely nosed out by George Pepperdine College, CA. Pepperdine's time of 7:43.4 was a Relays record, while

the Hornets time of 7:43.6 set a new school record.

In 1939, Pittsburg State was once again the class of the conference. The Gorillas defeated KSTC in the dual relay meet, then swamped the Emporia thinclads by 50 points in the dual. Pitt regained the CIC title with a 13 point victory over the Hornets. KSTC won only four events, but seconds and thirds kept them close. Winners for Emporia were Lohkamp in the shot and discus, Wilcox in the two-mile, and Liby in the 880. In winning the 880, Liby scored a big upset over Bedillon of Pitt, the defending champ.

The 1939 Missouri Valley AAU meet was held in KSTC's new stadium, giving local fans a chance to see the top performers in the Midwest in action. The Hornets finished third behind Kansas and Pittsburg, who tied for first. Three Emporia athletes earned firsts, Lohkamp in the discus, Bob Liby in the 800-meter, and Wayne Goldsmith in the 400-meter hurdles. Goldsmith's time of 53.9 seconds in the 400 hurdles was a meet and school record. Lohkamp also placed second in the shot to Hackney, who was the top shot putter in the world during the season, and Liby placed second behind Goldsmith in the 400 hurdles. Chet Peterson ended the Hornet scoring, taking third in the 1500-meter.

Lohkamp went on to participate in the National AAU meet in Lincoln, NB, and placed third in the junior division shot put with the toss of 48'-11½". Also participating at this meet was a former KSTC athlete named Francis Swaim. Swaim had never had any exceptional performances while competing for the Hornets, but his performance at the Missouri Valley meet earlier in the summer was truly outstanding,

as he won the broad jump with a leap of $24'-11\frac{1}{4}"$. If he had been able to repeat this mark at the National meet, he would have won the junior division easily. He did not, though, and was unable to place.

1940-1949

In the fall of 1939, a freshman from Harrison High School in New York named Freddie Vassallo enrolled at KSTC. Vassallo was on the 1940 track team, but it was not his accomplishments on the cinders that warrant his mention. He ran for the Hornets for only one season before transferring. What does warrant mention is that he came to KSTC because of the school's track reputation, and on the recommendation of his high school coach, Jim Fraley. Fraley had starred on the Hornet football and track teams from 1931-1935. Vassallo was the first of what would become hundreds of New York athletes who attended Emporia State on the recommendation of Fraley. Included in these would be some of E-State's all time greats in track and field.

Hornet thinclads opened competition in the new decade at the Missouri Valley AAU indoor meet in Kansas City. Charles Zarker, freshman, earned second place in the open mile, while two relays placed second in the university/college class. The sprint medley team of Ted Downs, Bernard Taylor, Dick Givens and Bob Liby finished second behind KU and the two-mile team of Vassallo, Jim Wilcox, Chet Peterson and Liby were defeated by Pittsburg. This was the only indoor meet entered by the Hornets, as a trip to Butler University was cancelled due to weather.

The middle distance performers continued to be the strength of the team when the 1940 outdoor season opened. After a trip to Texas

in which no places were earned, the team entered the Kansas Relays. Charles Hayen, Vassallo, Liby and Peterson formed the two-mile relay team that placed second behind Abilene Christian, Abilene beating the Relays record set by KSTC in 1933. The Hornets also placed third in the distance medley event with the team of Givens, Peterson, Wilcox and Zarker. Peterson, running the 880-yard leg on the distance medley, tripped 50 yards from the handoff and lost 30 yards on the field. Wilcox was timed in 3:05 for his 1320-yard leg to get E-State back in the race. The mile team of Sam Butterfield, Elmer Cross, Hayen and Liby took second to Oklahoma Baptist to round out the Hornet scoring at KU.

The next week, Welch split his middle distance performers and sent them to two different meets. The reason for this is not known, but it might have been because the distance medley relay, an event in which KSTC had a strong representative, was not offered for colleges at Drake. In any event, Welch sent his long medley team to the Boulder Colorado Relays, where the team of Cross, Dick Sheridan, Wilcox and Zarker placed second behind the University of Colorado.

The remainder of the team went to Drake, where five men earned places in three relays. Liby, Goldsmith, Givens and Peterson took second in the sprint medley, then Hayen replaced Givens and the quartet placed second in the two-mile relay. The final relay to place was the mile, the team of Hayen, Peterson, Givens and Liby earning third place.

Pittsburg easily won the CIC title in 1940, winning 11 events. The excitement in the meet was provided by the race for second between KSTC and Wichita. Wichita edged the Hornets to win the mile relay, and, apparently, second in the meet. However, the Shockers were disqualified from the event for one of their runners leaving his lane too early. This gave Emporia their only victory of the meet and second place as a team. Butterfield, Cross, Givens and Peterson made up the winning mile relay team.

Wichita withdrew from the Central Conference after the 1940 season, and although they were no longer a conference team, E-State retained them on the schedule until 1960. Washburn, one of the original members of the CIC in 1927, rejoined the conference in 1942 after having been a member of the Missouri Valley Conference for eight years.

World War II began to have an effect on the program in 1941, as a number of KSTC's top performers were either in the service or working when the season opened. Bob Liby, Charles Zarker and Charles Hayen had entered the service, and Dick Givens was working in an airplane factory. These losses, combined with the graduation of Jim Wilcox and Dick Sheridan, the transfer of Freddie Vassallo, and the ineligibility of Elmer Cross, robbed the team of most of the middle distance performers of the previous year.

However, three men, Wayne Goldsmith, Sam Butterfield, and Chet Peterson, returned, and they combined with sophomore Randy Woelk to once again give KSTC strong relay teams. Woelk had broken Glenn Cunningham's Kansas Relays high school mile record as a senior in 1939, but had a non-eventful first year at E-State. Woelk started his sophomore year at KSTC with a second place finish in the mile at the Missouri Valley indoor meet, then teamed with Goldsmith, Butterfield and Peterson to place fourth in the distance medley at Texas, second in the event at Kansas, and first in the event at Colorado. Woelk also garnered fourth place in the 3000-meter run at Texas, while Goldsmith placed fourth in the open high hurdles at the same meet.

At the Kansas Relays, KSTC won one other second and two fourths. The two-mile team of Roland Myers, Peterson, Butterfield and Woelk placed second, while Goldsmith again took fourth in the high hurdles. The Hornet speedsters also got into the act, taking fourth in the 880 relay with the team of Jim Smith, Jim South, Bernard Taylor and Goldsmith. This same sprint team placed third in the 880 relay and fourth in the 440 relay at the Colorado Relays. The Hornets participated at Boulder instead of going to Drake because more of the team could compete, and the E-State thinclads earned third place as a team behind Kansas State and the host team.

Pittsburg State won their 13th CIC title in 14 years in 1941, while KSTC took second for the eighth time in the same number of years. Once again, though, the Hornets were closing the gap. The Gorillas had defeated E-State by only seven points in the annual dual, the Hornets taking most of the seconds and thirds in the meet to offset Pitt's 10 victories. At the conference meet, Pittsburg won nine events to five victories for the Hornets, but KSTC placed in all but two events to stay close. Winners for Emporia were Goldsmith in the high hurdles, Peterson in the 880, Ralph Wedd in the shop put, Elmer Carpenter in the discus, and Keith Caywood in the broad jump. The United States direct involvement in the World War during 1942 cut deeply into the track program. The draft and general defense work took a large number of men from the college. Five trackmen, including CIC champions Peterson, Carpenter and Wedd were lost to the service and military employment. General tire restrictions severly limited travel, and prevented KSTC's attendance at the Texas Relays, Colorado Relays and Drake Relays. It was no longer possible to charter cars or buses for trips, so the team had to travel by train, which limited the number of athletes who could make the trip. KSTC's only participation in 1942 was in dual meets, the Kansas Relays and the CIC meet.

In dual competition, the Hornets lost twice to Pittsburg, in the relay meet and the regular dual, and defeated Wichita and Hays easily. At KU, E-State won a third in the 880 relay and a second in the two-mile relay. The teams were Clinton Squier, Gail DeMott, Bernard Taylor and Goldsmith in the 880, and Elton Davis, Don Mettler, Prentice Gary and Woelk in the two-mile. Goldsmith was unable to compete in the open hurdles because of the three year eligibility rule.

The high note came at the last event of the season. For only the second time since the Central Conference was organized in 1928, the Hornets toppled Pittsburg State off the top of the conference. Wayne Goldsmith was the workhorse for KSTC, winning the high and low hurdles and placing second in the 100 and 220-yard dashes. Randy Woelk was also a double winner for the Hornets, taking the 880 and mile. Bernard Taylor took first in the 100-yard dash, and Bernard Ruddick won the high jump, setting a school record of $6'-2\frac{1}{4}"$. The final winner for Emporia was Elmer Carson in the broad jump.

The effects of this success were put on hold for several years, though, as there would be no more track competition at KSTC until after the war. In January of 1943, Fran Welch, a captain in the Special Services branch of the army, left for Lexington, VA. One month later the cancellation of the track program was announced. Declining male enrollment, the cut in athletic funds, and transportation problems had made it impossible to support the program.

Bernard Taylor, one of seven lettermen still in school when the program was suspended, recalls the special flavor of the pre-war years:

Aside from the comradeship with fellow participants, I guess the 'car' trips to the Texas Relays - stopping off, say in Norman, Okla., for a workout - or staying in Denton, Texas, on the way down - Home then of the Texas Women's College - plus the "car-poker" games that would "turn all our hands copperish - passing the pennies back and forth" were things that pop into one's mind now. And, of course, we were all proud to bring Fran the C.I.C. championship during the spring of 1942. It was also exciting going to the Indoor track meet during the early spring at K. City, and, of course, the trips to the various relays -- K.U. -Colorado U. (B. Taylor, personal communication, June 1984)

On May 8, 1945, the victory bell at KSTC was ringing for the first time in three years. There was peace in Europe, and the process of returning to normal began. In September of that year, the Central Conference was reorganized. Active participation as an established athletic conference did not begin until September 1, 1946, and any sports participation between the spring of 1943 and September 1, 1946 were "forgotten" as far as the CIC was concerned. Fran Welch returned from the service in December, 1945, to assume the duties as head of the physical education department and director of athletics. The major problem facing Welch in the rebuilding of the athletic program was finances. He outlined a budget requiring \$14,000 to field a complete athletic program. To raise that kind of money required a great deal of help, and the KSTC Student Council and K-Club provided that support. These groups drew up a petition to raise the athletic fee from \$1.50 per semester per student to \$5.00 per semester per student. This increase would be in effect for two years according to the petition. Eighty percent of the student body at KSTC signed this petition, and it was then sent to the Board of Regents where it was approved. Athletics at Emporia State were on sound financial footing!

This process took until the middle of May, 1946 to reach completion. In the meantime, Welch decided to field a track team. Several pre-war performers had returned to school, and they provided a nucleus around which to build the team. Among these were Randy Woelk, Chet Peterson, Elmer Cross, Prentice Gary, Bernard Ruddick and Elmer Carpenter.

The Hornets first participation was at the Kansas Relays. Just as in the pre-war days, KSTC's strength was in the middle distances. The two-mile relay team of John Lane, Tom Carr, Peterson and Gary won with the time of 8:36.8. With Harold Smith replacing Carr, the foursome won the mile relay in the time of 3:31.7. Also placing for the Hornets at KU was the distance medley team in second, and Carpenter taking fourth in the discus.

The Drake Relays were the second meet of the season for KSTC. The same two-mile foursome that won at KU placed fifth in the event at Drake, held during a steady downpour. The mile and distance medley teams, as well as the individual entries, failed to place. The final meet of the season was a two point dual loss to Wichita.

Although the times and results of this short season were not outstanding, a base had been laid upon which to rebuild the great tradition of the Hornet thinclads. Under the guiding hand of Fran Welch, KSTC's track program would again gain the stature enjoyed by the pre-war teams.

During the boom years that followed the war, another competitive sport re-entered the picture at KSTC. For the first time in years, Emporia State competed in cross country meets during the fall of 1946. Eighteen men tried out for the team, three of whom had been outstanding high school performers. Tom Carr, who had competed for the 1946 Hornet track team, had been the state high school 880-yard champ in 1942, and Dwight Waddell won the 880 at the state high school meet in 1946. Bob Karnes was the most outstanding, however. Karnes had won the state high school mile in 1942 and 1943, and was also the MVAAU mile champ in 1943. Karnes was the Hornets top finisher in the 1946 National Intercollegiate cross country meet held at Des Moines, Iowa, taking eighth out of a field of 56 runners. His high finish helped lead E-State to a fifth place team finish, behind Drake, Notre Dame, Michigan and Milwaukee College. When the 1947 track season opened, Karnes was gone, having transferred to KU. Karnes went on to an outstanding career with the Jayhawks. He was the Big 6 indoor two-mile champ in 1947-48-49, the Big 6 outdoor two-mile champ in 1947-48-49, and the Big 6 outdoor mile champ in 1948-49-50. Karnes also served as KU's captain in 1949 and 1950.

The 1947 track season was highlighted by the hosting of the first annual Emporia State Relays. This was one of the outstanding and unique meets in the Midwest, with all the running events and field events contested as relays. This was accomplished in the field events by adding together the best height or distance of the four participants from each school. The team with the highest total won the event. The Hornets won the initial meet, defeating Wichita by two and one-half points. KSTC scored in every event, and won the two-mile, shot put and discus relays.

The remainder of the season was not so successful, as the Emporia thinclads lost duals to KU, Pittsburg, Ottawa and Washburn. The season ended with a third place finish in the CIC meet. Fort Hays won their first ever track title, with Washburn edging the Hornets by one point for second place. For KSTC, Dwight Waddell won the mile, Bob Grimm took the discus, and Roland Yergler won the broad jump. The Hornets also gained a tie for first in the high jump from Bob Stokes.

In 1948, the Hornets reversed the results of the dual meets with Pitt, Ottawa and Washburn, winning each by large margins. KSTC also whipped Wichita in a dual contest. The team strength was the middle

and long distances and the weight events, and these strengths were underscored at the Emporia Relays. Waddell came from behind on the anchor leg in both the two-mile and distance medley relays to get the victory for KSTC. The Hornets also won the shot put, discus and broad jump relays. These victories were not enough to overcome Hays, though, as the Tigers won the team title.

At the Kansas Relays, the middle distance relays performed well with both the two-mile and distance medley teams placing third. Bob Blair, Maynard Mitchell, Harold Butterfield and Waddell competed on the two-mile team, and Ralph Summers, Blair, Mitchell and Waddell were on the medley team. The Hornets were unsuccessful at the other stops on the major relay circuit.

E-State and Fort Hays tied for the 1948 CIC crown with 57 points each. Hays offset the Hornets' strength in the distances and field by dominating the sprints, and gained the tie by defeating KSTC in the mile relay. Hornet freshman Roger Ruth began his outstanding record of performances in the conference meet, winning the broad jump and pole vault, and taking third in the high jump. Dwight Waddell repeated in the mile, and took second in the 880-yard run. Grimm was another repeat winner for the Hornets, taking the discus. Earlier in the season, Grimm had set a new school record in the event, breaking Harry Cole's 1924 record by four inches. Bill Wygle won the shot put for the Hornets' final victory, and placed third in the discus.

After several years absence, Emporia State resumed participation

in the Missouri Valley AAU meet that summer. Ruth turned in an outstanding performance, winning the pole vault with a jump of 13'-O". Wygle and Grimm finished second and third respectively in the discus, and Maynard Mitchell's third in the 1500-meter was the Hornets final place. Waddell was unable to compete due to a pulled muscle.

The Hornets had a banner year in 1949 to end the decade on a successful note. Team strength was still in the middle distances and weights, and the middle distance performers showed up well at the Oklahoma A & M Relays, the Kansas Relays and the Drake Relays. At Oklahoma, the distance medley team of Jim Widrig, Burl Purkeypile, Maynard Mitchell and Dwight Waddell finished fourth. Waddell ran a superb anchor, coming from far behind and just nipping the University of Oklahoma man at the wire. Waddell came back to anchor the two-mile team of Harold Butterfield, Jim Hobson, and Widrig to third.

At the Kansas Relays, the distance medley team turned in another strong performance. With Butterfield in place of Purkeypile, the quartet won the college division event, posting the sixth fastest time ever for the event at KU. Hobson replaced Butterfield in the two-mile team, and this foursome placed second. In the race, Waddell was beaten by inches by the Abilene Christian College anchor man, both schools timed in 7:57. The same team of Hobson, Mitchell, Widrig and Waddell combined to take third in the two-mile relay at Drake. The distance medley was not offered for the college class, so that outstanding team was unable to run.

Roger Ruth, the Hornets' sophomore all-around performer, raised

Coach Welch's ire over two incidents that occurred at these relay meets. Ruth, in writing for the <u>KSTC Bulletin</u>, describes these incidents. The first occurred at the Oklahoma meet:

In fact, the only entrant who greatly displeased Coach "Fran" Welch was the Hornet pole vaulter. (We won't mention the name.) Seems that we carried a 16-foot vaulting pole 475 miles in order that the character might vault a net total of five feet (over his six-foot effort in the high jump.) Two sides to this incident: The vaulter points out that he was entered in five events; the other nine members remind him that the pole vault was first. (KSTC Bulletin, Vol. 48, No. 24, p.4)

The second incident occurred at the Kansas Relays:

Let us hear no more about this business of carrying a sixteen foot vaulting pole 500 miles (to Stillwater) so the vaulter could clear five feet! Last weekend, we took two (2) vaulters all the way to Lawrence for the Kansas Relays and forgot to take any poles, what so ever. Surprisingly enough, Coach "Fran" Welch was only moderately unhappy about the affair, thanks to the excellent showing of the rest of the squad in the meet. (<u>KSTC Bulletin</u>, Vol. 48, No. 27, p.8)

With balanced scoring and depth in nearly every event, KSTC gained sole possesion of the CIC track crown in 1949 for only the third time since the beginning of the meet. E-State scored at least two places in 10 events, and swept the mile run. Ruth and Waddell were outstanding for the Hornets. Ruth won the broad jump, tied for first in the pole vault, and took second in the high jump. Waddell doubled with a victory in the 880-yard run and a repeat win in the mile. Jack Larkin upset teammate Bill Wygle to win the discus with the second best throw ever by a Hornet. The only mark better than Larkin's was set by Wygle, who earlier in the season had broken Grimm's year old school record with a toss of 147'-11". However, Wygle did repeat in winning the shot put. Ralph Summers was the final Hornet champion, winning the 100-yard dash, as well as finishing second in the 220-yard dash.

The season and decade came to an end at the Missouri Valley AAU, where three Hornets gained places. Ruth copped second in the broad jump and pole vault, while Waddell finished third in the mile. Summers ended KSTC's scoring, placing fourth in the low hurdles.

Chapter 7

1950-1959

Many of the outstanding performers who helped lead KSTC to CIC titles in 1948 and 1949 returned to open the sixth decade of this century, four of whom, Dwight Waddell, Ralph Summers, Jack Larkin and Roger Ruth, were defending CIC champions. Also returning were Bob Klotz, Jim Widrig and Maynard Mayberry, high place winners in the 1949 CIC. Another conference champion returned, but his title was almost a decade old. Ralph Wedd had won the CIC shot put title in 1941, but the army interrupted his career in 1942. Wedd finally returned to KSTC in 1950, but never reached the form that had won him the shot title nine years earlier.

With all the returning talent, the Hornets set their sights on winning a third consecutive conference crown. The KSTC thinclads opened their quest at the Oklahoma A & M Relays. Larkin and Ruth starred for the Hornets, Larkin winning the discus and Ruth placing third in the broad jump, pole vault and high jump. The sprint medley team of Waddell, Gerald Shadwick, Don Hufford and Widrig also placed third. The success of the meet was marked, however, when Summers suffered a season ending injury.

The Hornets moved next to the Midwest Relay circuit. Six men attended the Texas Relays, but none were able to place. However, KSTC's tracksters met with more success at the Kansas and Drake Relays. The distance medley team of Bill Dudley, Jim Hobson, Widrig and Waddell won the college event at KU with the time of 10:41.7, and placed third in the event at Drake, the first year the distance medley had been offered for colleges at the meet. KSTC also won a second place at KU in the two-mile relay, with the team of Bill Dixon, Hobson, Widrig and Waddell.

The Hornets' quest was realized at the conference meet as the thinclads took top honors, defeating second place Hays by 29 points. Senior Waddell closed out a brilliant career by finishing first in the 440-yard dash and the 880-yard run, and also anchoring the winning mile relay team. His 440 time of 49.3 seconds was a new school record. Waddell established a new standard for the conference meet by winning the 440, 880 and mile during his four year career. Ruth won the broad jump and pole vault, setting a school and conference record of 13'-5" in the vault, erasing his own school mark set earlier in the year. Ruth had set the old mark in the Pitt dual, breaking Earl McKown's 25 year old record. Larkin repeated in the discus, breaking the school record with the toss of 148'-4". However, the record was not accepted when it was found the throw had been made with a discus that was too light. Widrig and Fred Willson rounded out the Hornet champions, winning the mile and low hurdles respectively.

Emporia ended the year with a fourth place finish in the Missouri Valley meet. Kansas won the meet, followed by K-State, Wichita and Emporia. Ruth was the only winner for the Hornets, taking the pole vault with the jump of 12'-6". Widrig and Larkin earned thirds in the mile and discus respectively.

In the spring of 1950, a youngster from Kiowa High School named Billy Tidwell won the Kansas state high school mile, upsetting rival Wes Santee of Ashland. Tidwell's time of 4:27.1 broke Glenn Cunningham's 20 year old school boy record. Tidwell and Santee had quite a rivalry during their high school days, and this continued through 1956, both starring for their respective schools and armed service branches. Santee went on to compete for the Kansas Jayhawks, while Tidwell was instrumental in leading the KSTC program back to the national prominence it had enjoyed in the 1920's and 1930's.

Although he did not originally come to KSTC, Tidwell was on hand when the 1951 season opened. Tidwell attended KU in the fall of 1950, and for five days of the second semester, before transferring to Emporia. This kept him from competing in open events at NCAA approved meets during 1951, but did not affect his eligibility with the CIC.

Another outstanding newcomer for the Hornets was Henry "Hank" Thompson. Thompson was a sprinter and hurdler who, along with Tidwell, would help lead the Hornets back to national prominence. He joined an already strong sprint team and helped KSTC experience success in the sprint events on the relay circuit.

The Hornets opened the 1951 season at the Preview Relays sponsored by Oklahoma A & M. Ruth turned in an outstanding performance, setting a school record of $13'-7\frac{1}{2}"$ in winning the pole vault, and also finishing second in the broad jump while bettering the old meet record with a 23'-9" leap. Tidwell gained a second victory for KSTC, winning the 3000-meter run in 8:57. Other place winners were Don Holst,

third in the discus, and Hugh Lewick, fourth in the javelin. The 880 relay team of Gene Reed, Ralph Summers, Bob Klotz and Thompson took fifth.

Ruth competed at the Texas Relays one week later, taking fourth in the broad jump and tying for fourth in the pole vault. These were the only places won by KSTC. Tidwell was ineligible to compete in open events, and black athletes were still not allowed to compete at Texas, keeping Hank Thompson off any Hornet relay teams that might have been entered. When Ruth was declared ineligible for open events at Kansas and Drake because he was a four year athlete, the Hornets hopes lay with the relays, and the teams came through at KU winning four places. The two-mile team of Bob Stauffer, Bill Dixon, Thompson and Tidwell placed second. Taking third was the 880 team of Klotz, Ruth, Gerald Shadwick and Summers, and with Thompson in place of Ruth, the foursome placed fourth in the mile relay. The final place won was a fifth in the distance medley by the team of Fred Willson, Bill Hutchinson, Dixon and Tidwell.

Because of the ruling against Ruth, Welch entered the Hornets in the Colorado Relays instead of at Drake. Ruth again starred for KSTC, winning the broad jump and pole vault, while Lewick placed fourth in the discus. The final place was a third in the distance medley, with Hutchinson, Stauffer, Woodward and Tidwell running on the team.

KSTC took their fourth straight conference title in 1951, winning easily over second place Hays. Ruth's final CIC performance was outstanding, as he set two conference scoring records while winning the broad jump and pole vault, taking second in the 100-yard dash, and tying for fourth in the high jump. This set an individual single meet record of $13\frac{1}{4}$ points, breaking the record held jointly by KSTC's Archie San Romani in 1936 and Ralph Summers in 1949. Ruth also broke the career individual record held by Manning of Wichita, the former ending his career with $47\frac{1}{2}$ points scored. Klotz and Tidwell were also double winners, Klotz in the 100 and 220-yard dashes and Tidwell in the mile and two-mile. Summers rounded out the Hornet victories, winning the 220-yard low hurdles.

Two weeks later, Emporia State athletes garnered three victories at the MVAAU meet. Two were earned by Ruth, as he won the pole vault with a jump of 13'-5" and added a new event to his list of specialties by winning the triple jump. The Hornets defeated K-State and Kansas to win the 440 relay with the team of Shadwick, Summers, Willson and Klotz. Klotz also finished second to Thane Baker of K-State in the 100 and 220-yard dashes. Summers and Willson took second and third respectively in the low hurdles.

On June 2, 1951, Emporia State was host to an experimental track and field meet. The meet, sponsored by the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball, was designed to give all schools operating under the four year athletic plan the opportunity to enter freshmen and fourth year athletes into competition in a large meet. NCAA sponsored meets did not allow four-year men to enter, a rule which severly handicapped schools such as KSTC. Two hundred and eleven schools in 22 Midwestern states were invited to the midwest regional meet. KSTC was very successful in this initial meet, winning the team title by three points over Abilene Christian, TX. Ruth and Klotz picked up individual victories for the Hornets, Ruth in the pole vault and broad jump, and Klotz in the 100-yard dash. Klotz also finished fourth in the 220-yard dash and anchored the third place 880 relay team of Shadwick, Summers, and Willson. Second place winners for the Hornets were Summers in the low hurdles, Lewick in the javelin, and Tidwell in the mile. Due in part to the success of KSTC's regional meet, the NAIB decided in 1952 to expand into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics to fill the need for an extensive postseason events program for the nation's smaller colleges.

Bob Klotz went on to compete in the National AAU meet in Berkeley, CA. He ran in the 100 and 220-yard dashes in both the junior and senior divisions, but did not place in either. Roger Ruth was scheduled to compete, but suffered a back injury in practice and missed the meet.

Coach Welch was faced with the task of rebuilding his track team in 1952. The team had suffered heavy losses to graduation and the military draft. Ruth and Summers were among the most conspicuous lost to graduation, while sophomores Tidwell and Thompson went to the military. The Hornets, unable to overcome these losses, slipped in team strength and lost duals to Wichita, Ottawa and Pittsburg. The loss to Pitt was the first in seven seasons. At the CIC, Emporia fell to a tie for third with Pitt as Hays easily won the event.

Despite the loss in team depth, KSTC still had outstanding

individuals. The greatest strengths were in the sprints and Hugh Lewick in the javelin. Don Edwards, Edward McArdle, Fred Willson and Klotz formed a strong sprint relay team that won the 440 and 880 relays at the Emporia Relays, placed fourth in both events at Drake, and fourth in the 880 event at KU. Lewick placed second in the javelin at the Oklahoma A & M Relays and fifth at the Drake Relays. Willson was the only other individual place winner for the Hornets in the big relay meets, taking third in the 220-yard intermediate hurdles at Oklahoma.

Klotz picked up the Hornets' only two victories at the CIC. He won the 100-yard dash, tying the CIC record of 9.7 seconds, and the 220-yard dash in 21.3 seconds. KSTC picked up most of their points in the two short dashes. Lewick was upset in the javelin and finished second.

Klotz and Lewick were the top performers for Emporia State in the MVAAU and the NAIA national meets. At the Missouri Valley, Klotz took second in the 100 and 220-yard dashes to Thane Baker of K-State, one of the nation's top sprinters. Lewick placed third in the javelin. A week later, they led KSTC to a ninth place finish among 58 colleges in the NAIA championships, Klotz taking second in the 100 and fifth in the 220 and Lewick, with the best toss of his career, finishing third in the javelin.

KSTC's team strength was improved in 1953 as the Hornets defeated Wichita and Ottawa in duals. However, the Hornets lost the annual Pitt dual and again finished third in the CIC behind Pitt and Hays. With Klotz graduated, Hornet relay teams fell off from the previous year,

and the only place won on the relay circuit was a fourth in the mile relay at Kansas with the team of Robert Bonar, Don Edwards, Fred Willson and Bob Harsh.

Don Holst, senior weight man in 1953, recalls this humerous incident that occurred during his career:

In a meet with Ft. Hays State I decided to "tour" the X-country course. Well, I got out too far and missed the shot - Fran really gave it to me. Next week we had a meet at Pittsburg State. About 20 miles from Pitt he stopped the bus and told me to warm up by running into town. Just after I got out a White Caddy came by - I thumbed a ride, told the driver my story, passed the bus waved - and was sitting in the hotel lobby when the old man came in! (D. Holst, personal communication, June 1984)

The Hornets had four individual winners at the 1953 conference meet. Ed Hosking won the high jump and discus with marks of 6'-2" and 126'-3" respectively, and also placed third in the broad jump. Harsh won the 440-yard dash and Willson took the high hurdles. The final winner for KSTC was Wayne "Tiny" Goodell, a giant 285-pound freshman. Goodell won the shot with a $45'-4\frac{1}{4}$ " toss.

The conference meet in 1953 was an unusual affair, as the CIC and Kansas Conference held their championships at KSTC's stadium on the same day. The purpose was that the top three finishers in each event from each conference were to meet the next day in the NAIA District 10 meet to decide the qualifiers for the NAIA Nationals. However, the district meet was cancelled due to very heavy rain the morning of the meet, and Coach Welch, Coach Francis of Fort Hays, and Coach Peters of Ottawa selected the district's representatives to the national meet. Hosking and Goodell were the only Hornets selected by the committee to compete at the NAIA meet, and Goodell earned All-America honors by taking third in the shot put. Hosking ended in a six-way tie for fourth in the high jump.

Coach Fran Welch predicted a lean season for 1954, and this proved to be an accurate prediction despite the return of Henry Thompson from the service. Only five lettermen returned from 1953, and Goodell was lost to academic eligibility. The Hornets lost three of four dual meets, and slipped to fourth in the CIC.

However, Hank Thompson was a bright spot for Welch during the season. In three of the four dual meets KSTC competed in, Thompson won the 100, 220 and 440-yard dashes, and anchored the winning mile relay. At the Oklahoma A & M Relays, he took second in the university/college class 100-yard dash, and ran on the 440 and sprint medley relay teams that placed third and second respectively. At the Kansas Relays, Thompson ran strong legs on the third place mile relay along with Don Blow, Clair Hutchinson, and Dick Bliss, and the second place sprint medley team with Don LeVieux, R.L. Coberly and Bliss. Thompson, Hutchinson, Coberly and Bliss formed a sprint medley team that placed fifth at Drake.

Thompson finished the season in spectacular fashion, winning the 220 and 440-yard dashes in the CIC meet, setting a school record of 49.0 seconds in the quarter. At the MVAAU meet, Thompson took second in the 440 to Bill Jones of KU and broke his two week old school record with the time of 48.4 seconds. Hank ended the season at the NAIA Championships in Abilene, TX, winning the 440 in 49.1 seconds to become KSTC's first national champion since Archie San Romani in 1936. Dick Utter was the only other Hornet to win an event in the CIC, finishing in a six-way tie for first in the pole vault.

Bill Tidwell returned from the army in the fall of 1954 to greatly strengthen the Hornet thinclads. While in the army, Tidwell had competed for the Sixth Army track team with outstanding results. In the spring of 1954, Tidwell won the 880-yard run at the All-Armed Services meet, outrunning Wes Santee of the Marine Corps, and later that spring Tidwell finished second in the event to Mal Whitfield, the 1952 Olympic 800-meter champion, at the National AAU meet.

Tidwell returned just in time to lead the first cross country team fielded by KSTC at the intercollegiate level. Dr. William Schnitzer was coach for the Hornet harriers because Welch was busy with his head football duties. The Hornets competed in three dual meets and two triangular meets with a very young team, and Tidwell lead the E-Stater's by winning every meet except the Oklahoma A & M tri, where he finished behind A & M's three Norwegian runners. Tidwell was the only Hornet to compete in the NCAA meet, and he finished sixth in the field of 117 runners to earn All-America recognition.

Following in the footsteps of Archie San Romani, Tidwell became KSTC's second miler to compete in the Sugar Bowl meet and the big eastern indoor meets. In New Orleans, Tidwell finished second, 10 yards behind Wes Santee. Two weeks later at the Knights of Columbus Games in Boston, Tidwell competed in the first indoor meet of his career, finishing third in the mile with the time of 4:12.7 behind Gunnar Neilson of Denmark and Fred Dwyer. Tidwell returned to Boston several weeks later to compete in the Boston Athletic Association meet, and finished fourth in the mile while improving his time to 4:11.5. Wes Santee won the event, setting a new world indoor record of 4:03.8. One week later at the Millrose Games, Tidwell again finished fourth in the event, improving his time again to 4:10.6. Neilson won this round from Santee, breaking Santee's week old world mark by .2 of a second.

The Hornets had planned to attend the Texas Relays to open the outdoor season, but cancelled the trip after Coach Welch was informed by officials in Austin that the colored members of the squad would not be allowed to compete. KSTC instead attended the Arkansas Relays and met with a great deal of success, finishing third in the meet behind Kansas and Pittsburg. Tidwell and Utter earned victories for E-State in the mile and pole vault respectively, and Tidwell also anchored the mile relay team of Don Blow, Robert Hawk and Henry Thompson to second place behind KU. Thompson finished fourth in the 100-yard dash and Blow took third in the long jump to round out the Hornet scoring.

The Hornets moved on to the Kansas Relays, and on the strength of two outstanding anchor runs by Tidwell, placed second to North Texas State in both the mile and sprint medley relays. Thompson led off the medley with a strong quarter, and after Blow and Bill Davis ran the 220 legs, Tidwell blazed a 1:50.2 880-yard anchor to make up 15 yards, but came up just short. In the mile relay, Tidwell was clocked in 47.1 seconds for his carry to haul the team of Blow, Ed Rowley and Thompson to second.

At the Drake Relays one week later, the KSTC sprint medley team turned in a memorable performance. The Hornet team won the event in 3:21.9, one of the 10 fastest times ever recorded in the event, and just off the world record of 3:20.2 held by KU. Tidwell's sterling effort on the anchor made the difference for the Hornets, as he blazed a 1:48.4 to make up 20 yards on North Texas. This was the second fastest 880 ever run, although it was not recorded as such because it was accomplished with a running start. Thompson, Hutchinson and Davis rounded out the record setting team. The Hornets also took third in the mile relay behind North Texas and Pittsburg, with Thompson and Tidwell turning in strong carries for the same foursome that ran at Kansas.

Despite these outstanding performers, KSTC did not have the depth to challenge for the conference team title and remained third in the CIC behind Pitt and Hays. Tidwell and Thompson were the workhorses for E-State, keeping the Hornets within eight points of team champ Pitt with their efforts. Tidwell won the 440 in 49.3, the 880 in 1:56.7, the mile in 4:31.6, and anchored the winning mile relay team, completing this amazing performance with only five minutes rest between the mile and the 440. Thompson won the 220-yard low hurdles, finished second in the 220 and 440, and ran on the winning relay. Richard Scott won his second CIC long jump title, but only his first for KSTC. Scott won his first title a few years earlier while competing for Fort Hays.

In the Coliseum Relays in Los Angeles, CA, and he finished second to

Wes Santee while posting the fastest collegiate mile of the season of 4:07.4. Tidwell rejoined the Hornet squad to compete in the MVAAU meet, and he won the mile and 880, his time of 1:52.8 in the latter setting a new meet record and tying Norman Rhoads' school mark. Thompson finished second in the low hurdles to Charlie Tidwell of KU, who during 1958-1960 set world bests in the 200-meter and 220-yard low hurdles, tied the world record in the 100-yard dash, and set the world mark in the 100-meter dash. Dick Utter and Reece Bohannon earned thirds in the pole vault and high respectively to complete the Hornet scoring.

Several Hornet thinclads turned in outstanding performances to earn second place for KSTC behind Abilene Christian, TX, in the NAIA Nationals. Utter turned in the top Hornet effort, setting an NAIA and school record of 13'-10¼" in winning the pole vault, while teammate Bohannon tied for third in the event at 12'-0". Tidwell was a double winner, taking first in the 880-yard run in 1:53.7 and the mile in 4:14.2. The victory in the mile began a decade long domination of the NAIA mile event by KSTC runners. Thompson slipped to fourth in the 440 after winning the event in 1954, but earned All-America honors by taking third in the 220-yard low hurdles.

Tidwell and Utter went on to compete in the NCAA and National AAU championship meets later that summer. Tidwell finished fourth in the mile at the NCAA's, running 4:08.6, but his season's collegiate best in the event was broken by Bailey and Dellinger of Oregon who placed first and second. Tidwell stepped down to the 880 at the NAAU meet and

turned in a spectacular performance, breaking the officially recognized world record by .5 of a second in running 1:48.1. However, Tidwell finished third behind Arnie Sowell of the University of Pittsburg, who won the event in 1:47.6, and Tom Courtney of Fordham University, second in 1:48.0. Lon Spurrier of the U.S. Army, who finished fifth in the race, had posted a time of 1:47.5 earlier in the year, but the mark was still pending recognition as an official world record. Utter was unable to place in either meet.

Fran Welch was the Hornets cross country coach in the fall of 1955, having given up the head football coaching duties to Keith Caywood. Welch inherited a young team, but one that was again led by Tidwell. Tidwell won five of the seven meets he competed in, including a win over Al Frame of Kansas, the defending NCAA individual champ, in the Midwest AAU open in Iowa. Tidwell's only regular season loss was by .4 of a second to Sture Landquist of Oklahoma A & M, and Tidwell ended the season with a 10th place finish in the NCAA meet. Because of the rule against freshmen entries in the NCAA meet, Welch did not believe KSTC could field a representative team, so Tidwell was the only Hornet entry.

In October of 1955, Tidwell competed in the Olympic Carnival in Madison Square Garden, held to raise funds for the 1956 U.S. Olympic team, and finished third in the mile behind Wes Santee and Fred Dwyer. This meet marked Santee's last competition as an amateur, as he was suspended by the AAU a short time after the event for accepting excessive expense money. In January of 1956, Tidwell was invited back to the Sugar Bowl Classic and again finished second, losing by .2 of a second in the 1500-meter race to Jim Bailey of Oregon. Tidwell's next competition was at the Washington Evening Star Indoor Games, where he was nipped at the wire in the mile by George King, the NAAU two-mile champ. Since Welch had decided not to enter him in as many indoor meets in 1956, Tidwell's final competition on the indoor circuit was at the Boston Athletic Association Games. He ran the fastest mile of his career in setting a school record of 4:06.3, yet finished fifth in a very strong field.

KSTC opened the outdoor season at the Oklahoma A & M Relays, and Welch entered two relay teams in the university class with noteworthy results. The two-mile relay scored a near miss when Tidwell blistered a 1:51 anchor to make up 30 yards on Oklahoma'a Johnny Dahl, but came up five yards short. E-State gained the victory in the distance medley with Tidwell anchoring the team of Clair Hutchinson, Artie Dunn and Lawrence Jones. Dick Utter began an outstanding season in the pole vault finishing in a three-way tie for second place.

The Texas Relays, which were allowing participation by black athletes for the first time, was the Hornets next stop on the relay circuit. Tidwell was again superb, scorching a 1:47.4 anchor on the sprint medley to bring the Hornets from 30 yards back and gain the victory. Tidwell's split was .1 of a second better than the world record for the 880, but was not considered as a record because it was accomplished with a running start. Hutchinson, Blow and George Gibbs ran on this team with Tidwell. Rounding out the Hornet place winners were Utter in a three-way tie for first in the pole vault at 14'-O", and freshman Warner Wirta placing fifth in the 5000-meter run.

The sprint medley team met with hard luck at the Kansas Relays when Hutchinson pulled a muscle on the 440 leg and was forced to drop out. The Hornets made up for this disappointment by winning the distance medley with the team of Autrey Calloway, Dunn, Jones and Tidwell, who again made up a large deficit on the anchor carry. Other point winners for KSTC were the mile relay team of Calloway, Dunn, Bill Dickey and Tidwell which placed third, and Utter with a second place finish in the pole vault with a jump of 14'-0".

Pittsburg State won a fourth consecutive CIC title in 1956, while KSTC remained third behind the Gorillas and Fort Hays. The Hornets' lack of depth to challenge for the title showed, as they were shut out of the scoring in eight events. Tidwell was the star for E-State, setting conference marks of 1:52.2 and 4:12.3 in winning the 880 and mile respectively, and anchoring the winning mile relay team of Calloway, Hutchinson and Davis. Utter and Wirta garnered the Hornets final victories, winning the pole vault and two-mile respectively. Utter's winning height was well below his school record of 14'-4" set earlier in the season at the Emporia Relays, a vault which was also the best ever made by a Kansas collegian.

After victories in the mile and pole vault by Tidwell and Utter respectively at the annual MVAAU meet, the Hornets traveled to San Diego, CA, for the NAIA Nationals. Tidwell, with his sights set on qualifying for the Olympic Trials, repeated in the 800-meter and 1500meter and established NAIA records of 1:49.1 and 3:51.3 respectively. Utter finished in a tie for second in the vault, losing to Bob Gutowski of Occidental College, who placed second in the Olympic Games pole vault later that summer. Wirta earned the final points for the Hornets, taking fourth in the 5000-meter run. KSTC finished fourth as a team in the NAIA meet.

Tidwell's Olympic hopes received a blow a few days before the NCAA meet when he incurred a calf injury during a workout. This injury forced him to scratch from the NCAA's and left only the NAAU meet in which to qualify for the U.S. trials. Because of the injury, Tidwell ran only the 800-meter at the AAU's, but he met the qualifying standard by running 1:48.5 to finish fifth in a very strong field. Unfortunately, E-State's star runner was unable to overcome the injury, and finished sixth in the Olympic trials 800-meter against one of the strongest fields ever to qualify at the distance. Tom Courtney won the event, setting an American record of 1:46.4, followed by Arnie Sowell and Lon Spurrier. The three American qualifiers placed first-fourthsixth respectively in the Olympic 800-meter final. Another indication of the strength of the trials' field was that Mal Whitfield, the 1948 and 1952 Olympic 800-meter champ, finished fifth and failed to qualify. Because the injury had prevented Tidwell from qualifying for the trials in the 1500-meter, Welch appealed at the last minute for a chance for Tidwell to run in the 1500-meter race, but the appeal was denied by the U.S. Olympic Committee.

However, there was some consolation for Tidwell and others who did

not qualify for the Olympic Games. Tidwell and 11 other men were selected by the AAU to compete in an AAU sponsored European tour. Tidwell toured Finland and Denmark, winning nine of the 13 races he competed in, including a victory in the 1500-meter over Josef Barthel, the 1952 Olympic champion at that distance. Tidwell's time of 3:45.2 in the race set a school record and bettered the top mark made in the U.S. Olympic trials 1500. Tidwell also set a school record of 48.3 seconds in the 400-meter. Two of Tidwell's four losses were to Roger Meons of Belgium in the 800-meter, the latter the world record holder at that distance.

Two new events were on the 1956 cross country schedule, with the CIC and the NAIA adding cross country championship meets. Several quality runners joined with Tidwell to provide the Hornets with a strong team, and the only loss KSTC suffered during the regular season was to Oklahoma A & M. Included in the victories was a quadrangular win over K-State, Wichita and Drake, and the CIC championship. However, the Hornet team finished a disappointing fourth in the NAIA meet while CIC rival Fort Hays placed second. Tidwell went unbeaten during the regular season, setting four course records in seven races. However, Tidwell was upset in the NAIA meet by Ray Manion of Redlands, CA, University, when Manion kicked past him in the last 50 yards. Artie Dunn, along with Tidwell, earned All-America honors by placing ninth.

In January of 1957, Tidwell whipped Fred Dwyer between halves of the Sugar Bowl game to win that event for the first time in three tries, setting a new meet record of 3:51.5 for the 1500-meter. However, according to available sources, this was the only participation for Tidwell outside that of the Hornet squad, as no record of participation in the eastern indoor circuit can be found.

The 1957 Hornet track team was not strong enough to challenge for the conference title, but KSTC fielded extremely potent sprint medley and mile relay teams on the relay circuit, both with Tidwell on the anchor. These teams first flexed their muscle at the Oklahoma A & M Relays, with the sprint medley team of Dick Bliss, Duane McIntire, Harold Thompson and Tidwell winning the college/university event in meet record time while defeating Oklahoma University and Kansas State. With Autrey Calloway running in place of Thompson, the foursome won the college mile relay as Tidwell made up 15 yards on Bob Wooten, the Pittsburg anchor. Utter placed second in the pole vault and Blow finished third in the long jump to round out the Hornet scoring.

At the Texas Relays, Welch entered sprint medley teams in both the university and the college class events. The team of Bliss, Thompson, Gibbs and Tidwell finished third in the university event behind OU and KU and the team of McIntire, Carstell Pitts, Bob Heaney and Tidwell won the college class event with the time of 3:23.6. Tidwell blazed two superb anchor half-miles of 1:47.2 and 1:49.6 within the space of 50 minutes on those two relays. Utter earned the Hornets final place, finishing second in the pole vault with the jump of 14'-0".

The "Kiowa Flyer", as Tidwell was being referred to in the

newspapers, continued his superlative performances at the Kansas Relays, unreeling a half-mile anchor carry of 1:49.5 in the sprint medley and a cleanup quarter of 46.5 in the mile relay to hoist E-State to two baton titles. Both Hornet relay teams set new KU Relays records, the mile team of Heaney, Bliss, McIntire and Tidwell running 3:15.1, and the medley team of McIntire, Gibbs, Heaney and Tidwell posting a mark of 3:22.6. The medley time was better than the winning time and the meet record in the university section of the sprint medley. For his performance, Tidwell was voted the "Outstanding Performer" of the 1957 Kansas Relays, becoming the only small college athlete ever to win that honor. One other KSTC relay team earned a place, the 880 team of Pitts, Thompson, Gibbs and McIntire taking fourth.

The Hornet sprint medley team claimed the Triple Crown the next week, winning the event at the Drake Relays in 3:22.6 with the foursome of Bliss, Pitts, Heaney and Tidwell. KSTC's winning time was five seconds better than the time KU posted to win the university event at Drake, and was two seconds better than the Villanova quartet which won the event at the Penn Relays the same weekend. The mile relay team of Calloway, McIntire, Bliss and Tidwell set their second meet record in a week in winning the college event with the time of 3:15.1. Tidwell continued his superlative efforts on the anchor carries, posting splits of 1:47.6 and 46.9 on the two relays. Utter placed third in the pole vault to earn KSTC's final points.

Fort Hays ended Pittsburg State's reign as CIC champion in 1957, but E-State remained third behind both rivals. Tidwell repeated in

the mile and half-mile, breaking his own conference record in the 880 with the time of 1:51.3, and also anchored the mile relay team of Heaney, Bliss and McIntire to victory with the blazing split of 46.7 seconds. Freshman McIntire, besides running on the mile relay, won the shot put, finished second in the 220 and 440-yard dashes, and took fourth in the discus. McIntire had been one of the top athletes in the state during his senior year at Gardner High School, winning the 100 and 220-yard dashes, the shot put, and anchoring Gardner's winning 880 relay team at the 1956 state high school meet. McIntire set state high school records in the 100 and 220, and his 21.2 seconds in the 220 is still a state record. McIntire attended KU in the fall of 1956 to play football, but transferred to Emporia because of the size of the school. With his great diversity, McIntire was to become Emporia State's greatest all-around track and field performer. Blow and Utter also picked up conference victories for KSTC, in the long jump and pole vault respectively, with Utter tying for first in the vault.

Don Blow was KSTC's only entry in the NAIA meet that summer, and no reason can be found for Tidwell and Utter not being entered. Blow earned a fifth place in the long jump in the national championships. The remainder of the summer meets annually attended by KSTC athletes were not attended, and again, no reason for this is available. Tidwell's outstanding career thus came to an end, his performances having led Emporia State back into the national limelight, and his dazzling anchor carries on KSTC's relay teams having entertained track fans throughout the Midwest. Tidwell has since been inducted into the NAIA Track and Field Hall of Fame, the Drake Relays Hall of Fame, and was a charter inductee into the Emporia State Athletic Hall of Honor.

Tidwell, currently the associate chair of the Division of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Athletics at Emporia State, spoke about Fran Welch's memory when reminiscing about his days of participation. Tidwell recalled how Welch never forgot one of his athlete's performances, whether in a meet or practice. However, Tidwell remembered one incident when Welch's amazing memory failed him:

When we traveled Fran always asked me to help him keep track of his hat. One time, going down the road, he missed his hat and he started to chew me out about letting him leave it at the last stop. I told him all he had to do was to feel on his head - he did - his reply was oh-sh--. (B. Tidwell, personal communication, June 1984)

Another outstanding Kansas track figure ended his career in 1957. Garfield "Doc" Weede, Pittsburg State's head track coach since 1919, retired at the end of the track season. In his 39 years as track coach, Pitt teams had won 19 league championships, 17 of which were CIC titles. Emporia State and Pitt State had dominated the CIC for most of its existence until Fort Hays, with Alex Francis taking over as head coach in 1946, entered the picture following World War II. Weede had produced many national caliber performers in track and field, and his contributions to the sport were outstanding.

The 1957 Hornet cross country team did not have an outstanding

individual to lead them as Tidwell had done for three years, but a strong nucleus of runners helped KSTC remain on top of the CIC. Gonzalo Javier, Warner Wirta, Fran Gangel, Ray Velasquez and Dennis Matheson placed 2-3-4-6-8 respectively in the conference to lead E-State to the crown. Another strong grouping helped the Hornets to a fifth place finish in the NAIA nationals, where Velasquez was the top finisher in 22nd, closely followed by Wirta in 23rd, Gangel in 24th, Matheson in 26th, and Javier in 39th. The season had not been outstanding in terms of wins and losses, but this was mainly due to competition against larger schools.

The 1958 Hornet track team was the strongest since 1951. Top returnees Duane McIntire, Bob Oden and Gonzalo Javier combined with outstanding newcomers Paul Whiteley, a junior transfer, and freshmen Rex Ressler, Landis Franklin, Noel Certain, Bill Favrow, Dennis Matheson and Monroe Fordham to provide a great deal of depth to the Hornet squad. These men were to form the nucleus of the group that was to key the Hornets return to the top of the CIC in the final year of the decade.

Whiteley had a great deal of success in the three indoor meets entered by the Hornet thinclads, winning the mile and two-mile in both the Omaha dual and Omaha triangular meets while setting meet records of 4:17.2 and 9:32.0 in the latter. At the KSU Indoor, Whiteley anchored the Hornet distance medley team of Franklin, Matheson, and Wirta to second place behind Colorado University, running a 4:14.6 mile split. Hornet relay teams continued this success into the outdoor relay circuit. At Texas, KSTC relay teams picked up two thirds and two fourths, with the two-mile team of Autrey Calloway, Matheson, Dick Bliss and Whiteley and the 880 team of Bob Heaney, Harold Thompson, Ressler and McIntire taking the third places, while the sprint medley team of Franklin, Ressler, McIntire and Whiteley, and the 440 team of James Hayes, Heaney, Thompson and Ressler earned the fourths.

At the Kansas Relays, the outstanding performance for KSTC was turned in by the distance medley team of Franklin, Calloway, Javier and Whiteley, which finished second in setting a school record of 10:09.7. The mark this foursome erased had been a world record when set at KU in 1936. The sprint medley team of Franklin, McIntire, Ressler and Whiteley also finished second, and the final place was earned by the Hornet 880 team of Hayes, Franklin, McIntire and Ressler which placed third.

KSTC experienced both success and disappointment at the Drake Relays, the success coming from the middle distance teams and the disappointment being provided by the sprint teams. The sprint medley foursome that competed at KU again finished second in the event, and the mile team of Jim Hammond, McIntire, Bliss and Franklin placed third. Unfortunately, the strong distance medley team was unable to compete as the event was once again not offered in the college division at Drake. The sprint teams, both of which qualified for the finals, met with hard luck when Bill Fleming pulled a muscle on his carry in the 440 relay and the team did not finish, and the 880 team dropped the

baton and came in last.

Emporia State improved their placing in the CIC in 1958, finishing second behind Pitt State by only 10 points. Ressler turned in the outstanding performance of the meet, winning the 100 and 220-yard dashes in upsetting Bob Wooten of Pitt, who had won both events for three straight years. Ressler's time of 20.8 seconds in the 220 was a new CIC record, and still stands as Emporia State's school record. Other winners for KSTC were Franklin in the quarter, Whiteley in the 880, Javier in the mile, and Oden, who tied for first in the pole vault. KSTC's strengths were in the distance events and the shot put, with Hornet thinclads finishing 1-2-5 in the mile, 2-3-4-5 in the two-mile, and 2-3-4 in the shot.

Fran Gangel, senior two-miler, was one of the men who placed in that event for the Hornets. Gangel recalls how a meeting with Coach Welch several weeks before the CIC meet changed the outcome of his season:

Late in the season in spring track when I was a senior, 1958, I went to see Coach Welch because I was dissatisfied with my progress.

Fran looked at me and said, "You look a little full in the face. How much do you weigh?" "Oh, about 142, 143," I replied. "How much did you weigh a year ago," he asked? "About 140," I said. After a slight pause he replied, "WELL."

That was the lecture. I started running an extra 5 miles a day on the road before working out on the track. Two weeks later I was 4th in the conference 2-mile.

He told me later that he hadn't expected me to place. (F. Gangel, personal communication, April, 1985)

Ressler continued his superb performances into the summer,

defeating Charlie Tidwell, Kansas University's world record holder, in winning the MVAAU 100 and 220-yard dashes in 9.8 seconds and 21.0 seconds respectively. Whiteley and Wirta earned victories for E-State in the mile and two-mile respectively, while Oden finished in a tie for third in the pole vault.

At the NAIA meet in San Diego, Ressler won the 220-yard dash in 21.5 seconds and placed second in the 100-yard dash in 9.6 seconds. Ressler's time in the 100 tied Duward Crooms 1936 school record in the event. Whiteley finished second in the mile in 4:12.2 to help lead KSTC to a third place team finish. Other place winners for the Hornets were Franklin, fifth in the 440, and Oden, tied for fifth in the vault. After the NAIA, Ressler stayed in California for two more weeks to compete in the National AAU meet and the NCAA meet. He did not place in the AAU meet, and was forced out of the NCAA semifinals with a pulled muscle after qualifying for the semi's in both the 100 and 220-yard dashes.

The Hornet harriers returned a strong nucleus of runners in the fall of 1958, including Whiteley, Matheson, Wirta and Javier, and these men led KSTC to the most successful season since the inception of the sport at E-State. Except for a fourth place finish at the NCAA small college meet, the Hornets went unbeaten during the season. Included in the victories was a third straight CIC title and the NAIA National Championship. This was the first national championship ever won by a KSTC athletic team.

Whiteley led the Hornet harriers through the season, winning every

regular season meet. He ended the season placing first in the NCAA college meet and third in the NAIA meet. Also earning All-America honors at the NAIA meet were Matheson, who finished one second behind Whiteley in fourth, and Wirta, who placed 11th. David Ohlde, Javier and Lynn Reed rounded out the national championship team.

The Central Conference added an indoor championship to the track schedule in 1959, and the Fort Hays Tigers walked off with the team title in the first annual event. Two bad breaks cost KSTC a shot at the title: Ressler pulled a muscle in the semifinals of the 60-yard dash, an event in which he was a heavy favorite, and Gonzalo Javier, the favorite in the 880-yard run, cut too soon while passing teammate Frank Hicks in the final of the event and fell, giving the victory to a Fort Hays runner. Whiteley was a double winner for the Hornets, taking the mile and two-mile, while Noel Certain won the broad jump and Bob Oden took top honors in the pole vault, setting a fieldhouse record of 13'-10¼".

KSTC's success at the Texas Relays in opening the outdoor season was tempered by the costly loss of Ressler, who reaggravated the injury from the CIC indoor and did not run again until the conference outdoor meet. Bob Oden earned the highest place for the Hornets, tying for second in the pole vault at 14'-0", while the two-mile relay team of Hicks, Dennis Matheson, Javier and Whiteley took third. Other places earned by KSTC thinclads were a fourth by Monroe Fordham in the high jump, and a fifth and a sixth by the 880 and 440 relay teams respectively.

The distance relays continued the success at the second stop on

the relay circuit, the long medley team of McIntire, Matheson, Javier and Whiteley finishing second in 10:24.1. With Hicks replacing McIntire, the foursome placed third in the two-mile event with the time of 7:56.8. Other Hornet place winners at KU were Fordham with a second place tie in the high jump, and Oden, who cleared 13'-6" for a tie for fourth in the vault. The distance medley quartet that ran at KU placed fourth in the event at Drake, improving their time to 10:22.5. Welch entered a sprint medley team at Drake rather than the two-mile team, and the foursome of McIntire, Dick Corwin, Eddie Washington and Whiteley took second in 3:25.4. Oden garnered the Hornets final place at the Drake Relays, finishing in a four way tie for fifth in the vault at 14'-0".

E-State won the CIC crown in 1959 for the first time in eight years, scoring 91¹/₂ points to outdistance second place Fort Hays. Ressler returned from his injury to become the meets only double winner, repeating in the 100 and 220-yard dashes. Oden, who had tied for first in the 1958 CIC, won the title outright in 1959 and set a new CIC record of 14'-2¹/₂". Whiteley led a KSTC sweep in the mile, finishing in front of teammates Javier and Wirta, then came back to win the 880. Unfortunately, Whiteley was disqualified in the 880 for cutting too soon on the first curve. Other winners for the Hornets were Wirta in the two-mile, Washington in the 440 in 48.6 seconds, and the mile relay team of Don Smith, Certain, McIntire and Washington. Despite not winning an individual event, McIntire was the meets high scorer, placing second in the 440-dash, fifth in the 220-dash, second

individual champion for KSTC, winning the pole vault with the jump of 13'-7". McIntire finished fifth in the 100 and 220-yard dashes, while Javier and Fordham earned sixth's in the mile and high jump respectively to round out the Hornet scoring.

Whiteley's next performance was his most spectacular, as he won the NCAA three-mile title with the time of 13:59.1 in a thrilling finish over Miles Eisenman of Oklahoma State. With this victory, Whiteley became KSTC's first national collegiate champion since San Romani in 1936, and one of only four Hornets to ever accomplish the feat. Oden cleared 14'-0" in the pole vault to garner sixth place and score one point for KSTC. Whiteley and Oden ended the 1959 track season one week after the NCAA's, competing in the National AAU meet in Boulder, CO. Whiteley finished a disappointing eighth in the 5000 meter, but this was due to the affects of the high altitude, as Whiteley describes in this account from the <u>KSTC Bulletin</u>:

"Unless you're used to the altitude, it can hurt you," he (Whiteley) said. "Although I usually have a strong finish, this time I just about walked in. Gee, was I ever sick after that." (<u>KSTC Bulletin</u>, Vol. 59, No. 17, p.4)

The Emporia State track program received two honors during the summer of 1959, the first when KSTC was rewarded as one of the top five winners in the first 50 years of the Drake Relays. Hornet thinclads had picked up 15 victories at Drake since 1923, their initial year of competition in the meet. This was quite an accomplishment for KSTC as the Drake Relays were the most competitive event on the Midwest relay circuit. The second honor came when Coach Fran Welch was chosen as one of the coaches for the 1960 United States Women's Olympic Track and Field Team. Welch was recognized by his peers as one of the top track coaches in the United States, as demonstrated by his selection as an Olympic coach. In 1958, Welch had charge of a group of NAAU stars that toured Europe, and he was also named field coach for the 1959 Pan American Games team. Welch had been president of the Missouri Valley Association of the AAU and was a member of the National AAU Track and Field Committee, as well as being one of the original inductees into the NAIA Track and Field Hall of Fame in 1954.

The Hornet harriers opened the 1959 season with outstanding prospects, returning the entire 1958 NAIA national championship team intact. These men carried E-State through the regular season with only one blemish on the record, a second place finish to Howard Payne College, TX, in that school's invitational. Paul Whiteley again paced the Hornets through the season, winning seven of the eight races he ran, including successful defense of his NCAA college division title to lead KSTC to a second place team finish behind South Dakota State. The Hornet harriers turned in a strong performance to defend their CIC title, with Whiteley, Wirta, Matheson, Javier and Ohlde taking the first five places to record a perfect score for KSTC. E-State ended the very successful season claiming their second consecutive NAIA title, defeating Kearney State, NE, by four points. Whiteley, in his last appearance for the Hornets, finished second in the race to earn All-America honors along with teammates Wirta who finished fifth, and Matheson who finished 11th. Ohlde.

Reed, Javier, and freshman Peter Clarke rounded out the national championship squad.

Whiteley's career as a Hornet ended after this race because he graduated in January of 1960. He stayed in Emporia through the spring, training for the 1960 Olympic trials, racing with outstanding success in many of the same meets as the E-State tracksters. Whiteley qualified for the U.S. Olympic Trials by placing third in the 1960 National AAU 5000-meter with a time of 14:37.0. Unfortunately, Whiteley failed to win a place on the U.S. Olympic team.

Chapter 8

1960-1969

The 1960 track season was one of the most successful in Hornet track history, and began the most successful decade in the history of the program. During the decade, Emporia State athletes won the six conference indoor championships held, captured seven conference outdoor track titles while finishing second in the other three, and won one NAIA track title, finishing lower than sixth in the national team standings only twice. Hornet thinclads broke 23 of 34 school records at least once during the decade, 16 of which still stand as Emporia State records, and garnered All-America honors 36 times. Hornet harriers were just as successful during the period, winning four conference titles and finishing second three times, claiming two NAIA cross country titles, and finishing in the top 10 in the NAIA six other times. KSTC cross country runners earned All-America honors 14 times during the period.

The success in 1960 was accomplished despite the loss of Paul Whiteley and Warner Wirta to graduation and Rex Ressler to eligibility. Seventeen lettermen returned to provide the Hornets with outstanding talent and depth in nearly every event. This was shown in the total domination of the CIC Indoor meet, in which E-State won nine of 11 events to win by 36 points over the defending champion Fort Hays Tigers. Individual winners for KSTC included Gonzalo Javier in the mile and 880 in record time for the latter race, Eddie Washington in the 60 and and the third place distance medley foursome of Washington, McIntire, Hicks and Clarke.

The Hornets won two events at the Kansas Relays the next weekend, but the outstanding performance for KSTC was the non-winning long jump turned in by Noel Certain. Certain leaped 25'-5", the third best mark posted in the United States during the 1960 season, to place second in the university/college division event. The victories were earned by Fordham with a 6'-5 3/4" leap in the high jump, and the distance medley foursome of Franklin, Hicks, Matheson and Javier. The two-mile relay team of Hicks, Clarke, Matheson and Javier placed second, as did the sprint medley team of Clarke, Washington, Franklin and Javier. Third place was earned by the 440 relay quartet of Walker, Certain, Franklin and Washington and the mile relay team of Washington, Certain, Franklin and Clarke. David Ohlde placed fourth in the open 5000-meter run to earn the Hornets final points.

Emporia State swamped the competition at the 1960 CIC outdoor meet, winning 11 of 14 events in setting an all-time CIC point total of 114 3/10, and also breaking three conference records, establishing one in a new event, and tying another. Washington turned in an outstanding performance, tying the conference mark of 9.7 seconds in winning the 100-yard dash, setting a CIC mark of 21.7 seconds in the 220-yard dash, which was run around the curve for the first time, and running a leg on the winning mile relay with Bill Certain, Franklin, and Clarke, which set a CIC record of 3:16.0. Other record breakers for KSTC were Favrow with the throw of 53'-0" in the shot put, and freshman Charles Richard, who upset teammate Fordham to win the high jump with the leap of 6'- $6\frac{1}{2}$ ". Also garnering victories for the Hornets were Javier in the mile and 880, Oden in the pole vault, Franklin in the 440, Certain in the long jump, and Ohlde in the two-mile. Once again, McIntire was a workhorse for KSTC despite not winning an event, taking second in the low hurdles, third in the shot put, the 100 and the 220, and fifth in the discus.

Two weeks after the conference victory, several of the CIC champion Hornets competed in the Missouri Valley AAU meet. Fordham defeated teammate Richard to win the high jump with a leap of 6'-5½", and Oden won the pole vault with a jump of 13'-11". Seconds were earned by Favrow in the shot, Javier in the 1500-meter, Certain in the broad jump, and Franklin in the low hurdles. Franklin also placed third in the 440. McIntire did not compete in this meet because he was preparing for the MVAAU Open Decathlon Championships to be held at Emporia State two days after the MVAAU track meet. The event was designed to help men qualify for the National Decathlon Championships/ Olympic Trials, which were held in conjunction during this Olympic year. McIntire easily met the Olympic Trials standard of 6750 points, scoring 6926 points while winning six of 10 events. Hornet Dale Greiner also turned in a solid performance, placing third with 5299 points.

Emporia State's next competition was at the NAIA Championships, where the Hornets finished a disappointing fifth. Gonzalo Javier continued the KSTC domination of the mile event, winning the metric

version in 3:52.8, while Bob Oden won his second consecutive pole vault title, tying for first with a jump of $14'-0\frac{1}{4}''$. Other place winners for KSTC were Charles Richard and Monroe Fordham in a nineway tie for third in the high jump, Landis Franklin with a fourth in the low hurdles, another fourth by Russ Miller in the javelin, and Noel Certain taking sixth in the long jump.

One week after the NAIA meet, Certain and Javier competed in the Meet of Champions at the University of Houston, TX. Certain returned to his usual standards after his disappointing NAIA performance, jumping 24'-3 3/4" to finish second in the long jump. Javier placed fourth in the 1500-meter, finishing in the time of 3:47.7 which was the second fastest metric mile ever recorded by a Hornet runner, second only to Bill Tidwell's 3:45.2 in 1956.

McIntire's chance to qualify for the U.S. Olympic team came in early July when he competed in the Olympic Trials decathlon, and, since the event combined the National AAU championship and the Olympic trials, foreign athletes were allowed to compete. After the first day of competition, McIntire had 4251 points to stand as the fifth American and sixth overall. His first day performances had been his best ever in decathlon competition. Unfortunately, McIntire fell off the pace during the second day and finished as the eighth American and ninth overall with 6921 points. His biggest disappointment during the second day of competition came in the discus, where his best mark was over 20 feet under his personal best. Rafer Johnson of the United States won the event, setting a new world record of 8683 points, and

Chuan-Kwang Yang, a citizen of Taiwan, finished second. These men finished first and second respectively in the 1960 Olympic Games decathlon, both smashing the old Olympic record.

In the middle of July of 1960, the U.S. Women's Olympic track and field team came to Emporia State to train for the Games, and stayed until August 15th when they left for Rome. While here, the women lived in Morse Hall and worked out on the stadium field under the direction of Fran Welch. Wilma Rudolph was one of these athletes, and this young lady went on to win the 100-meter, the 200-meter, and anchor the United States winning 4 x 100-meter relay at the Rome Games.

The 1960 Hornet cross country team fell off quite a bit from the previous two years as three of the members of the national championship teams of 1958 and 1959 were gone, and a fourth ran in only one meet. Senior Dennis Matheson came on strong at the end of the year to lead the Hornets to their fifth straight CIC title, which KSTC won easily taking first, second, third, fifth and seventh. E-State harriers finished eighth in the NAIA meet, paced by Matheson's 12th place finish which earned him All-America honors for the third straight year.

There was no falling off for KSTC's track squad in 1961, as the Hornet thinclads were stronger despite the graduation of national champs Javier and Oden and decathlete McIntire. Rex Ressler returned from his ineligibility to give the Hornets an extremely potent sprint squad, with the Hornets other strength in the field events.

The Hornets opened the year at the International Meet of Champions in Winnepeg, Canada. The auditorium at Winnepeg was large

enough to allow the discus to be thrown indoors, and Bill Favrow won the event with a toss of 133'-11", grabbing a second in the shot put as well. Eddie Washington garnered the Hornets other first, winning the 60-yard dash in 6.3 seconds, while John Evely and Matheson took third and fourth respectively in the three-mile.

KSTC repeated as CIC indoor champs in 1961, although not as dominantly as the previous year, winning six events and breaking four records. Eddie Washington had a successful, yet unsuccessful, day, setting a record of 6.3 seconds in the 60-yard dash prelims then losing in the final to Roger Sayers of Omaha, and winning the 440-yard dash only to be disqualified in the event. KSTC's Frank Hicks benefited from Washington's misfortune in the 440 to win the event. Other records were set by Certain in the long jump, Richard in the high jump, and the mile relay team of Washington, Melvin Mayo, Hicks and Certain. The final Hornet victories were taken by Matheson in the mile and Favrow in the shot put. The Hornets ended the indoor season by again winning the college division of the KSU Indoor Relays.

The Hornet sprinters took over with the opening of the outdoor season, winning the 440, 880 and sprint medley relays and finishing third in the mile event at the Oklahoma State Relays. Certain, Mayo, Ressler and Washington formed the 440 quartet, Franklin replaced Certain in the 880 relay, and Hicks joined Franklin, Mayo and Washington in the medley event. Besides running on the winning 440 team, Certain finished second in the long jump with the leap of 24'-10½" to set a school record that still stands, his 25'-5" jump at the 1960 Kansas

Relays being wind-aided. Richard and Fordham tied for first in the high jump at 6'-5" with Brady of Oklahoma, and Richard also placed second in the high hurdles. The final Hornet place was earned by Tom Fincken with a third in the discus.

The speedsters turned in another memorable performance at the Texas Relays, the team of Mayo, Ressler, Washington and Franklin winning the 880 relay with the time of 1:25.8 to set a school mark that still stands, and the mile relay team of Mayo, Hicks, Washington and Franklin posting a second relay victory with the time of 3:16.3. Two other Hornet relays garnered fourths, the 880 relay foursome running in the 440 relay, and the sprint medley team of Franklin, Ressler, Washington and Hicks. Individually, Fordham turned in an outstanding jump to win the university class high jump with the height of 6'-6¼", while Richard finished in a three-way tie for second in the event. Rounding out the Hornet scoring was James Howell with a tie for fourth in the pole vault, and Certain with a fifth place in the long jump.

One week after the Texas Relays, Fordham leaped 6'-8" at the Emporia Relays to set a new meet and school record, and post the second best jump in history by a Kansan. He continued the noteworthy performances at the second stop on the Midwest relay circuit, tying for the Kansas Relays high jump crown with teammate Richard and Curtis of Baylor University at 6'-6". The mile relay team garnered another title for KSTC, the foursome of Mayo, Franklin, Certain and Washington running the superb time of 3:12.2 to post a new KU Relays and school record. Unfortunately, Ressler had injured his leg in a dual win over Fort Hays, and his loss prevented the Hornet sprint relays from achieving the success that had been realized at Oklahoma and Texas. Other KSTC place winners were the two-mile and sprint medley teams in fourth, Certain finishing second in the long jump with a leap of 24'-8", and Dale Greiner in fifth in the decathlon with 5170 points.

The Hornets met with limited success on the final leg of the relay circuit. Fordham was upset in his bid for the Triple Crown in the high jump with a second place finish at Drake, and a fourth in the sprint medley and fifth's in the two-mile and distance medley relays were the only other places managed by the KSTC trackmen. However, Welch sent most of his field competitors to the Colorado Relays instead of to Drake, and these men had a great deal of success in Boulder. Fincken and Favrow took first and second respectively in the discus, then reversed their order to place third and fourth in the shot put. Jim Howell earned another victory for the Hornets, finishing in a five-way tie for first in the pole vault, while Russell Miller took second in the javelin to round out the place winners.

The Emporia State trackmen erased their year old CIC scoring record in the 1961 meet, racking up $119\frac{1}{2}$ points to win by over 70 points. This feat was accomplished despite the absence of Ressler and the disqualification of KSTC's winning mile relay. Conference records were set by Miller with a toss of $223'-8\frac{1}{2}"$ in the javelin, Fincken in the discus with a throw of $166'-11\frac{1}{2}"$, and Fordham with the leap of 6'-7½" in the high jump. The 440 relay team of Alex Czencz, Mayo, Franklin and Washington established a mark of 41.9 seconds in the new event. Other winners for the Hornets were Matheson in the mile and two-mile, Clarke in the 880, Mayo in the 440, Franklin in the 220-yard low hurdles, Certain in the long jump, and Favrow in the shot put.

The Hornets again had a disappointing finish in the NAIA meet, taking sixth place as a team. KSTC's team chances were hurt by the continued absence of Ressler, who since his freshman year in 1958 when he had established himself as one of the top sprinters in the country, had missed every NAIA meet with injuries. Leading the Emporia State effort at the NAIA meet was a trio of javelin throwers. Russell Miller, Kenny Oard and Kent Hurn placed second-third-fifth respectively in the event, with Miller and Oard earning All-America honors. Fordham was defeated in the high jump for only the second time during the season, taking fourth, and was followed by Richard who finished in a four-way tie for fifth. Also earning fifths for KSTC were Tom Fincken and Bill Favrow in the discus and shot put respectively.

The Emporia State thinclads ended the season with a third place finish in the NCAA Small College Midwest Regional meet, taking six firsts and setting four records. The records were set by Favrow in the shot, Fincken in the discus, Fordham in the high jump and Richard in the high hurdles. Richard also won the low hurdles and tied for second in the high jump. Miller was the final Hornet winner, taking first in the javelin.

The 1961 Hornet cross country squad was an unknown quantity at the start of the season. The top returnees were sophomore Richard Woelk and senior David Ohlde, the latter a member of the 1958 and 1959 national championship teams who had missed most of the 1960 season. Welch had to depend on freshmen to fill out the squad, and he had an outstanding group of them, led by John Camien, Andy Prescia, and Clarence Herpich. This team provided Welch with some pleasant surprises, garnering a sixth consecutive CIC title and nosing conference rival Fort Hays 73-75 to win a third NAIA crown. Camien and Woelk led the young Hornets through the season, alternating as top runner. Camien ended up on top in the CIC to win the individual title, while Woelk and Camien finished sixth and 12th respectively in the NAIA meet to both earn All-America honors. Rounding out the national championship squad were Herpich, Lynn Reed, Ohlde, Charles Atkins and Prescia, the top five Hornets finishing only one minute and ten seconds apart over the four mile national course to take the title.

Also running during the fall of 1961, although unofficially, was sophomore Ireland Sloan. Sloan had transferred to KSTC in the spring of 1961 from Morehead State, KY. He had never run competitively before enrolling at Morehead in the fall of 1960, but was so outstanding that Dr. Nolan Fowler, the coach at Morehead, suggested that Sloan transfer to a larger school. Fowler recommended Houston, Oregon and KSTC, and Sloan chose Emporia State because of the size of the school. Sloan was not the first outstanding runner sent to

Emporia by Dr. Fowler, as he had also sent Paul Whiteley a few years earlier. Sloan ran unattached in meets during the 1961 spring and fall seasons, turning in some outstanding performances, the best of which was a sixth place finish overall, and the second American, in the National AAU 10,000-meter during the 1961 summer. Sloan and Camien combined over the next several seasons to form one of the most potent distance duo's in the history of the NAIA.

The Hornets' potent sprint teams of previous seasons were no longer in evidence during the 1962 track season, with Ressler, Hicks, Franklin and Certain graduated, and Mayo missing most of the season with an injury. Freshman Richard Vininski showed a great deal of promise in winning the 60-yard dash in 6.2 seconds at the International Meet of Champions in Winnepeg, tying the meet record held jointly by Charlie Tidwell and Bob Smith of KU. However, Vininski was injured in the first outdoor meet and missed the rest of the season, leaving the strength of the 1962 team in the distance runs and the throwing events.

Besides Vininski's victory in the 60 at Winnepeg, the Hornets picked up one other first and four thirds. The mile relay team of Vininski, Clarke, Washington and John Calderon provided the first, winning in the time of 3:24.0. The thirds were earned by Washington in the 60-yard dash at 6.3 seconds, Camien in the mile at 4:19.8, Sloan in the three-mile at 14:13.6, and the two-mile relay team of Chuck Atkins, Leon Storck, DeWolf Roberts and Camien.

The Hornets claimed a third consecutive CIC indoor title in 1962, winning easily over the second place Hays Tigers. KSTC thinclads won seven events, setting meet records in every event they won. Camien and Richard were double winners, Camien taking the mile in 4:19.9 and the 880 in 1:58.2, while Richard won the 60-yard high hurdles in 7.6 seconds and the high jump at 6'-5". Sloan won the two-mile with a time of 9:15.0, while freshman Bill Goldhammer upset favored teammate Favrow to win the shot put at 52'-11". Later in the indoor season, at the Kearney dual, Goldhammer set an indoor school record in the shot put of 54'-9½". The Hornets final victory was earned by the mile relay team of Alex Czenz, Roberts, Mayo and Calderon. Besides running on the victorious mile relay, Calderon set a CIC record of 50.7 seconds in the prelims of the 440, but managed only a third place finish in the final.

KSTC returned to Canada for the second time during the 1962 indoor season to participate in the Royal Canadian Legion Indoor meet, and the Hornet trackmen earned three second places. Camien finished second in the mile at 4:13.5, one tenth of a second behind Bruce Kidd of Toronto, while Sloan took second in the two-mile at 9:12.6. The Hornets other second place was garnered by the two-mile relay team of Atkins, Storck, Roberts and Camien.

Injuries plagued the Hornets through much of the outdoor season, with Richard, Sloan, Calderon, Washington, Vininski, Clarke and Mayo all missing parts of the year. The injury problems greatly diminished KSTC's success on the relay circuit. The Emporia State trackmen also suffered their first dual loss in five years, a 19 point loss to Kearney State when almost all of the above mentioned athletes were on the injured list.

Despite these setbacks, the Hornets did have several individuals place well at the Texas Relays, in particular John Camien. Camien turned in a very strong performance to win the 1500-meter run with the time of 3:53.5. Also placing for KSTC were Richard and Hurn with a fourth in the high hurdles and a sixth in the javelin respectively, and Goldhammer with a second in the freshman division shot put with a $54^{1}-2^{1}2^{11}$ toss. However, the injuries took a toll at the last two stops on the Midwest circuit, and the Hornets were able to pick up only two places, a second by Camien in the Kansas Relays' Glenn Cunningham mile, and a third place finish by the sprint medley team at Drake.

Despite the injuries, Emporia again won the CIC outdoor crown although they did not challenge their scoring mark, piling up 98 points to 54½ for second place Hays. Richard set a CIC mark of 14.4 seconds in winning the high hurdles, and also won the high jump. Favrow was a double winner as well, setting a meet record of 54'-9" in the shot put and winning the discus with a 148'-8½" toss. Goldhammer also broke the old CIC shot put mark in finishing second. Camien and Sloan rounded out the Hornet victories, winning the mile and two-mile respectively.

Emporia State served as host for the NCAA small college regional meet during the last weekend in May, but unfortunately, Camien and Goldhammer were eliminated from the competition because of a rule prohibiting freshman from colleges with an enrollment over 750 students

from participating. Despite this loss of points, KSTC won the meet, scoring 79½ points. Favrow and Sloan were outstanding, Favrow winning the shot and discus with throws of 52'-6½" and 158'-4½" respectively while Sloan won the mile and three-mile, posting times of 4:17.2 and 14:26.5 respectively. Seconds were earned by Ed Flentje in the 440 hurdles, Washington in the 440 dash, Clarke in the 880, and Richard in the high jump. Rounding out the Hornet scoring were thirds by Richard in the high and low hurdles, James Howell in the pole vault, and Atkins in the 880.

One week after the NCAA meet, the Hornets took second in the NAIA national meet on the strength of the distance runners and the field event men. Camien was the only individual winner for KSTC, continuing E-State domination of the mile run by winning the event in 4:09.7. Sloan finished third in the three-mile and sixth in the mile with times of 14:13.5 and 4:17.2 respectively, while Richard Woelk took sixth in the three-mile in 14:51.3. Richard finished second in the high jump with a leap of 6'-7" and took sixth in the high hurdles, while Kent Hurn earned All-America horors with a second place in the javelin. Favrow placed third in the shot put with the toss of 53'-10" to edge Goldhammer, who finished in fourth. Goldhammer also picked up a sixth place in the discus to round out the Hornet scoring.

Prior to the 1962 cross country season, Coach Welch had the following to say about his team: "I think we have the best squad that we have ever had. Our squad last year had depth, but a mediocre top. This year we have depth, but we also have extremely good leading men." (<u>KSTC Bulletin</u>, Vol. 62, No. 3, p.4) The last year's squad Welch referred to had been CIC and NAIA champions, pointing towards an extremely successful season.

The 1962 Hornet harriers lived up to Welch's expectations, winning four of six regular season meets with the only losses coming at the hands of NCAA schools in the University of Denver Invitational and the University of Texas Invitational. The Hornets ended the season repeating as CIC and NAIA champions, defeating the powerful Fort Hays team in both, and finishing third in the NCAA small college meet. Individually, Sloan and Camien were outstanding, finishing one-two respectively in four meets and one-three respectively in two other meets. Sloan turned in the most notable performances, posting the nation's fastest threemile and four-mile cross country times of 14:23.3 and 19:20 respectively. He was also the CIC and NAIA champion, setting an NAIA record of 20:22.7 for the four-mile distance. Camien, Woelk and Clarence Herpich placed third, seventh and 13th respectively in the NAIA meet to also earn All-America recognition, and rounding out the championship squad were Jim McCann, Chuck Atkins and Peter Clarke. Camien led the Hornets in the NCAA small college meet with a second place finish, while Sloan finished two seconds behind in third place. KSTC's regular fifth runner, McCann, was unable to compete in the NCAA meet because of the rule against freshman, and 90 men placed between fourth man Herpich and fifth man Atkins to wreck the Hornets chances to win the title.

The 1963 Hornet track squad retained the characteristic strength

in the distances and throws, despite the loss of top weightmen Favrow and Goldhammer. KSTC opened the season with the CIC indoor meet, again edging Fort Hays while winning their fourth consecutive title. Charlie Richard was the Hornets top performer, breaking two meet records and tying another while winning three events. His new marks were 6'-6¹/₂" in the high jump and 7.5 seconds in the 60-yard high hurdles, and he also tied the low hurdle mark of 6.9 seconds in upsetting defending champ and record holder Roger Sayers, a national sprint champion. Other record setters for KSTC were Camien, with marks of 4:14.7 in the mile and 1:54.9 in the 880, and Sloan with a time of 8:58.7 in the two-mile, the latter also a new school record. Steve Mitchell rounded out the Hornet victories, winning the pole vault at 13'-0".

Fayettville, Arkansas, home of the Arkansas Relays, was the first stop of the outdoor season for the Hornet thinclads. Winners for KSTC included Kent Hurn with a throw of 224'-3" in the javelin, Richard Vininski in the 100-yard dash with a time of 9.7 seconds, and the distance medley team of Vininski, Clarke, Camien and Sloan in 10:07.0. Also earning places were Sloan with a second in the two-mile at 9:14.6, Ken Oard placing third in the javelin, and Bill Eikermann taking fifth in the discus.

One week after Arkansas, Camien stole the show at the Texas Relays, blazing into national prominence in winning the mile run over a star studded field. Although Camien was the defending champion in the event, the KSTC sophomore was not considered a favorite in the Tace that included Dyrol Burleson, the intercollegiate record holder at 3:57.6, and Bill Dotson, the former KU great who had a career best time of 3:59.0. However, Camien blistered the final 110 yards of the event to upset the favorites and win with the time of 4:02.6. This time was the best intercollegiate mark posted to that point in the season, a KSTC school record, and the third best mark ever posted by a Kansas miler. Sloan, running in the 1500-meter, finished fourth in 3:56.7, and the distance medley team took third.

The next weekend at the Kansas Relays, Camien finished second to Rob Lingle of Missouri in the Glenn Cunningham mile, Camien's time of 4:05.1 only three-tenths of a second behind the winner. Sloan took second in an AAU invitational 10,000-meter run, finishing in 31:57.9, while Hurn placed fourth in the javelin. The next weekend, Welch split the Hornet squad, sending some to the Colorado Relays and some to the Drake Relays. At Colorado, Hurn set a meet record of 230'-9" in winning the javelin, while Ken Hawkinson placed second in the discus and Mitchell took fourth in the pole vault. The distance medley team of Roberts, Clarke, Sloan and Camien placed third at Drake, running 9:56.5.

The Emporia State trackmen won a fifth consecutive CIC title in 1963 to maintain the longest domination of the conference meet since Pittsburg's winning streak in the 1930's. The Hornets finished first and second in the three distance runs to pick up a major number of points, from Camien and Clarke respectively in the 880, Camien and Sloan respectively in the mile, and Sloan and Woelk respectively in the two-mile. Richard repeated in the high jump, but was a disappointment in the high hurdles, not placing in the event despite being the defending champion. Earl Kjekstad and Hawkinson provided surprises by winning the shot put and discus respectively, both upsetting favorite Chancellor of Pittsburg State. KSTC also scored heavily in the javelin, with Mike Pitko, Hurn, Oard and Lou Frohardt placing second through fifth respectively.

While the balance of the squad participated in the Missouri Valley AAU meet in Kansas City, Camien went to the Modesto Relays in California. The Hornet star placed fifth in the mile event won by Peter Snell, the 1960 Olympic 800-meter champion, with Camien posting a time of 4:00.7 to set a school record that still stands and record the fastest collegiate mile of the year. The Hornets competing at the Valley meet were also successful, with firsts earned by Richard in the high hurdles, Hawkinson in the discus and Sloan in the three-mile, the latter with a meet record time of 14:15.8. Woelk finished third in the three-mile run to earn the Hornets final points.

On the strength of the distance runners, the KSTC trackmen placed fourth in the NAIA Championships. Camien repeated in the mile, setting an NAIA record of 4:04.3, and Sloan earned third place in the threemile and fourth in the mile. With Camien's new record in the mile, Hornet runners held NAIA records in the 800-meter, 1500-meter, mile run and two-mile run. Also earning points for E-State were Richard with a fourth in the high hurdles and a fifth in the high jump, Pitko with a sixth in the javelin, and Hawkinson with a sixth in the discus. The Hornets two distance stars, Camien and Sloan, continued competition into the summer of 1963 with very successful results. Camien ran at the United States Track and Field Federation Meet in Houston, TX, and placed second in the mile at 4:02.9. Next, he and Sloan went to the NCAA meet in Albequerque, NM, where Camien finished fourth in the mile with a time of 4:06.2 and Sloan, despite spending time in the hospital with a stomach infection, took fourth in the six-mile run in 30:49.4, only 17 seconds behind the winner. The weekend after the NCAA championships, Camien went to St. Louis, MO, to compete in the National AAU meet and placed fifth in the mile at 4:01.2. Sloan was not able to compete due to the illness that had afflicted him at the NCAA meet. For his AAU performance, Camien was chosen to compete in fifteen meets throughout Europe during the summer.

With the top five runners from the 1962 NAIA cross country championship team returning in 1963, KSTC again fielded a powerful team. Camien, Sloan, Woelk and Herpich were all among the top runners in the NAIA. The combination of Camien and Sloan was again a potent duo, with Camien leading the way throughout the season. The pair took first and second in eight of the ten meets KSTC competed in, and in the remaining two one or the other did not compete. Camien had a very successful season, winning nine times in ten starts, including the State Federation, the CIC, the NCAA College and the NAIA titles, setting four course records. His only defeat was at the hands of Vic Zwolak of Villanova in the NCAA Championships. Sloan finished as runner-up in the State Federation, the CIC, the NCAA College and the NAIA meet. However, he was unable to run in the NCAA Championships due to his status as a four-year athlete.

The Hornet team also had outstanding success as the harriers finished second in the Federation meet behind KU and won the CIC meet, edging a strong Fort Hays team by three points. KSTC added yet another national title to its collection, winning the NCAA College meet by 130 points with the team of Camien, Sloan, Woelk, Herpich, Robert Finger and Jim McCann. The season ended on a sour note, however, as despite the one-two finish by KSTC's two front runners, Fort Hays upset the Hornets in the NAIA meet by the score of 53-69. Woelk earned All-America honors for the third consecutive year by placing 12th, and Herpich just missed making All-America with an 18th place finish. Hays pulled off the upset by placing five men among the first 21 runners, while Finger, E-State's fifth, placed back in 49th. The victory began a series of strong national finishes for Alex Francis' Tigers as the championship team was composed of one junior and six sophomores.

Once again, the strength of the 1964 Hornet track squad was in the distances and weights. Camien and Sloan were among the best in the nation in their respective events, and with the addition of John McDonnell, Ireland's steeplechase champion, KSTC boasted a formidable distance squad. The Hornets also had outstanding depth in the throwing events, particularly in the javelin and discus.

Camien, Sloan and McDonnell renewed the tradition of Hornet participation in the major indoor meets throughout the nation, meeting with outstanding success. Camien ran the mile at the Los Angeles Indoor Invitational in mid-January of 1964, finishing second in 4:06.2 behind Jim Greele of the LA track club. The week after the LA meet, at the International Meet of Champions in Winnepeg, Canada, Camien won the mile event in 4:05.2 while competing against some of the top milers in the U.S. and Canada. Sloan, running 9:09, placed second in the two-mile behind Chris Williamson of New Brunswick University, and McDonnell finished fifth in the same event.

Competing in the Wanamaker Mile at the Millrose Games in New York, Camien finished in second place with a time of 4:02.6, 12 yards behind Tom O'Hara of Loyola. O'Hara and Camien met again one week later in the New York Athletic Club Games, with Camien again finishing second. Camien led the first eight laps of the race, setting a strong pace, but O'Hara surged ahead in the final three laps to set a new indoor world record of 3:56.6 while the Hornet star faded to 4:06.9. Sloan also placed at the Millrose Games, finishing sixth in the three-mile, but he and McDonnell were unable to place in the New York Club Games.

Camien picked up his second victory on the indoor circuit three days after pacing O'Hara to the world record, winning the Mason-Dixon Games mile in 4:01.9. After withdrawing from the NAAU indoor meet because of bronchitis, Camien entered the Milwaukee Journal Games, which had been designated as the USTFF Indoor Championships. Camien won the mile, running a time of 4:02.7, and McDonnell placed fifth in the same event. The most noteworthy performance, however, was turned in by Sloan, who set a new USTFF and school record of 8:57.2 in

winning the two-mile run.

After the Milwaukee meet, the Hornets' three distance stars rejoined the team for the CIC indoor meet, and KSTC scored a narrow victory over Fort Hays to take their fifth consecutive title. Camien was a double winner, taking the 880 in 1:54.0 and the mile in 4:11.9, both new CIC records. Other winners for KSTC were Sloan in the two-mile, Earl Kjekstad in the shot put, DeWolf Roberts in the long jump, and C. R. Robe and Steve Mitchell tied in the pole vault.

The Hornets opened the outdoor season at the Arkansas Relays, and once again the distance men provided the highlights. The foursome of Richard Woelk, Sloan, McDonnell and Camien set a Relays' and school record of 17:13.0 while winning the four-mile relay. Sloan added a second victory in winning the two-mile with the time of 9:13.5. Also placing for the Hornets were Bill Eikermann with a second in the discus, Kent Hurn and Mike Pitko finishing second and fourth respectively in the javelin, and Roberts taking third in the triple jump.

The KSTC trackmen continued this success into the Midwest relay circuit. The distance medley team of Roberts, Burton Wolfson, McDonnell and Camien had given a glimpse of what was to come in winning the event in the Kansas State Indoor meet with the fast time of 9:58.3, and this team was particularly outstanding on the relay circuit. The foursome won at Texas, Kansas and Drake to garner a Grand Slam in the event, setting meet records of 9:57.8 at Texas, 9:48.4 at Kansas, and 9:51.9 at Drake. The mark set at KU was the fifth best posted in the nation during the 1964 season, and still stands as the KU meet record and the Emporia State school record.

The Hornet thinclads also met with success in individual events. At Texas, Camien won his third consecutive title in the mile, while Sloan finished second in the three-mile with a time of 14:01.6 and sixth in the mile. Hurn added a second in the javelin. At Kansas, Pitko turned in a strong performance to win the javelin with a toss of 221'-85", while Sloan placed second in the steeplechase in 9:04.4. Sloan finished second again at Drake, although in the three-mile, to Geoff Walker of Houston. Sloan's three-mile time of 13:57.4 was the second best posted in the nation, while his time in the steeple set at KU also placed him among the top 10 in the nation. At Drake, Camien appeared to have finally defeated rival O'Hara in the mile, but the Loyola star burst past Camien in the final 100 yards of the race to win in 4:01.1 while the Hornet miler finished in 4:01.6. Camien's time also placed him among the nation's best, earning him a third place ranking on the NCAA top 10 listing. Rounding out the Hornet scoring at Drake were McDonnell placing fourth in the mile in 4:08.6, and Pitko placing third in the javelin.

While KSTC's top performers were competing at the Drake Relays, the remainder of the Hornet squad went to the Southwest Missouri Relays, where Richard Woelk was chosen "Outstanding Athlete" of the meet for his efforts. He won the mile, the three-mile, and anchored the distance medley team of Ron Cluts, Dave George and Bob Finger to victory to earn the honor. Other winners for E-State were C.R. Robe in the pole vault, Hurn in the javelin and DiPaola in the shot put. The Emporia State trackmen won their sixth consecutive conference crown in 1964, scoring a 13 point victory over runner-up Pitt State. Camien was a double winner, breaking Bill Tidwell's 1957 CIC mark in the mile with a time of 4:09.4 and winning the 880, and Sloan broke Archie San Romani's 26 year old mark in the two-mile while winning the event. Eikermann and Hurn won the discus and javelin respectively to lead strong Hornet finishes in the events, as KSTC weightmen took first, second and fifth in the javelin and first, second, third and fifth in the discus. Other winners for the Hornets were DiPaola in the shot put and Robe in the pole vault.

Camien received recognition as one of the top milers in the country when he was invited to compete in the California Relays at Modesto, a meet in which only the best in the country competed. Camien placed fifth in the mile event with a time of 4:02.2. An interesting feature of this race was that one of the men who defeated Camien was Jim Ryun, the 17-year old Wichita East High School miler, who was to become the greatest miler in the world later in the decade. The remainder of the Hornets competed in the USTFF meet in Kansas City, which was held on the same day as the Missouri Valley AAU, the meet KSTC had traditionally participated in. Hurn and Pitko finished first and second respectively in the javelin, while McDonnell placed second in the 880 and mile runs. Second places were earned by Mitchell in the pole vault and Ken Hawkinson in the discus, and thirds were taken by DiPaola in the discus and John Swaim in the intermediate hurdles.

The greatest achievement of the season came early in June, as the

KSTC thinclads scored 60 points to win the NAIA National Track and Field crown. Camien was chosen "Outstanding Performer" of the meet on the basis of his efforts. He upset defending champion Jim Keefe in the 5000-meter run, sprinting ahead on the final curve to win and set an NAIA record of 14:25.0. Camien also set an NAIA record of 3:48.3 in winning the 1500-meter, breaking the old mark set by Tidwell in 1956. In addition to the two victories, Camien posted the third fastest qualifying time in the 800 meter preliminaries, but did not run in the final because of a slight injury. The Hornets had wrapped up the team title by the 800 finals, and Welch did not want to risk having his star performer further irritate the injury. Sloan posted a third NAIA record for the Hornets, winning the steeplechase with a time of 9:09.1, as well as placing fourth in the 5000-meter run. McDonnell earned All-America honors in two events, finishing second in the 1500-meter in 3:49.6, a time also under Tidwell's old mark, and placing third in the steeplechase. Hurn and Pitko placed third and fourth respectively in the javelin, and DiPaolo took fifth in the discus to earn the Hornets final points. With the addition of the two new records, Emporia State athletes held the NAIA track records in the 800-meter, the mile, the 1500-meter, the two-mile, the 3000-meter steeplechase, and the 5000-meter.

Camien's next goal was to qualify for the U.S. Olympic Trials, and at the NCAA and NAAU meets on the last two weekends in June, he ran two of the fastest races of his career to meet the qualifying standards in both meets. Camien ran 3:41.0 in the 1500-meter at the NCAA

Championships to finish third in the event behind Morgan Groth of Oregon State, who set a collegiate and meet record of 3:40.4, and Archie San Romani, Jr. of Oregon. The weekend after the NCAA meet, at the National AAU, Camien finished fifth in the 1500-meter in running the school record time of 3:39.9. Tom O'Hara won the event in the new American record time of 3:38.1, while the next three finishers, Dyrol Burleson, Jim Grelle and Jim Ryun, were all under the old mark of 3:39.3.

The Olympic Trials were the next stop for Camien. The meet, held in New York, was not the final Olympic Trials, as only the winner of each event automatically qualified for the U.S. team. The next five finishers in each event had to compete in Los Angeles on September 12th and 13th to determine the final two places on the Olympic team. The New York winner would also have to run in LA, but only to prove that they had maintained themselves in top condition. Camien qualified for the 1500-meter final in the relatively slow time of 3:54.9. In the final, the runners set a slow early pace, with no one willing to go out fast and risk not having a kick at the end. Burleson took advantage of the slow pace and blazed a 52.5 second last 440 to win the event, and, unfortunately, Camien could manage only an eighth place finish and did not qualify for the Los Angeles meet. However, Camien was chosen by the AAU to participate on a competitive tour in Europe, the second consecutive summer he had received this honor.

In the fall of 1964, Camien and Herpich returned to give the Hornet cross country team two outstanding seniors. However, the team lacked the depth of the squads of the previous years and KSTC finished the season with only two team victories. The Hornets lost to Fort Hays four times during the regular season, so it came as no surprise when the Tigers ended Emporia State's eight year reign in the CIC. The Hornet harriers finished fifth in the NAIA meet, while Hays fell to third.

Although the team success was not as noteworthy, John Camien continued his success, again going unbeaten throughout the season while repeating his victories in the State Federation meet, the CIC, and the NAIA. Camien became the first man to win two consecutive NAIA cross country titles. The Hornets other senior, Herpich, just missed earning All-America recognition, finishing 16th in the NAIA meet. Included among the remainder of the Hornet squad was freshman Robert Camien, John's younger brother, who was to continue the Camien's success at KSTC after John's graduation.

The 1965 track squad was without many of the outstanding performers who had helped win the NAIA title in 1964, as graduation had claimed distance men Sloan and Woelk and javelin throwers Hurn and Oard. Also gone were javelin thrower Mike Pitko, who was playing professional baseball, and John McDonnell, who did not return to school. Despite these losses, KSTC retained a strong team, but did not enjoy the dominance of the past seasons.

John Camien, Bob Camien and C.R. Robe competed in the International Meet of Champions in Winnepeg to open the 1965 season. John, the defending champ in the mile, moved up to the two-mile and won the event

with a time of 9:01.0, while Robe took third in the pole vault and Bob Camien placed fifth in the mile. John's next appearance was at the USTFF meet in Seattle, WA, where he posted the best indoor mile time of the season in winning the event in 4:01.7. John competed in two more major indoor events during the season, the first at the New York Athletic Club meet where he was just nosed out of first by Jim Grelle, running 4:07.2 to Grelle's 4:07.1. At the second event, the Milwaukee Journal Games, Camien matched his nation's best mark of 4:01.7 in winning the mile. John had hoped to crack the four minute barrier in the meet, and Bob Camien was in the race to act as a rabbit for his brother. Bob led through the quarter in 58 seconds and the half at 2:00 minutes, then John surged ahead and passed the three-quarter mark in 3:01.4. Unfortunately, John was unable to run the last lap fast enough and finished at 4:01.7.

The Hornets ended the indoor season scoring a tight victory over Fort Hays to take their sixth consecutive CIC indoor title. With the low hurdles and mile relay remaining to be contested, KSTC was trailing Hays by two points. However, the four Hornet qualifiers in the low hurdles scored 10 points to none for Hays to provide E-State with an insurmountable margin. Camien was a double winner, taking the mile and two-mile, and would have added a third victory in the 880 except for the actions of a Fort Hays runner. Camien was severly elbowed by a Tiger runner while attempting to pass on the last lap of the half-mile, and was forced to run wide. The man who committed the foul won the event, while Camien finished third. However, the Fort Hays man was

disqualified because of the foul, and Camien was moved up to second. Wayne Rogers was also a double winner for the Hornets, taking the broad jump and the triple jump while setting a CIC and fieldhouse record of 44'-3 3/4" in the latter. Robe added another CIC and fieldhouse record, winning the pole vault at 14'-5 3/4". Vininski rounded out the Hornet winners, taking the 60-yard dash in 6.4 seconds.

Because of bad weather, the Hornets withdrew from the Arkansas Relays, so the first big relay meet attended by KSTC was the Texas Relays. In the distance medley event, the team was different from 1964 but the result was the same, as the foursome of Vininski, Bob Finger, Bob Camien and John Camien won the event and broke the meet record set by the 1964 Hornet team with a time of 9:54.4. John Camien also became the only man to ever win the mile run at Texas four times, taking the title with a time of 4:08.6. Another member of the medley quartet, Richard Vininski, turned in a strong individual performance, finishing third in the 100-yard dash while tying the school record of 9.6 seconds for the second time in his career.

Unfortunately, the Hornet hopes for a second consecutive Triple Crown in the distance medley was devastated one week later when, the day before the Emporia Relays, John Camien was hospitalized with a throat infection that turned out to be mononucleosis. Camien's loss severly limited the Hornets success on the remainder of the relay circuit, and Vininski earned KSTC's only place at KU taking fifth in the 100-yard dash. The Hornets were unable to place at Drake.

The Hornets were favored to win their seventh consecutive CIC

crown in 1965, but the illness to Camien proved disastrous. Camien could manage only a fifth place in the three-mile and a third in the 880, and he dropped out of the mile. The lost points allowed Fort Hays to stay close to the Hornets, and with a victory in the mile relay the Tigers pulled off the upset by the score of $90 \ 1/5$ to 87. Camien was not the only Hornet handicapped by health problems, as C.R. Robe, the defending champion in the pole vault, competed despite a broken jaw but could manage only a second place finish. Winners for KSTC were Eikermann in the discus, Vininski in the 100-yard dash, Earl White in the 220-yard dash, Valgene Schierling in the high hurdles, and the 440 relay team of Greg Nunn, Vininski, James Whitcomb and White. Eikermann's winning toss of 171'-1" in the discus set a CIC and school record, and Vininski tied the CIC mark of 9.7 seconds in the 100. Wayne Rogers earned a sixth victory for the Hornets as he tied for first in the long jump, but he was officially given second on the basis of the second best jump.

The Hornets next competition was at the Midwest Federation meet in Kansas City, and Vininski turned in a strong performance in winning the 100 in 9.7 seconds and the 220 in 21.1 seconds to set new meet records in both events. Eikermann placed second in the discus, and thirds were earned by Schierling in the high hurdles and the intermediate hurdles, and by the 440 relay team.

The KSTC track squad ended the 1965 season at the NAIA Championships, slipping to sixth in the team standings. John Camien turned in his final performance as a Hornet, overcoming the affects of his long illness to win a fourth consecutive mile title in 4:10.1. Since his graduation from KSTC, Camien has been honored by induction into the NAIA Track and Field Hall of Fame for his outstanding performances in the NAIA meet during his career. Eikermann was KSTC's only other All-American, placing third in the discus with a throw of 163'-3", and Vininski earned the Hornets final point with a sixth in the 220-yard dash.

The 1965 track season capped the long and successful coaching career of Francis G. Fran Welch. Welch's accomplishments in his 38 years as head coach rank him as one of the outstanding track coaches in the United States. His Emporia State teams claimed eight conference cross country crowns, six indoor track conference titles, 12 outdoor track conference crowns, four NAIA cross country championships, one NCAA small college cross country title, and one NAIA track and field In NAIA competition, Welch-coached athletes won 18 individual title. titles, more than any other school through 1965. Welch coached international teams that represented the United States abroad, including the 1960 Women's Olympic track team. He was honored in 1960 when the Emporia State stadium was renamed Welch Stadium, and he was a charter inductee into the NAIA Hall of Fame and the Emporia State Athletic Hall of Honor. His contributions to the Hornet track and field program have been unmatched by anyone in the history of the University.

Bernard Taylor, a sprinter on the 1940-1942 track teams, recalls these memories of Coach Welch:

Fran, just being Fran Welch, didn't have any trouble motivating his track members. When he would have you and the person competing with you, say, to go to the Texas Relays-- line up-- and inform you that the 1st one around the track would make the trip, "You were motivated!!!!"

Certainly competing, striving to be the best possible - what with your innate abilities - was a benefit from participating in track; however, down the line - having gone into the coaching field as a profession - the true benefit was the association and learning from one Fran Welch. (B. Taylor, personal communication, June 1984)

Archie San Romani, Emporia State's world class miler during the 1930's, describes Welch's methods that turned him into a champion:

The only thing I knew was just be run. I had the poorest form of any runner who ever ran a mile in his life. Fran took me from a tight, laborous runner and brought my form to where it belonged. I had a stride of seven feet and seven inches in length. He said, "Arch, if you can get the stride shorter and get to running easier, you will be a fast runner."

He brought my stride down to six feet six inches. He lowered my time in the three years I was with him and he taught me relaxed running. (The Pan American Track & Field Journal, Clinic Notes, 1960)

Another E-State alumnus, when asked to describe any special memories from his track participation, stated simply, "Fran Welch."

Philip Delavan was chosen to succeed Coach Welch as head cross country and track coach. Delavan had served as head track coach at Central Missouri State University from 1963 to 1965, previous to which he had been an assistant at Baylor University for one year and an assistant at Iowa State University for two years. Delavan had attended school at Iowa State from 1955-1959, during which time he was one of the best shot putters in the nation. In 1957, he placed first in the shot put in the Kansas Relays, and during the same year placed in the finals of the NCAA shot put. Delavan's high recommendations left no doubt that the Hornet track program was in good hands.

Delavan inherited a very young cross country team in 1965, with Bob Finger the only returning senior on a squad loaded with 18 freshmen. The youth showed as the Hornets picked up only three team victories and fell to third in the CIC meet behind Hays and Pittsburg. Hays dominated the conference meet, taking six of the top seven places, and this depth carried the Tigers to the NAIA title. Pittsburg finished fourth in the national meet, while KSTC placed 12th, slipping out of the top 10 for the first time in the decade. The Hornets were led through the season by sophomore Bob Camien and freshman David Brinsko, the latter coming to E-State as the New York state high school twomile champion. Despite the lack of outstanding team results, the youth of the team gave a strong outlook for the future.

In January of 1966, the NAIA added the National Indoor Track and Field meet to its schedule, and Delavan entered the Hornets in the first annual meet. KSTC came away with a fourth place finish in the meet, as Richard Boehringer won the long jump with a leap of 23'-2" and teammates Wayne Rogers and Ira Gardner placed fourth and fifth respectively in the event. Placing third to gain All-America honors along with Boehringer were Bill Fraley in the 600-yard run, Bob Camien in the mile and Clarence Robe in the pole vault. Albert Burnes and John Swaim placed fifth in the 880 and 1000-yard runs respectively, while the mile relay team placed fifth and the two-mile relay team took fourth to round out the Hornet scoring. Delavan's track team was also very young, and most of the men winning places were freshmen and sophomores.

Also representing Emporia State in the NAIA Indoor, although unofficially, was a freshman coed named Janell Smith. Smith, from Fredonia, KS, was one of the top female track stars in the world, and at the age of 17 she had represented the United States in the 1964 Olympic Games. In the semifinals of the Olympic 400-meter, in which she just missed qualifying for the final, Smith set an American record of 54.5 seconds. Later that same year, she set the world indoor mark of 54.0 seconds in the 400-meter, and in 1965 Smith lowered her outdoor American record to 53.4 seconds. Smith had twice been named to the All-American Women's Track and Field team by the AAU. At the 1966 NAIA indoor meet, Smith won the 60-yard dash in 7.0 seconds and the 440 dash in 57.9 seconds.

Bob Camien received an honor when he was invited to compete in the Toronto Maple Leaf Indoor meet in Toronto, Canada, and he finished fourth in the mile run while his brother, former Hornet star John, won the event. KSTC concluded the indoor season at the Kansas State Relays, and the Hornets unveiled another strong representative in the distance medley relay, winning the college event in 10:07.3 with the team of Burnes, Fraley, Brinsko and Camien. Camien also placed third in the open mile. However, the Hornets were unable to defend their six the consecutive CIC indoor titles, as the meet had been discontinued.

Opening the outdoor season at the Arkansas Relays, the Hornet thinclads turned in some strong performances, the most notable by sophomore Rich Boehringer. Boehringer won the triple jump with a leap of 50'-2", the third best mark posted in the nation during the 1966 season and a school record that still stands. He also placed second in the long jump with a leap of 23'-9". Gaining thirds for the Hornets were Val Schierling in the 120 high hurdles and the 440 hurdles, Richard DiPaola in the shot put, and the Hornet 880 and distance medley relay teams. Tom Jones also turned in a noteworthy performance, setting a meet record of 6'-6" in winning the freshman division high jump.

new Once again, the Hornets had a strong distance medley team on the major relay circuit, the foursome of Burnes, Fraley, Brinsko and Camien placing fourth at the Texas Relays in 9:55.8 and placing second at the Kansas Relays in 9:54.8. The Hornets gained a third place finish from the 440 relay team at KU, but it is not known who composed the team. It would probably have been four of the following; Ron Cluts, Orville Brown, Fraley, Jim Whitcomb or Jim McClanahan. These five men combined at other meets during the season to form strong 440 and 880 sprint teams. Boehringer earned another third at the Kansas Relays, leaping 48' $-7\frac{1}{2}$ " in the triple jump. Schierling rounded out the Hornet place winners at Lawrence, taking fourth in the 440-yard hurdles with a time of 53.4 seconds. Janell Smith, E-State coed speedster, won the women's open 100-yard dash in 11.1 seconds at the Kansas meet. The Hornet relay teams were unable to continue this success at the Drake Relays the following week, however, and KSTC did not earn a place at the third stop on the relay circuit.

For the previous few seasons, the Emporia Relays, sandwiched between Texas and Kansas on the circuit, had been attracting a very strong field of college and university teams. The feature of the 1966 Emporia Relays was the entry of Kansas University's freshman team, starring Jim Ryun. Ryun anchored the KU four-mile relay team to a national freshman record of 16:53.9, running a split of 3:58, the only sub-four minute mile ever run in Welch Stadium. Ryun's presence in the competition drew one of the largest crowds in the history of the Relays. The Hornets picked up three victories in their home meet, Boehringer in the triple jump, and the 440 and 880 relay teams.

For the second consecutive year Fort Hays came from behind to nip Emporia in the CIC meet, as the Tigers scored 35½ points in the final four events to finish 10 points ahead of the Hornets. Co-captain Wayne Rogers was a double winner for KSTC, setting a CIC record of 47'-6" in an upset win over teammate Boehringer in the triple jump, and taking the long jump with a leap of 22'-9". Freshman Bill Fraley won the 100-yard dash in 9.6 seconds, a time which bettered the conference mark but was not allowed because of an excessive tailwind. The 440 relay team of Cluts, Brown, Fraley and Whitcomb won, as did DiPaola in the discus and Dean Woodson in the javelin. The victory by Woodson was a pleasant surprise for Delavan, as Woodson had been out for track for only two weeks. Despite the lack of practice, Woodson uncorked a throw of 220'-3¹/₄" to win the conference title.

Val Schierling was the Hornets top performer in the Missouri Valley meet and the NAIA nationals, winning the Valley title in the high

hurdles in 14.2 seconds and tying for first in the 400-meter hurdles with Wally Young of Pittsburg. Schierling ended the Hornets season placing fifth in the intermediate's and sixth in the high's at the NAIA Championships to earn KSTC's only places in the meet. The 1966 season was the only time during the decade that Emporia State failed to place in the top 10 teams at the NAIA outdoor meet.

The 1966 cross country season opened with a great deal of promise as the Hornet harriers won the Wichita Invitational, defeating among others Fort Hays and Pittsburg. Freshman Dennis Delmott was the Hornets top finisher at Wichita, followed closely by junior Bob Camien, and these two alternated leading KSTC throughout the season. However, the Hornets success against NAIA powers Hays and Pitt was short lived. Emporia lost to Hays in the annual dual and finished third behind the Tigers and Gorillas in the CIC. The Hornets ended the season taking 13th place at the NAIA meet. Once again the team Delavan fielded was very young, with the top six consisting of one junior, two sophomores and three freshmen. The team was hurt by the loss of David Brinsko to the service, who, as a freshman in 1965, had been one of the Hornets top runners.

With the addition of a strong group of freshmen, headlined by Allen Feuerbach, the 1967 Hornet track team returned to the dominance enjoyed earlier in the decade. KSTC thinclads opened the season at the NAIA Indoor meet, where the Hornets finished seventh on the strength of Bob Camien's second place in the mile behind Fort Hays' John Mason, and Camien's anchor carry on the third place two-mile relay team. Freshman Doug Caywood earned E-State's final place, taking sixth in the pole vault, while Feuerbach just missed earning a point for KSTC, finishing seventh in the shot put.

Despite many outstanding performances by Hornet trackmen on the outdoor relay circuit, the efforts of junior Val Schierling were undoubtedly the most noteworthy. Schierling opened the outdoor season at the Arkansas Relays, setting a meet record of 53.2 seconds in winning the 440-yard intermediate hurdles and winning the high hurdles in 14.2 seconds. He had a very busy day at the Texas Relays one week after Arkansas, running a 53.2 second time in the 440 hurdles prelims, a 48.9 440 split on the non-qualifying mile relay team, 14.3 seconds in the high hurdles prelims, and winning the 440 hurdles in 51.7 seconds to top the day off. Schierlings time of 51.7 was the fastest recorded in the United States to that point in the season. Next, Schierling set a meet record of 52.9 seconds in his specialty at the Emporia Relays, then moved on to the second stop on the Midwest circuit. He gained his second victory toward the Triple Crown while setting a Kansas Relays record of 52.6 seconds in the 440 hurdles. Unfortunately, Schierling was upset in his bid for the Grand Slam when he finished fourth at the Drake Relays, again running 52.6 seconds. Besides placing fourth in the intermediates at Drake, Schierling ran on the Hornet mile relay team with Ron Cluts, Pando Markuly, and Bill Fraley that placed fifth in 3:17.5.

Two other Hornets, both competing in the freshman division, set Arkansas Relays records, Caywood posting a mark of 13'-7" in the pole vault and Feuerbach setting a shot put mark of 52'-8½". Feuerbach also won the freshman division discus, while seconds in the varsity division were earned by Dean Woodson in the javelin and the distance medley foursome of Fraley, Roger Bruning, Bill Jacobs and Camien. With Frank Hensley running in place of Bruning, the medley team placed fourth at Texas. Camien turned in a superb anchor on this relay, running a 4:07 mile split to pull the Hornets from 12th to fourth, and then came back to win the university/college division mile run in 4:09.9, churning a 57 second last quarter to run away from the field. Feuerbach won a third Texas Relays title for the Hornets, taking the freshman division shot put with a throw of 54'-1".

At the Kansas Relays, Feuerbach again won the freshman division shot put, setting a new meet record of 54'-5½". The Texas Relays medley foursome placed fourth at both Kansas and Drake, with times of 10:03.6 and 10:06.9 respectively. KSTC's javelin throwers were also successful on the circuit, as Marty McGlinn and Woodson placed fourth and fifth respectively at Kansas, and Woodson finished fourth at Drake a week later. McGlinn and Feuerbach competed at the Southwest Missouri Relays rather than at Drake, and McGlinn won the javelin while Feuerbach set a meet record of 53'-10" in winning the shot put.

The Hornets ended the regular season by regaining the CIC championship after a two year drought, scoring 113 points, the third highest point total in conference history, to upend defending champion Fort Hays State. Rich Boehringer, Schierling and Camien were the workhorses for Emporia. Boehringer, as expected, won the triple jump and long jump, posting a new CIC record of 49'-3" in the triple jump. He provided a pleasant surprise, however, in also winning the high jump. Schierling set a conference record of 52.8 seconds in winning the 440 hurdles, won the 440-yard dash in 49.0 seconds, and placed second in the high hurdles to Young of Pitt. Although Camien did not win an event, he had an outstanding two day effort. On Friday, Camien finished second in the three-mile run in 14:25.5, then came back on Saturday to earn seconds in the mile and 880 with times of 4:16.7 and 1:53.9 respectively, and place third in the steeplechase. Camien ran 9:16.4 in the steeple, but the race did not include any water barrier jumps, a standard part of the steeplechase event. Other firsts were earned by Feuerbach in the shot put with a school and conference record throw of $55'-1\frac{1}{2}"$, Woodson in the javelin, Caywood in the pole vault, and Fraley with his second consecutive victory in the 100-yard dash.

Two weeks after the CIC victory, Schierling won two of the three Hornet firsts at the Missouri Valley AAU meet. He won the intermediate hurdles with a Valley record of 52.9 seconds, and won the high hurdles in 14.5 seconds. Boehringer provided KSTC's other victory, winning the triple jump, while Caywood placed second in the pole vault and Camien earned a third in the mile.

Emporia State scored 28 points to place sixth in the 1967 NAIA Outdoor Championships. Feuerbach gained a major portion of these points in winning the shot put, his toss of $56'-2\frac{1}{4}$ " smashing his three week old record by over one foot. Boehringer leaped $48'-4\frac{1}{4}$ " to place

second in the triple jump and earn All-America honors, while Schierling rounded out KSTC's All-Americans taking third in the 440 hurdles with a personal best time of 51.4 seconds. Schierling also placed fifth in the high hurdles, and Camien picked up another fifth for the Hornets, running 9:29.2 in the steeplechase.

Schierling ended the 1967 season competing in the National AAU meet. He ran the high and intermediate hurdles, but did not qualify for the finals in either event. At the conclusion of the season, Schierling was chosen the 1967 "Outstanding Male Track Athlete" in the Missouri Valley Association of the AAU. The Missouri Valley Association included all the colleges and universities in the Midwest, so this was a great honor for Schierling and KSTC.

Emporia State's track facility was greatly upgraded during the fall of 1967. A new track surface, consisting of two inches of asphalt covered by one and one-half inches of a special rubberized surfacing, was laid down, replacing the cinders. This new track gave the Hornets one of the best outdoor facilities in the state.

With the top seven runners back from 1966 and the return of David Brinsko from the service, the 1967 version of Hornet cross country held a great deal of promise. They were very competitive, but unfortunately hampering injuries and illness kept the Hornets from the results that had been hoped for. E-State was at full strength only once during the season, when they scored a seven point win over rival Fort Hays in a triangular meet. The powerful Tigers won the other four meetings between the two schools, including the CIC meet. In both the CIC and

NAIA meets, KSTC was handicapped by the illness of senior Bob Camien, who competed in both meets but was unable to finish as a scoring runner for the Hornets. Despite Camien's illness, the Emporia State harriers were able to finish ninth in the NAIA Championships.

The 1968 season was the final year of competition in the Central Conference. Starting in the spring of 1969 the Hornets would be members of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, consisting of schools from New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Nebraska and Kansas. KSTC was to compete in the Plains Division of the RMAC along with all the other members of the old CIC. The Hornets won the last CIC track meet, scoring 102 points to outdistance Pittsburg State by 12 points. Bob Camien repeated his previous year's performance, finishing second in the three-mile, the mile, and the 880, and taking third in the steeplechase with times of 14:10, 4:11.9, 1:53.6, and 9:35.8 respectively. Schierling lowered his conference record in the intermediate hurdles by .7 of a second, and tied the CIC mark of 14.1 seconds in the high hurdles while winning both events. Two other Hornets set new conference marks, Feuerbach erasing his own record in the shot put with a winning throw of 56'-5", and Caywood setting a record of $14'-6\frac{1}{4}''$ in winning the pole vault. Fraley won his third straight 100-yard dash title, tying the conference mark of 9.7 seconds, while Tom Jones placed first in the high jump and the 440 relay team of Pando Markuly, Ira Gardner, Fraley and Hilo Smith won.

During the 1968 season, the Hornet thinclads also earned honors at the Indoor Nationals, the Arkansas Relays and the "big three" - Texas,

Kansas, and Drake. In the NAIA Indoor meet, Camien took third in the mile run to earn All-America honors, his time of 4:10.6 breaking the NAIA record for the event. Fourths were earned by Feuerbach in the shot put, the mile relay team, and the two-mile relay team. Also earning points for KSTC were Jones in a tie for fifth in the high jump and Schierling in sixth in the 600-yard run. These efforts earned Emporia State sixth place as a team in the NAIA Indoor. Camien continued his noteworthy performances during the remainder of the indoor season, winning the mile at the State Federation meet and the Kansas State Relays, as well as anchoring KSTC's winning distance medley relay at K-State. Jim Doyle, Fraley and Brinsko joined Camien on this team that posted the outstanding time of 10:01.8. Feuerbach raised his school record at both meets, throwing 56'-5" in the Federation meet and $56'-8t_2"$ at K-State.

Opening the 1968 outdoor season, the Hornets won two events at the Arkansas Relays. Feuerbach won the shot put with a 56 foot throw, and the four-mile relay team of Dennis Delmott, Bob Szymanski, Brinsko and Camien won in 17:46.1, defeating Drake University by one second. Seconds were earned by the distance medley team of Jim Hensley, Fraley, Brinsko and Camien, and Doug Caywood in a tie for second in the pole vault. Earning third place for the Hornets were Jim Correll in the javelin and Schierling in the 440-yard hurdles.

Schierling had been trying for some time to convince Coach Delavan that he could run a competitive 880, but Delavan had remained skeptical. After the 1967 track season Schierling ran a half-mile on his own to prove to Coach Delavan that he could run it well. His performance was so noteworthy that Delavan consented, and when Schierling was not allowed to run the intermediate hurdles at Texas because of the four-year rule, Delavan ran him on the two-mile relay and added him in place of Frank Hensley on the 880 carry of the distance medley. Delavan's decision was highly rewarded, as the distance medley foursome placed second in 10:04.0 despite Schierling getting knocked down on the lead-off carry and losing 100 yards on the field. This misfortune prevented the team from winning the Triple Crown in the event. The two-mile relay team, with Brinsko, Szymanski and Hensley joining Schierling, placed sixth in 7:49.0. Feuerbach was KSTC's only winner at Texas, setting a school record of 57'-2" in winning the shot put. Camien, the defending champ in the mile run, slipped to fifth in the event in 4:08.9.

However, Camien won the Wes Santee mile the next week at the Kansas Relays, running 4:18.4 on a very muddy track. Feuerbach picked up his second win of the Triple Crown, taking the shot put while extending his school record by one-fourth of an inch. The Hornets third victory at KU was earned by the distance medley team, the same foursome that competed at Texas running 9:59.2 to win the event. Camien ran a strong anchor to come from behind and catch the Loyola of Chicago anchor man. In addition to running a 1:52.2 split on the winning distance medley, Schierling finished third in the 400-meter hurdles in 52.8 seconds. The two-mile relay team placed fourth and Dennis Delmott took fifth in the 5000-meter run to round out the Hornet scoring. The distance relay teams turned in two memorable performances the next weekend at the Drake Relays. The best effort was by the two-mile relay team of Hensley, Camien, Brinsko and Schierling, which set a school and Relays' record of 7:30.0 in winning the event. Camien and Schierling both ran 1:50 splits on their respective carries. These two came back in the distance medley, along with Brinsko and Fraley, to win the event in 9:51.1, the second fastest time ever recorded by a Hornet team in the event. Camien turned in a 4:07 mile split to run down Loyola College for the second consecutive week. Feuerbach broke his school record in the shot for the fifth time during the season with a toss of 57'-5", but placed only third. Dean Woodson also placed third with a toss of 220'-10" in the javelin.

After the CIC victory, the KSTC trackmen attended the Missouri Valley AAU meet. Rich Boehringer, after missing much of the season with an injury, took first in the triple jump with a leap of 47'-6". Roger Bruning took the Hornets only other victory, winning the 880yard run in 2:09.0 on a track so muddy that the athletes could hardly run, making all the times ridiculously slow for the caliber of competition. Feuerbach finished third in the shot and second in the hammer, while Tom Jones placed fourth in the high jump.

Emporia State finished in a tie for fifth with St. Cloud, MN, in the 1968 NAIA National Outdoor meet. Feuerbach took two seconds, losing to James Bagby of Prairie View, TX, in the shot put and finishing as runner-up in the hammer throw, a new event in the NAIA meet. Thirds were earned by Camien in the 1500-meter run in 3:48.9 and by Schierling

in the 400-meter hurdles in 51.6 seconds. Schierling had set an NAIA record of 51.2 seconds in the semifinals, but could not repeat the performance in the finals. Boehringer rounded out the Hornet scoring, finishing fourth in the triple jump.

Schierling and Feuerbach went on to compete in the USTFF National Championships in Houston, TX. Feuerbach took third in the shot put with a toss of 56'-5" while Schierling finished fourth in the 440-yard hurdles, running 51.1 seconds to set a school record that still stands. This meet ended Feuerbach's season, even though he had qualified for the U.S. Olympic Trials with his second place finish in the NAIA Championships. Schierling, however, had not yet qualified for the Trials. and was attempting to meet the standard in the National AAU meet in California. Unfortunately, he finished 11th overall, and as the seventh American, in the 400-meter hurdles to just miss qualifying. However, the day after the AAU meet, as Schierling and Coach Delavan were preparing to leave for home, they were informed that Schierling had been chosen by the Olympic committee to fill the final spot in the 400-meter hurdles at the Olympic Trials being held the next weekend in Los Angeles. Sixteen men qualified for each event, and the standards for qualifying were top six in the NCAA and the NAAU championships, top two in the NAIA, and first in the Armed Service Championships. The final qualifier was chosen by the Olympic committee, and Schierling was the entry chosen for the 400 hurdles.

Schierling stayed out in Los Angeles and trained during the week between the AAU meet and the Trials. The LA meet was the first Olympic Trials, with the top 10 in each event qualifying for the high altitude training camp in Colorado. The eight athletes who qualified for the finals in each event at Los Angeles automatically gained a berth at the high altitude camp, while the eight who were not in the finals ran a second heat to determine the final two men to attend the Colorado camp. Schierling did not qualify for the finals, and in the second heat he just missed a berth on the training team finishing third in 51.3 seconds. However, Schierling's season did not end on this disappointing note. He was invited to compete in the Canadian AAU Championships and finished first in the 400-meter hurdles, setting the school record of 50.5 seconds that still stands. The meet was Canada's Olympic trials, and Schierling defeated all the athletes who made the Canadian team.

The 1968 cross country season was the most successful in several years for the Hornets. KSTC boasted a very strong team with the return of Dennis Delmott, David Brinsko and Bob Szymanski, and the addition of outstanding freshmen Greg Carpenter, Dennis Nee and Darrell Patterson. The Hornets opened the season with an upset victory over Fort Hays at the Wichita State Invitational, and came back two weeks later to whip the Tigers in a dual by the score of 24-35. This early success left KSTC confident of gaining their first conference title since 1963. However, Fort Hays came up with an ace right before the CIC meet. Since the 1968 Olympics had been held in September, the NAIA had a special ruling allowing Olympic athletes to enroll in only one hour during the fall semester and still be eligible to compete. Fort Hays took advantage of this rule to add Larbi Oukeda, a Moroccan Olympian, to their team in late October, and with Oukeda finishing second behind teammate John Mason in the CIC, the Tigers won the title over the Hornets by the score of 23-32. Without Oukeda in the race, Emporia State would have won the conference title 27-28. Delmott and Brinsko led the Hornets in the CIC with third and fourth place finishes respectively. Oukeda also made the difference in the NAIA meet as Fort Hays nipped KSTC 106-110 to win the team title with Mason and Oukeda finishing first and third respectively. Without the Moroccan representing Hays, the Hornets would have won KSTC's fifth NAIA national cross country title. Delmott and Brinsko both earned All-America honors in the NAIA meet, finishing 12th and 15th respectively. Rounding out the national runner-up squad were Nee, Szymanski, Patterson, Carpenter and Blaine Thomas.

Because of the loss of many of the outstanding performers who had helped lead KSTC to two consecutive conference track titles, Coach Delavan termed the 1969 track season a rebuilding year. However, he had a solid base upon which to rebuild, including the broad shoulders of junior Allen Feuerbach. Feuerbach opened the indoor season by winning the shot put at the NAIA National Indoor meet, his winning toss of 57'-5½" setting new NAIA and KSTC records. Brinsko placed third in the mile at 4:15.8 and Patterson took third in the 1000-yard run in 2:14.4 to both earn All-America recognition. Fourth places were taken by Jim Kisel in the high jump, by the mile relay team, and by the two-mile relay team. Emporia State placed fourth as a team in the meet on the strength of these efforts.

Feuerbach added more than one foot to his school record when he threw 58'-7" in the Kansas State-Oklahoma indoor dual, in which he entered as a practice meet. Feuerbach concluded the indoor season setting a meet record of 58'-1 3/4" at the Kansas State Relays. He continued this success during the outdoor season, although the record breaking spree ended temporarily. Feuerbach again won the Arkansas Relays shot title and finished second in the discus. Dean Woodson was also a winner at Arkansas, taking the javelin with a toss of 230'-7" with teammate Jim Correll finishing second behind him. Thirds were earned by Kisel in the high jump at 6'-7" and by the four-mile relay team of Nee, Delmott, Patterson and Thomas.

Delmott's performance in the three-mile run was the highlight for KSTC at the Texas Relays. Although he finished eighth, Delmott ran the noteworthy time of 13:57.9 to post the second best time ever run in the event by a Hornet. Feuerbach and Correll did not make the finals in their respective events. While these men competed at Texas, another group of Hornets entered the Oklahoma Invitational, and Kisel came away with a victory in the high jump with a school record leap of 6'- $8\frac{1}{2}$ ", and Woodson won the javelin. Kisel's victory in the high jump led a Hornet sweep in the event. Tom Jones and Ed Glover finished second and third respectively.

In Lawrence, at the second stop on the relay circuit, Feuerbach took second in the hammer throw and teammate Gary Lawrence finished third. Feuerbach could manage only a fifth place in the shot, though, finishing behind KU's outstanding trio of shot putters, Karl Salb, Steve Wilhelm and Doug Knop. The three Jayhawks had taken the top three places in the NCAA indoor meet earlier in the season. Delmott finished fourth in the six-mile, running a time of 30.10.3, and the Hornets mile and distance medley relay teams finished fifth. Dropped batons cost KSTC potential places in both the sprint medley and 880 relays.

Two Hornet relay teams, the distance medley and the 880, both earned fourth place at the Drake Relays. The weather was wet and miserable, and the rain slicked track caused many falls. One occurred in the finals of the 440 relay when the runner in lane two fell and ended up out in lane five, knocking down Chester Bluett of KSTC. The weather conditions also affected the placing of Delmott, who fell in the three-mile.

Fort Hays regained the conference title in 1969, defeating runner-up Emporia State by 33 points in the first Rocky Mountain conference meet. The Hornets strength was in the throwing events, as Feuerbach won the shot put, Woodson and Correll placed first and second respectively in the javelin, and Ray Rodman led a one-two-threefive Hornet finish in the discus. Rodman pulled off the upset of favored teammate Feuerbach with a personal best throw of 170'-2", one of the best throws posted in the NAIA during the season. Rodman, a senior transfer, had started the season as KSTC's fourth best thrower. However, by the middle of the season he had progressed to the second best position behind Feuerbach, and Rodman defeated his celebrated teammate for the first time at the Kansas Relays. His second victory

over Feuerbach earned Rodman a conference title. Ted Potts ran 9.6 seconds in the 100-yard dash to win the event and tie the school record, while Bill Fraley, the three-time defending champ in the event, finished third. Jim Kisel rounded out the Hornet champions, winning the high jump and extending his school record to 6'-9".

The Emporia State trackmen earned two victories in the 1969 Missouri Valley meet, Dennis Nee winning the 10,000-meter run in 32:16.2 and Feuerbach winning the hammer throw. Feuerbach added a second place in the shot put and a fourth in the discus, while Bluett took second in the 440-yard hurdles. Adding thirds to the Hornet effort were Patterson in the mile run and Rodman in the discus.

The Hornets ended the season placing fifth in the NAIA National Outdoor on the strength of the weight team. Feuerbach led the effort with three places, taking second to Bagby in the shot put, fifth in the discus and fifth in the hammer. Other KSTC place winners were Lawrence, who took second in the hammer while setting a school record of 150'-10", and Woodson, who placed third in the javelin with a toss of 218'-5".

The 1969 cross country season opened with a great deal of promise, with the Hornets returning everyone from the national runner-up squad of 1968 except Bob Szymanski. KSTC was ranked second in the NAIA behind rival Fort Hays for most of the season, and the Hornet harriers lost to the Tigers three times during the regular season. However, KSTC lived up to its high national ranking as the only other teams that defeated the Hornets during the regular season were UTEP and KU at the OSU Invitational. Unfortunately, the Hornets finished third behind Fort Hays and Adams State, CO, in the first RMAC championships, then finished a disappointing sixth in the NAIA meet to end the season on a sour note. Hays repeated as national champs and Adams State took fourth. Delmott capped a successful season by earning All-America honors for the second consecutive year, finishing in ninth place. Damaging the Hornets team chances, though, was E-State's other returning All-American, David Brinsko, finishing in 76th place.

Chapter 9

1970-1979

During the initial years of the decade, the KSTC track program carried a strong flavor of the sixties, because many of the top performers were carryovers from those very successful years. The 1970 track season, though, was dominated by Allen Feuerbach. When Feuerbach came to E-State from an Iowa high school in the fall of 1966, he carried only 180 pounds on his six-foot frame, and despite being a 60 foot thrower in high school, Feuerbach was considered too small to be an outstanding college shot putter. However, he was committed to making himself a national and world class shot putter, and through intensive weight workouts and training he steadily improved his performance's during his first three seasons at ESU. During his senior year in 1970, with his weight up to 235 pounds and his strength greatly improved, he became one of the top throwers in the country.

Feuerbach opened the indoor season with his first 60 foot throw as a collegian, winning the Drake Federation meet with a meet and school record toss of 61'-5½". He bettered the mark a few weeks later at the NAIA Indoor meet, setting a meet record of 62'-8 3/4" to win "Outstanding Performer" honors. That mark still stands as the NAIA Indoor record. Feuerbach's teammates Darrell Patterson and John Wilson earned thirds in the 1000-yard run and the long jump respectively to garner All-America recognition along with Feuerbach. These three athletes led Emporia State to a fifth place team finish in the NAIA indoor meet.

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Seven days after his NAIA performance, Feuerbach threw $62'-11\frac{1}{4}"$ at the Oklahoma City Invitational to set an indoor school record that still stands. He finished second in the meet to the American record toss of 66'-10" by Karl Salb of KU, but defeated Wilhelm and Knop of the Jayhawks. These three KU stars scored a second consecutive 1-2-3 finish at the NCAA Indoor meet later in the 1970 season. Feuerbach continued his outstanding throws through the remainder of the indoor season, tossing 62'-8" at KU, $62'-6\frac{1}{4}"$ to set a meet record at the Iowa Federation indoor, and throwing 62'-11" at the National AAU meet to place fourth.

At the Arkansas Relays Feuerbach was voted "Outstanding Performer" for the second time during the season, earning the honor by throwing 63'-8½" to win the shot and set a school and meet record, and throwing 171'-9" to win the discus. This mark in the discus was also a new school record. Feuerbach's winning toss in the shot ranked as the third best throw in the United States throughout the regular season. Freshman Larry Hynek made a clean sweep of the throwing events for the Hornets, winning the javelin with the toss of 209'-4".

KSTC's star shot putter was unable to compete at the Texas Relays because he was a fourth year trackman, an NCAA rule that had handicapped the Hornets top performers since the early days of the program. However, the Hornets did manage to earn a place at Texas, the sprint medley team taking third due to the brilliant 1:50.9 anchor half-mile by Patterson. Patterson was in last place when he received the baton, but

he pulled the team of Ted Potts, Wilson and Chester Bluett up to third for the Hornets only points. The E-State relay teams were unsuccessful at Kansas, but several individuals picked up the slack and placed well. Feuerbach, competing in a special invitational shot put event against the best throwers in the world, placed third behind Randy Matson, the world record holder, and Salb of KU. In the university/ college division, Hynek placed third in the javelin, Gary Lawrence placed fourth in the hammer, Ed Cox took fifth in the shot put, Patterson placed fifth in the mile and Wilson finished sixth in the long jump. Dennis Delmott did not place in the six-mile, but ran the outstanding time of 29:24.0 to set the school record that still stands.

Coach Delavan decided to by-pass the final stop on the Midwest circuit and entered the full team in the Southwest Missouri Relays. The Hornets picked up four victories, from Feuerbach in the shot put with a meet record throw of 62'-8½", Wilson in the long jump, Dennis Nee in the three-mile and the sprint medley team of Bluett, Ira Gardner, Potts and Patterson. KSTC's next two competitions were dual meets and several school records were the distinguishing features of these meets. Feuerbach upped his own discus record to 178'-3" in the meet against Central Missouri, and senior Doug Caywood pole vaulted 14'-8½" in the same meet to break C.R. Robe's school mark. The next week against Pittsburg State, Feuerbach rested while Caywood set a vault record of 15'-4" that still stands at Emporia State.

The Hornets ended the season in fine fashion, upsetting defending

champion and favored Fort Hays by 34 points to win the RMAC title. Wilson and Feuerbach were double winners for KSTC, Wilson taking the long jump at 24'-9½" and the triple jump at 46'-8", while Feuerbach won the discus and shot put with marks of 169'-3" and 60'-9 3/4" respectively. Also winners for the Hornets were Lawrence in the hammer with the meet record throw of 149'-8", Potts in the 100-yard dash at 9.9 seconds, and Bluett in the 440-yard hurdles with a time of 54.0 seconds. The Hornets' strength in the weight events and good depth offset Hays' dominance in the distance events to provide the Hornets with victory.

As a senior, Feuerbach won the NAIA shot put title with a toss of 61'-4 3/4" to regain the title he won as a freshman, and also placed fifth in the discus with a toss of 161'-10". Wilson added a third place finish in the long jump to earn All-America honors and help lead KSTC to a ninth place team finish. Wilson's jump of 24'-9½", the same mark he had posted in winning the event in the RMAC, was only one inch short of Noel Certain's 1961 school record.

Although this was the last time Feuerbach officially represented KSTC, his greatest achievements were yet to come. Later in the summer of 1970, while competing for the Southern Cal Striders, Feuerbach posted the two best marks to that point of his career, throwing $64'-1\frac{1}{2}"$ in the Orange County Invitational and 65'-0" in placing third at the National AAU. By placing in the AAU meet, Feuerbach earned a trip to to Europe for AAU sponsored meets in France, Germany and Russia. Later in his career Feuerbach set new indoor and outdoor world records for

the shot put, setting an indoor mark of 68'-11" in 1971 and extending it to 69'-5 3/4" in 1973, and setting an outdoor record of 71'-7" in 1973 while becoming only the second man in history to break the 70 foot barrier. Feuerbach also represented the United States in two Olympic Games, placing fifth in the shot in 1972 and fourth in the event in 1976, thus becoming only the fourth KSTC athlete to compete in the Olympics. In addition, Feuerbach qualified for the 1980 United States Olympic team but did not get to compete in the Moscow Games because of the United States boycott.

Since his graduation from Emporia State, Feuerbach has been honored with induction into the NAIA and Drake Relays halls of fame. His accomplishments, both as a Hornet and after his graduation, rate him as one of the greatest track and field performers in Emporia State's rich history.

While Feuerbach was competing in the 1970 summer championship meets, Coach Phil Delavan received a high honor when he was chosen as one of the coaches for the United States team in the World University Games held in Turin, Italy. This was the first of many international coaching experiences Delavan enjoyed. He returned in September just in time for the cross country season in what was definitely a rebuilding year. Dennis Nee, Darrell Patterson and Merv Harlan were the only returning letterman, and these three led the Hornets through the season. The inexperienced Hornet harriers struggled early, but came on strong to finish a surprising third in the RMAC meet behind Hays and Adams State, CO, and second in the District 10 behind Hays despite

Patterson missing the district with an injury. The Hornets earned these places on the strength of high finishes by Harlan and Nee, who placed fourth and fifth respectively in the RMAC, then reversed that order in taking first and second in the district. The KSTC harriers ended the season placing 20th in the NAIA national meet, led by Harlan's 40th place finish.

The 1971 Hornet track squad was without three of the five 1970 conference champions, with Feuerbach lost to graduation, Ted Potts passing up his last year of eligibility to work in the KSTC counseling department, and Chester Bluett severly injured in an automobile accident in February. Conference champ and All-American John Wilson was one of several strong individuals who returned, but the losses left KSTC without the team depth of previous years.

The Hornets did not experience a great deal of success during the indoor season, with junior Dennis Nee garnering most of the honors. Nee placed fifth in the two-mile at the NAIA Indoor meet, running 9:18.7 to earn honorable mention All-America honors, then won the two-mile in the RMAC Plains Division Indoor meet. Due to bad weather, only three teams competed in the first and only attempt at an RMAC indoor meet, and results showed Pittsburg State to be a clear winner over E-State and host Omaha. Nee's victory was the only first earned by a Hornet thinclad.

The Hornets' strengths during the 1971 outdoor season were in the distances, led by juniors Nee and Patterson, and in the javelin, led by sophomore Larry Hynek and senior Jim Correll. Hynek was outstanding

during the regular season, winning his second straight javelin title at the Arkansas Relays with a toss of 229'-9", placing second in the Emporia Relays at 237'-10", and taking fourth at KU with a throw of 235'-7". Hynek's mark in the Emporia Relays set a new KSTC school record, surpassing the mark of 231'-3" set in 1963 by Kent Hurn, who coached Hynek in high school. Correll, overshadowed by his teammate during the regular season, came up with two notable efforts in the RMAC regional qualifying meet and the RMAC championships to defeat Hynek. In the region meet, which was a new event that qualified the top three individuals and relays for the RMAC meet, Correll threw 228'-1" to win the javelin. The following weekend at the RMAC championships, Correll came up with the greatest effort of his career to win the event and set a new conference and school record of 247'-8". Hynek, after third place finishes in the two RMAC meets, regained the upper hand in the NAIA nationals with a toss of 229'-10" to take sixth, defeating Correll by seven feet.

Nee and Patterson helped form another in a long line of strong KSTC distance medley teams in 1971. These two, joined by Mark Sevier and Jim White, formed a team that won at the Arkansas Relays in 10:17.9 when the initial winning team was disqualified, won at the Emporia Relays, and placed second at the Kansas Relays in 9:58.0. Patterson turned in a superb third carry for the Hornet team at KU, running his 1320-yard leg in 2:57.9 to bring KSTC's team from fifth to first. Nee turned in a game effort on the anchor, but lost on the finishing kick by .8 of a second. Patterson also earned an individual place at KU,

running the fast time of 4:07.0 to take fifth in the mile. Because of his strong performances during the season, Patterson was a heavy favorite to win the RMAC mile title. However, due to an unfortunate set of circumstances in the RMAC regional meet, Patterson failed to qualify for the conference championships. In the region meet, Patterson was leading the mile at the end of the third lap when he was bumped into the curb. By the time he regained his stride he was in fourth place, and despite a strong finish he ended in that position .2 of a second behing the winner. Nee, after a second place finish in the three-mile run in the conference qualifying meet, came back to win the event at the RMAC and defeat Mike McDonald of Adams State, who had posted the top mark in the event in the NAIA during the 1971 season. The only other conference winner for KSTC was Mike Sharp, who won the discus with the toss of 157'-5". The defending team champion Hornets fell to a disappointing fifth in the RMAC meet due to the failure of several key performers to qualify and the disappointing finishes of several individuals in the conference meet, most notably John Wilson. Wilson, the defending RMAC champion in the long jump and triple jump, garnered only a fourth place finish in the long jump in the conference meet to cap off a season well below the standard of performance that had come to be expected of him. The reason for the lack of results from Wilson is unknown, although he may have been injured during the season.

Youth was the dominant feature of the 1971 Hornet cross country team with two seniors, Dennis Nee and Darrell Patterson, leading a group of freshmen and sophomores. Because of inexperience, the KSTC squad started the season slowly, but steadily improved to finish the season with a second place finish in the District 10 meet behind Hays while defeating Pittsburg for the first time during the season. The Hornets also tied for first with the powerful Tigers of Fort Hays in the MVAAU meet, and finished 18th in the NAIA nationals. The Hornets placed only fifth in the RMAC, but this low finish was not indicative of the strength of the Hornet squad as evidenced by the fact that the teams that defeated KSTC in the meet, Adams State, Omaha, Fort Hays and Pittsburg, finished first, ninth, tenth and nineteenth respectively in the NAIA national meet.

In his senior year during the fall of 1971, Nee posted the most successful season by a Hornet harrier since the days of John Camien. Nee went unbeaten through the regular season with wins at Wichita, Emporia, Pittsburg, Southwest Missouri, the NAIA District 10 and the MVAAU meets. He also won the conference title and ended the season with a seventh place finish in the NAIA national meet after being knocked down during the race. Patterson, the other Hornet senior, turned in his best performance of the season, and one of the best of his cross country career, with a third place finish at the RMAC meet, and ended the season placing 31st in the national meet despite coming in only 26 seconds behind Nee.

Coach Delavan predicted a good year for the 1972 Hornet track squad despite the fact that it was also a young team, with Nee and Patterson once again the only seniors on the squad. This prediction proved to be correct as the young Hornets improved steadily and wound up the season

in the runner-up spot in the RMAC behind the Tigers of Fort Hays. Nee and Patterson capped very successful seasons by winning conference titles in the three-mile and one-mile runs respectively. Patterson set a new conference record of 4:09.6 in the mile at the regional meet the week prior to the conference championships. Other Hornet winners in the RMAC competition were Art Peals in the high hurdles, Larry Hynek in the javelin, and Jerry Hinson in the discus. Hinson also placed second in the shot put. Hays won only three individual titles, but won the team crown with characteristically outstanding depth.

The 1972 track season opened with Nee and Patterson earning places in the NAIA Indoor nationals, finishing fourth in the two-mile and fifth in the 1000-yard run respectively. In the outdoor opener at Arkansas, Nee earned KSTC's lone victory, winning the university division two-mile in 9:07.6, while the Hornets outstanding pair of weight men, Hynek and Hinson, also posted noteworthy performances. Hynek placed second in the javelin, while Hinson took second in the discus and third in the shot put. The distance medley team of Jim White, Ron Wynn, Tom Quammen and Patterson finished a disappointing fifth due to a dropped baton.

At the Texas Relays, the Hornets picked up two fifth places, from Hynek in the javelin with the throw of 239'-4", and the distance medley team with the time of 10:04.6. Nee, running the three-mile at Texas, could manage only a ninth place finish with the time of 14:10.5. However, Nee came back one week later at the Emporia Relays to run the outstanding time of 13:55.0 in the three-mile, setting a new school and Relays' record. The Hornets attended the Kansas Relays the weekend after the E-State Relays, but were unable to score in the meet. Because of the lack of results at KU, Coach Delavan decided to bypass the Drake Relays, entering the Hornets in the SW Missouri Relays. Nee responded with another meet record, winning the three-mile with the time of 13:57.7. Other KSTC winners at Missouri were Hinson in the shot and discus, and Ben Pierce in the triple jump. Nee ended the 1972 season and his outstanding career placing second in the 5000-meter run at the NAIA Outdoor meet, running the time of 14:37.6. Nee was the only Hornet place winner in the 1972 national outdoor competition.

The 1972-1973-1974 cross country seasons did not yield the results expected of Hornet harriers. The highest team finish in the conference and national meet during those three years was fourth and 22nd respectively in 1973. The loss of Nee and Patterson left the Hornets with an extremely weak distance team for one of the few times in the history of the program. This weakness was evident also during the track seasons when the distance runners failed to place well.

Because there were few outstanding individuals who could score in the big relay carnivals during 1973, Delavan began to put more emphasis on depth. Top performers for the Hornets that year were senior tricaptains Jerry Hinson, Larry Hynek and Art Peals, all three returning conference champs and all among the best in the NAIA in their respective events. Hynek posted the best results, placing fourth in the javelin at the Texas Relays with a PR of 242'-1", and fourth again at the Kansas Relays with a 240'-4" toss. In 1973, the Hornets were

members of the Great Plains Athletic Conference, which consisted of the same teams that had comprised the Plains Division of the old Rocky Mountain Conference. Hynek won the javelin in the initial conference meet with the toss of 239'-3", and ended his last year as a Hornet placing second in the javelin at the NAIA meet with the toss of 237'-9". That effort earned him All-America honors for the first time in his career despite the fact that he had been one of the top throwers in the NAIA during his four years of competition.

Peals also had an outstanding last year, posting a new meet record of 14.2 seconds in the high hurdles at the Emporia Relays, defending his conference title in the highs with the time of 14.4 seconds, and placing sixth in the event at the NAIA national meet to earn honorable mention All-America recognition. Hinson opened the outdoor season very impressively, posting two of the top marks in the NAIA with throws of $54'-4\frac{1}{2}$ " in the shot put and 174'-0" in the discus during the Fort Hays dual. Unfortunately, a wrist injury incurred during the Emporia Relays kept him out of competition for most of April. Hinson returned to action in time for the GPAC meet but, still bothered by the injury, he could manage only third place finishes in the shot and discus with marks well below his season's bests. Despite a third individual conference title won by Arnold Sams in the high jump, the Hornets finished a disappointing fourth in the first GPAC meet behind Hays, Northern Colorado and Pittsburg State. Despite Delavan's focus on developing a team with depth, it was KSTC's lack of depth that accounted for the poor showing.

In February of 1974 the name of KSTC was changed to Emporia Kansas State College. Thus the Hornets had a new name when the 1974 track season opened. The Hornet thinclads had a new look in addition to the new name, fielding an extremely strong sprint team for the first time since the early 1960's and for one of the few times in the history of the program. The first indication of the strength of the Hornet speedsters came in the District 10 indoor meet at Fort Hays where the EKSC trackmen won six events and set five meet and fieldhouse records to finish second as a team behind Fort Hays. Alan Johnson had a hand in three of the records, tying the mark of 6.2 seconds in winning the 60-yard dash, setting a mark of 32.6 seconds in winning the 300-yard dash, and teamming with Jimmie Cook, Ron Wynn and Mark Sevier to win the one-mile relay with the record time of 3:25.3. The other records were set by Sevier in winning the 440-yard dash and Ed Edgerson in winning the triple jump. Gale Knight earned the Hornets' final victory, winning the 176-yard intermediate hurdles in 20.5 seconds. The EKSC trackmen concluded the indoor season at the NAIA national meet, placing fifth in the mile relay with the team of Don Wynn, Ron Wynn, Johnson and Sevier, and taking sixth in the two-mile relay with the team of Dwight Linder, Art Millikin, Steve Mosteller and Rick Tyler.

A highlight of the 1974 outdoor season came at the Abilene Christian College Relays when the Hornets scored 50 points in the final four events to nose the host Wildcats by two points for the team title. Sevier won the Hornets' only individual title, taking the 440-yard dash in 48.9 seconds, but EKSC's win was due to good depth in the sprints and hurdles.

In addition, the Hornet sprinters led EKSC back to its traditional prominence on the relay circuit. The 440 relay team of Edgerson, R. Wynn, Sevier and Johnson placed fourth at Kansas in 42.2 seconds and sixth at Drake in 42.3 seconds, despite Wynn pulling a muscle just before the handoff to Sevier at Drake. Johnson turned in a superb individual performance at the Kansas Relays, running a wind-aided 9.46 seconds in the semi-finals of the 100-yard dash. Unfortunately, this time did not qualify him for the finals.

The Hornet trackmen dominated the sprints and hurdles in the evening session of the GPAC meet, but weakness in the weights and distance events put EKSC too far behind, and they ended up in fourth place one point behind Northern Colorado. Johnson had an outstanding day, setting conference records of 9.5 seconds and 21.2 seconds in winning the 100 and 220-yard dashes respectively, anchoring the winning 440 relay team of Edgerson, R. Wynn and Sevier in the GPAC record time of 41.6 seconds, and running on the winning mile relay team with Cook, D. Wynn and Sevier. Rounding out the winners for Emporia State were Sevier in the 440-yard dash with the time of 48.1 seconds and Gale Knight in the high hurdles with the time of 14.5 seconds. The Hornet sprinters and relay teams went on to compete in the NAIA nationals and, despite posting some noteworthy times (Johnson ran 9.6 and 21.5 in the 100 and 220 respectively and Sevier ran 48.0 in the 440), EKSC thinclads were unable to earn a place in the meet.

Ron Wynn, an outstanding sprinter for the 1972-1974 Hornet track

teams, recalls what made his participation special:

I felt that each track meet that I participated in was definitely full of memories. I especially cherish the NAIA indoor/outdoor meets, the Emporia Relays, the Fort Hays duals, and the Abilene Christian Relays. I could write a book about all of the above. The practice sessions were full of laughter and fun. (R. Wynn, personal communication, June 1984)

The Hornet sprint team was even stronger in 1975 with the return of Alan Johnson, Mark Sevier, Jimmie Cook, Ed Edgerson and Terry Wallace. The addition of junior transfer Dave Neufeldt and Tyrone Grey, a fleet Floral Park, NY, freshman, helped replace the graduated Wynn brothers. These speedsters provided the strength upon which EKSC placed a close second to Pittsburg in the indoor District 10 meet. Grey, Edgerson and Wallace placed 1-3-4 respectively in the 60-yard dash and Sevier, David Thompson and Neufeldt took 1-3-4 respectively in the 440-yard dash. Grey and Johnson both tied Pitt State's fieldhouse record of 6.2 seconds in the 60, Grey in the finals and Johnson in the semi's, but Johnson was disqualified in the final for a false start. Other Hornet winners were Mark Stanbrough, a sophomore transfer, in the 880-yard run; John Browne, in the two-mile walk; and Arnold Sams, in the high jump. Sams had won the GPAC high jump title in 1973 as a freshman, and after sitting out of competition in 1974, he returned in 1975 to add depth to the Hornet squad.

The Hornets entry in the 1975 Kansas Relays was highlighted by EKSC's first victory on the major relay circuit since 1968. The win was provided by the 880-yard relay team of Grey, Neufeldt, Sevier and Johnson in the time of 1:27.4. The Hornet speedsters added two second place finishes, both behind Lincoln University, MO, in the mile relay with the time of 3:14.6 and in the 440 relay with the time of 42.1. The mile relay team consisted of the same foursome that won the 880 relay, and Edgerson replaced Neufeldt on the 440 relay. The Hornet sprint teams continued the success at the Drake Relays with the same combinations that had competed at KU. The 440 relay foursome again placed second, running a time of 42.0 seconds, while the 880 and mile relay teams slipped to fourth in 1:26.8 and 3:15.0 respectively. The mile relay quartet got a scare just before the preliminary race when Grey got a cramp in his hamstring, but Stanbrough ran in his place to help the Hornet team qualify for the finals.

Ending the season at the 1975 GPAC meet, the EKSC trackmen scored 103½ points to finish a disappointing third, 25 points behind champion Fort Hays. Again the strength of the team was the sprints. Unfortunately, the Hornet speedsters were unable to duplicate the spectacular results of the previous year despite posting some outstanding times. Mark Sevier, defending 440 champ, and Alan Johnson, defending champ in the 100 and 220, were upset in their specialties, both placing second. In finishing second, though, Sevier broke the school record in the 440 held jointly by Eddie Washington and Melvin Mayo with the time of 47.8 seconds. The Hornet 440 relay team, also the defending champ, finished second with the team of Edgerson, Grey, Sevier and Johnson setting a school record of 41.4 seconds. The only EKSC victory was turned in by the mile relay team of Neufeldt, David Thompson, Johnson and Sevier in the time of 3:19.2. A pleasant surprise was the 38 points picked up in the field events on the strength of a second in the discus and third in the shot from Chuck Coblentz, and a second in the javelin from Ross Meeker.

On the strength of a group of juniors and sophomores who had gained a great deal of experience while struggling through the losing seasons, the 1975 Hornet cross country team regained the stature that had been missing during the previous three seasons. Again the Hornets did not post many team victories, winning only at the Marymount Invitational. However, this was because Fort Hays and Pittsburg had two of the best cross country teams in the NAIA, as was the case throughout most of the decade, and EKSC had to run against one or both almost every week. Besides the victory at Marymount, the E-State harriers finished third in both the GPAC and district meets behind Pitt and Hays, and ended the season with a 13th place finish in the NAIA nationals. Hays and Pitt placed third and eighth respectively in the national meet. Junior Greg Purkeypile led the young Hornets through most of the season, finishing fourth and fifth respectively in the conference and district, and becoming EKSC's first cross country All-American since 1971 by taking 25th place in the NAIA meet with the five-mile time of 25:38.

For the first time in the history of the school, EKSC fielded an intercollegiate women's track and field team during the 1976 season. The first year women's team, led by San Diego, CA, freshman Kathy Devine, stole the headlines from the established men's program. Devine, as a junior in high school, had set a national high school record of 51'-1" for the eight pound shot put to establish herself as one of the top women shot putters in the country. She chose to attend EKSC because of Coach Phil Delavan's reputation as one of the top weight coaches in the United States, and because of the success Hornet grad Allen Feuerbach was enjoying on the world track circuit. Devine made an immediate impact on the program and firmly established her potential in her first college appearance, setting the best national shot put mark of the young season with a 50'-9" toss at the KU indoor meet. The following weekend, Devine placed second in the National AAU indoor championships with the toss of $49'-10\frac{1}{3}"$. This performance at the AAU meet earned Devine the right to join an AAU team for a dual meet in March against the Russian team in Leningrad, but she declined because of school commitments.

Devine continued her outstanding success during the 1976 outdoor season, garnering "Outstanding Woman Athlete" honors at the Arkansas Relays by winning the shot put, discus and javelin with marks of 50'-1", 146'-4" and 129'-8" respectively. The mark in the discus set a meet record. Finishing third for the Lady Hornets at Arkansas were Becky Armstrong in the two-mile and the 440 relay team of Karen Lane, Pat Roberts, Kim Haines and Lorye Nielson. One week after Arkansas in the Emporia Invitational, Devine turned in her most spectacular result of the young season, throwing the shot $52'-4\frac{1}{2}$ " to establish a new National Women's Intercollegiate record and erase the mark of $52'-0\frac{1}{3}$ " by Maren Seidler of San Leandro State set in 1972. In 1976, Seidler was the American record holder for the shot put at 56'-0".

Devine rolled through the remainder of the schedule unbeaten in the shot, setting meet records of 51'-5" at the Kansas Relays and 49'-3½" at the Wichita State Relays, winning the AIAW Region Six title in St. Cloud, MN, with a toss of 49'-10½", and extending her national collegiate record to 53'-1" in winning the AIAW National shot put title. Devine was also successful in the discus, winning at the Wichita meet with the record toss of 146'-3", finishing second at KU at 145'-5" while breaking the old meet record, and finishing second at the AIAW Region Six. Devine concluded her phenomenal season by winning the USTFF shot title, then gualifying for the Olympic trials by placing second at the NAAU outdoor meet to Maren Seidler. Devine again placed second to Seidler in the Olympic trials shot final with the toss of 51'-0", but unfortunately, to qualify for a trip to Montreal she would have had to either win the event or throw 54'-6" in placing second or third, so Devine was not eligible to compete in the 1976 Olympic Games.

EKSC was officially represented in the Montreal Olympics, although not in track and field competition. Pat Roberts, an outstanding player on the Lady Hornet basketball team and a very good high jumper on the 1976 track team, was selected to play on the United States women's basketball team. Roberts missed the latter half of the track season because of the tryouts and subsequent practice by the Olympic team. Following the Olympics, Roberts transferred to the University of Tennessee to play for her Olympic coach.

Unfortunately, the 1976 men's team could not match the women's

success and had a very disappointing season. Hurt by the loss of most of the strong sprint squad from the previous two years (Alan Johnson and Mark Sevier had graduated while Tyrone Grey and Ed Edgerson transferred) the Hornet men lacked the strength and depth to field a contending team. After a mediocre indoor season, the EKSC thinclads opened the outdoor season at the Arkansas Relays, where three Hornets were able to place third: Chuck Coblentz in the discus, Warren Fore in the javelin and Steve Henry in the long jump. However, this success was marked by the loss of Terry Wallace, one of the few returning sprinters, with a pulled muscle. The season did have some highlights, though, the most outstanding of which was senior Leonard Hall setting a new world record in the three-mile run for a deaf runner of 14:20.2 at the Central Missouri Invitational, shattering the old mark of 14:34.0 held by a Swedish runner. Later that same year, at the U.S. Deaf Olympic tryouts, Hall set an American deaf record of 15:00.1 in winning the 5000-meter run, and also won the 10,000-meter run.

The season ended on a sour note, as the Hornets finished a disappointing sixth in the final GPAC meet with only 29 points, the lowest point total scored by a Hornet team in the conference meet in many years. The highest EKSC finisher was sophomore transfer Kim Bahner who placed second in the javelin. Emporia State became a member of the newly formed Central States Intercollegiate Conference after the 1976 Great Plains meet, along with Fort Hays State, Pittsburg State, Washburn, Kearney State NB, Wayne State NB, Missouri Southern and Missouri Western. The new conference was formed to reduce the travel costs incurred when competing with the westernmost members of the old GPAC.

The 1976 cross country season was extremely frustrating for the Hornet harriers who, despite being ranked in the top 15 in the NAIA throughout most of the season, were able to place only third in the initial CSIC championship meet and fourth in the NAIA District 10 meet, missing qualification for the nationals as a team. The reason for this frustration was that Pittsburg, Fort Hays and Marymount had teams that also ranked among the best in the NAIA, and E-State finished behind the first two in the CSIC and behind all three in the district meet. Senior Greg Purkeypile again led the Hornets during the season, finishing as the top man for EKSC in every meet. Purkeypile placed third individually in the district meet to qualify for the nationals, and repeated his finish from the 1975 national championship, placing 25th with the five-mile time of 24:57 to earn All-America honors for the second consecutive year. Sophomore Jamie McPhee earned All-District 10 honors with a 12th place finish to also qualify for the NAIA meet as an individual, but he finished well back in the pack against the national competition.

The 1977 Lady Hornet track squad was strengthened by the addition of two outstanding freshmen, Brenda Short and Pam Bulson. The addition of these two, combined with the return of sophomore All-American Kathy Devine, gave E-State three top quality performers. However, the Lady Hornets did not have the depth necessary to contend for the

conference title in the first year of the women's event, and they finished a distant second to Kearney State in the CSIC meet. Devine won the conference shot, discus and javelin titles, a feat she performed quite regularly during the season, with marks of 50'-10½", 140'-1", and 139'-5" respectively. Short and Bulson accounted for the bulk of the remaining Hornet points, Short taking second in the long jump, third in the 100-meter dash and fourth in the 200-meter dash, and Bulson placing second in the high hurdles and the high jump and fourth in the long jump.

Light This outstanding trio of Lady Hornets began the 1977 season quite impressively at the Missouri Women's Indoor Invitational, with Devine and Bulson winning the shot put and high jump respectively while Short placed second in the 60-yard dash and the long jump. Devine continued her winning ways during the outdoor season while competing in the major meets in the Midwest. Opening at the Arkansas Relays, she won the shot, javelin and discus, setting meet records in the first two, to win "Outstanding Woman Performer" honors for the second consecutive vear. Moving on to the Wichita Relays, Devine won the same three events while setting a meet and school record of 152'-5" in the discus. The next major meet for the Lady Hornets was the Oklahoma State Invitational, where Bulson, Devine and Short garnered four firsts, all with meet record performances, to lead EKSC to a fifth place finish in a predominantly major college field. Devine won the shot put and discus with marks of 49'-11" and 148'-7" respectively, while Bulson tied for first in the high jump at 5'-5" and Short won the long jump at 18'-212".

The team moved next to the Midwest relay circuit, and Devine won the shot put and discus and placed second in the javelin at the Kansas Relays. At the Drake Relays, the final event before the CSIC meet, Devine won the shot put with a meet record throw of 50'-4½". After leading Emporia State to the second place finish in the CSIC meet, Devine, Short and Bulson competed in the AIAW Region 6 meet. By placing first in the shot, fourth in the long jump, and second in the high jump respectively, all three Lady Hornets qualified for the AIAW National meet to be held the following weekend. At the AIAW Championships, Devine successfully defended her national title by winning the shot put with a toss of $51'-4\frac{1}{2}"$, but neither of the other Lady Hornet performers were able to place. Devine continued her season-long unbeaten streak in the shot put by winning the event at the USTFF meet in Wichita, throwing 50'-9" but, as in 1976, Devine suffered her first loss at the National AAU meet, placing third behind Maren Seidler, the American record holder, and Jane Frederick respectively. Seidler still holds the American shot put record, although she extended it to 62'-7 3/4" in 1979, while Frederick is currently the American record holder in the heptathlon.

The men's track team rebounded from the disappointing 1976 season to post a very successful year in 1977. The indoor season was highlighted by several strong performances in the NAIA national meet and the District meet. These included a sixth place finish in the national's by the distance medley team of Mark Stanbrough, Brad McKaig, Jamie McPhee and Greg Purkeypile, a first place in the district meet by the two-mile relay team of Tom Noonan, McPhee, Rick Brading and Gary Plank, and Purkeypile's 9:15.1 two-mile in the district meet to earn second place.

The Hornets opened the 1977 outdoor season at the Arkansas Relays, picking up four places. Sam Wilson, Craig Briggs and Kim Bahner earned fifths in the shot put, 100-yard dash and javelin respectively, while the 440-yard relay team of Steve Henry, Doug Ray, Briggs and McKaig sprinted to a sixth place finish. The Emporia thinclads turned in another strong performance two weeks after the Arkansas meet, garnering seven firsts at the Central Missouri State Springfest. The victories were taken by Henry in the 220-yard dash, McKaig in the 440-yard dash, Stanbrough in the 880-yard run, Bahner in the javelin, Wilson in the shot put, the 440 relay team of Henry, Briggs, Ray and McKaig, and the mile relay foursome of Briggs, McKaig, Stanbrough and Mike Beatty. The regular season ended with an outstanding effort at the first CSIC meet, described by Coach Delavan as the best effort he had ever seen by a Hornet track team. Fort Hays, with their astounding depth, won the meet easily, but the Hornets put up a fierce battle with Pittsburg State for second and came up just two and one-half points short, finishing third in the seven team field. Greatly enhancing Emporia State's effort were victories earned by freshman Briggs in the 100-meter with a time of 10.7 seconds, senior Stanbrough in the 800meter in 1:52.2, the 440 relay team of Henry, Ray, Briggs and Terry Wallace with the time of 42.0 seconds, and the mile relay team of McKaig, Stanbrough, Beatty and Henry in 3:16.6. Also helping the

Hornet cause were second places gained by Wilson in the shot put and discus, and by Brading in the 400-meter hurdles.

Stanbrough, Brading and Purkeypile went on to compete in the NAIA national meet in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, and turned in strong performances despite not placing. Stanbrough qualified for the 800-meter finals with an outstanding time of 1:50.9 in the semis, but was able to place only eighth in the final. Brading and Purkeypile came close to personal best's in the 400 hurdles and 5000-meter respectively, but did not make the finals.

As had been the case in 1976, the 1977 Hornet cross country team was unable to pick up many victories, racing almost every week against Fort Hays and Pittsburg State, who were once again two of the top-ranked teams in the NAIA. The Hornets finished second to Fort Hays in the Hays Invitational, the Marymount Invitational, and the Karsas Intercollegiate, second to Pitt in a dual, and third behind both at the Emporia Invitational, the CSIC and the District 10 meet. However, the third place finish in the district earned the Hornets a return trip to the NAIA national meet after a year's absence. Tom Noonan finished as E-State's top man at the district, placing 13th to earn All-District honors. Unfortunately, the Emporia State harriers were able to place only 31st in the 59 team national field.

The 1978 indoor track season was not characterized by any spectacular performances by either the men's or women's teams. Kathy Devine provided most of the excitement, setting an indoor school record of 52'-5 3/4" in the shot put during a practice meet at Pittsburg and

again winning the shot at the Missouri Invitational with a toss of 50'-5½". Freshman Judy Becker also provided a victory in the Missouri indoor meet, winning the high jump with the school record leap of 5'-4". Most of the Lady Hornets other top performers were involved with other winter sports, i.e. basketball and swimming, and did not make an impact on the indoor season. The highlight of the men's indoor season was provided by Steve Henry and Tom Noonon, who won the 600-yard run and 1000-yard run respectively at the District 10 meet. The Hornet men's squad was decimated by illness at the NAIA indoor meet, with five men unable to attend because of the flu and the three who did compete handicapped by the illness as well.

Devine opened the outdoor season in usual form, winning the three throwing events at the Arkansas Relays for the third consecutive year while extending her own meet records to 50'-6" in the shot put, 148'-1" in the discus, and 150'-11½" in the javelin. The latter mark was also a new ESU school record. Other Lady Hornets placing at Arkansas were Pam Bulson with a second place in the high jump, Brenda Short with a third place in the long jump, and Judy Becker with a sixth place in the high jump. The Hornet men picked up four sixth's; Sam Wilson in the shot put, Rick Brading in the 400 hurdles, Steve Henry in the long jump, and the 440 relay quartet of Henry, Doug Ray, Kent McCray and James Wells.

Two weeks after the season opener at Arkansas, while the men's team competed in the Emporia Relays, the Lady Hornets traveled to Stillwater to participate in the Oklahoma State Invitational and picked

up a second place team finish, losing to Southwest Missouri by only five points. Devine provided her usual three victories, winning the shot put, discus and javelin, while Becker won the high jump at 5'-8" and placed second to Devine in the discus. Short also picked up a victory for E-State, winning the long jump with a leap of 18'-8". Rounding out the Hornet scoring were seconds by Laura Schroer in the javelin and Dorothy Frey in the high jump. The Lady Hornets were without Bulson at the OSU meet, costing them valuable points and possibly the team title.

The Kansas Relays, traditionally one of the highlights of the track season for Emporia State, was even more in evidence during 1978 because a portion of the meet was held in Welch Stadium on the ESU Renovation of Memorial Stadium in Lawrence, the usual site of campus. the Midwest relay circuit's second stop, caused the meet to be transferred to four regional locations, including Emporia, which hosted the college division of the Relays. The Hornet performers were very successful against some strong competition. Devine led the way with three victories and a national intercollegiate record, extending her own shot put mark to 53'-3 3/4", as well as winning the discus and javelin. Becker and Frey finished second and fourth respectively in the high jump while Short placed third in the long jump. Fifths were earned by Schroer in the shot put and by the 440 relay team of Leslie Whitsitt, LaDonna Dearing, Karen Lane and Short. On the men's side, Kim Bahner was the Hornets' top place winner, taking third in the javelin with a 211'-7" toss. Wilson and Mike Williams placed fourth

and fifth respectively in the shot put, while Henry rounded out the E-State point winners placing sixth in the long jump.

Devine continued her superb performances the next weekend at the Drake Relays, bettering her week old national record and her Drake Relays record with a toss of 53'-7 3/4". The mark still stands as the Drake record. Also placing at Drake were Short with a fourth in the long jump and Becker with a school record leap of 5'-84" to place sixth in the high jump. Unfortunately, this success was tainted by an injury Devine sustained to her throwing hand which kept her from competing in the CSIC meet and hindered her performances during the remainder of the season. However, even with Devine, the Lady Hornets could not have challenged the powerful Kearney State team for the CSIC title, as the Antelopes won by more than 200 points over the second place Hornets. Devine's absence was not the only disappointment of the CSIC meet, as the Emporia State women who did compete failed to win an event, turning in performances well below their normal standards. The men's team was also disappointing finishing fourth in the conference meet behind Hays, Pittsburg, and Kearney. Henry was lost to the Hornets early in the meet when he pulled a muscle in the prelims, costing E-State valuable points. Despite this loss, the Emporia thinclads were leading Kearney by one-half point going into the mile relay when ESU's lead off man jumped the gun and the Hornets were disqualified, giving Kearney third in the meet just by finishing the relay. However, Sam Wilson was a bright spot for Emporia State, winning the shot put with a conference record toss of $52'-8\frac{1}{4}"$ and

taking first in the discus with a throw of 153'-1".

Devine was able to throw the shot put the weekend after the CSIC meet in the AIAW Region 6 meet, but the injury prevented her from throwing the discus and javelin, and her winning toss of 49'-1 3/4" in the shot was well below her usual standards during the season. Frey and Becker placed first and second respectively in the high jump, both clearing 5'-2", and Short placed third in the long jump. Rounding out the Hornet scoring was a fifth in the shot and a sixth in the javelin by Laura Schroer, and a fifth by the 440 relay team of Whitsitt, Dearing, Lane and Short.

Despite being the pre-meet favorite to win a third consecutive national shot put title, Devine was upset in the event finishing second to Jennifer Smit of the University of Texas-El Paso. Devine ended her season by repeating her 1977 placing in the National AAU meet, taking third with a toss of 50'-10". Maren Seidler again won the event. Kim Bahner, the Hornets outstanding javelin thrower, also won national honors placing sixth in his specialty in the NAIA nationals with a throw of 207'-8".

Phil Delavan, Emporia State's track and cross country coach since 1965, resigned in late August of 1978 to become the head women's track and cross country coach at the University of Texas. Delavan posted a very successful career as head of Emporia State's teams, coaching national champions Richard Boehringer, Allen Feuerbach and Kathy Devine, as well as numerous All-Americans. Delavan had been widely recognized among his peers, having served as President of the NAIA Track Coaches Association and the NAIA Cross Country Coaches Association. He had also been selected a member of the high altitude training staff for the 1968 U.S. Olympic team, had served as a coach for the 1970 World University Games United States team and as manager for the 1973 World University Games U.S. team, and had served as field coach for the 1972 United States Women's Olympic track team. Dennis Delmott, the former Hornet distance runner and Delavan's graduate assistant for the previous two years, was hired to coach the cross country and track teams for the 1978-79 year.

Delmott inherited a very strong Hornet cross country squad in 1978, with six returning lettermen and the addition of junior college transfer Greg Topham. E-State opened the season at the Wichita Invitational with very impressive results, placing sixth in a predominantly NCAA field while defeating defending NAIA champ Adams State, CO, and CSIC rivals Fort Hays and Pittsburg. After a dual victory over Pittsburg and a win over Hays and Pitt in the Emporia Invitational, the Hornets finished second to the host school in the Oklahoma Christian Invitational. Because of these outstanding early season performances, the Hornet harriers earned a third place national ranking in the NAIA poll. However, the Tigers of Fort Hays were also ranked high in the NAIA as they once again fielded a powerful team, and one week after the Oklahoma meet Fort Hays nipped the Hornets 26-29 in a dual meet. This loss started a string of five consecutive Hornet losses to the Tigers, as the E-State harriers finished second to Hays in the Marymount Invitational, third to Hays and Marymount in

the Kansas Intercollegiate, and second to Hays in the CSIC and District 10 meets. However, the second place CSIC finish was the best in the conference meet by a Hornet team in 10 years, while the second place finish in the district qualified the Hornet squad for the NAIA national meet. Unfortunately, the Hornets hopes of a top 10 national finish went unfulfilled as the team could manage to place only 27th. Topham led the E-State team during the season, and placed third in the CSIC and district meets behind Lonnie Gee and Fred Tornedon of Hays. Topham ended the year with a 34th place finish at Kenosha, WI, in the NAIA meet. Rob Harber also garnered All-District honors with a fourth place finish in the district meets.

Much of the flair of the previous three track seasons was lost when Kathy Devine transferred to the University of Texas after the 1978 fall semester, following Coach Delavan who had taken the head women's track position at Texas in August. Despite the absence of Devine, the women maintained a solid program due to several outstanding performers, most notably Brenda Short, Dorothy Frey and Judy Becker. Short and Frey picked up third and fifth place finishes in the long jump and high jump respectively at the Arkansas Relays to open the outdoor season. Again, the lack of indoor results was because most of the top performers participated in other winter sports. Two weeks after Arkansas, while the men competed in the Emporia Relays, Short played a big part in the Lady Hornets' victory in the Central Missouri State Invitational, winning the 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, the long jump, and anchoring the winning 440 relay team. Also picking up victories for E-State in the CMSU meet were Frey in the 100-yard hurdles, Becker in the high jump, Cheryl Phares in the 880, Nancy Davidson in the mile, and the mile relay team.

Frey earned Emporia State's only place on the major relay circuit with a fifth in the high jump at the Kansas Relays with a personal best leap of 5'-7". Short, although not placing at Kansas, qualified for the AIAW Region 6 meet and set a new school record with a 12.1 second 100-meter. Frey remembers this meet in the following account: "My favorite memory was the KU relays my sophomore year. It was the 1st time I cleared 5'-7" and I had so much support from my teammates and coaches! It was a huge meet, but I felt I could fly that day!" (D. Frey, personal communication, June 1984)

Despite these strong performers, a lack of depth caused the Lady Hornets to slip to third place in the CSIC behind perennial champ Kearney State and Fort Hays State. Short garnered the only Emporia State victories in the conference meet, winning the 100 and 200-meter dashes as well as placing second in the long jump. Short also accounted for the Lady Hornets only first in the final competition of the season, the AIAW Region 6 meet, winning the long jump with a leap of 18'-2¹/₂". Short added a fifth in the 200-meter, while Frey and Becker placed second and fourth respectively in the high jump.

The 1979 men's track team placed fourth in the CSIC meet for the second consecutive year, behind Pitt State, Hays and Kearney. Sam Wilson failed to repeat as conference champ in the shot and discus, and his second place in the shot was the highest placing earned by a

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Hornet thinclad. However, Wilson rebounded from this disappointment to place fifth in the shot put in the NAIA national championships to earn All-America honors, tossing the shot 53'-10½" in the finals of the event. Wilson's NAIA performance was not the only highlight of the season, though. Four Hornets won indoor District 10 titles, Wilson in a tie for first in the shot put, Greg Topham in the mile, Rob Harber in the two-mile, and Kevin Byrne in the 1000-yard run. Another Hornet, senior Tom Noonan, just missed earning All-America honors during the indoor season, finishing seventh in the 1000-yard run in the NAIA indoor nationals. Freshman Wayne Defebaugh also performed well in the NAIA

Bill Tidwell took over the job of head track and cross country coach after the 1979 track season ended, replacing Delmott who had served as interim coach for one year. Tidwell, the top middle distance performer in the history of Hornet track, had served as chairperson of the division of HPERA at Emporia State since 1971, but had resigned that position in January of 1979 and asked for reassignment within the division. Tidwell had been mentioned as a possible successor to Fran Welch when the great Hornet mentor had retired in 1965, but was not interested in the position at that time. Before coming to Emporia State in 1971 from Oberlin College in Ohio, Tidwell had been offered the head track and field job at Drake University but had declined the position.

Tidwell, like Delmott had done the previous year, inherited a strong cross country team in 1979. Four men who had consistently

placed as scoring runners for the strong 1978 team returned, including Greg Topham and Robbie Harber, the top two runners during 1978. The Hornets were ranked among the NAIA's top 15 during most of the season, but once again, so were the Tigers of Fort Hays. The Emporia State harriers finished sixth in the Wichita Gold Classic behind four major colleges and Hays, and finished second to the Tigers in the Emporia Invitational, the Hays dual, the CSIC meet and the District 10. The Hornets did not have a strong performance at the conference meet, and tied for second with Kearney State behind the champion Tigers. However, at the district meet the week after the CSIC, the E-State runners performed very well, particularly Topham and Harber, in finishing second to Hays. In previous years, this placing would have earned the Hornets a trip to the National meet but, unfortunately, the NAIA had reduced the number of qualifiers per district and only the district champion Tigers were able to attend the nationals. Topham qualified as an individual with a second place finish at districts behind Curt Shelman of Hays, but Harber just missed qualifying finishing sixth in 24:59, only five seconds behind fifth place. Topham ended his senior cross country season placing 31st in the national meet with a time of 25:56 on the Kenosha, WI, five-mile course. Fort Hays finished seventh in the NAIA meet, and Kearney State, the team ESU had tied in the CSIC meet, placed 11th.

Chapter 10

1980-1984

The 1980 track season was one of considerable contrast. The women's team was still small in numbers but maintained the tradition of strong individuals who placed well in the meets, while the men's team was at the lowest point in the history of the program at Emporia State. The men's season was not without its highlights, but overall the team lacked the depth to be a force in any of the meets attended. Several strong performances were turned in at the outdoor District 10 meet, as Wayne Defebaugh won the high jump with a leap of 6'-8", and Greg Topham, Evan Yoder and Kevin Byrne placed firstsecond-fourth respectively in the 1500-meter run. Topham set a District record of 3:57.3 in winning the event. Defebaugh had a strong outdoor season, consistently jumping around 6'-8" to win at the Bethany Relays and the Emporia Relays, but despite another 6'-8" jump at the CSIC meet he was upset, finishing second. Topham, a favorite in the conference 1500-meter, was also upset as he finished third in the event. The Hornet thinclads picked up only a fifth and a sixth to round out their scoring, and finished last in the CSIC meet for the poorest showing ever by a Hornet team in conference competition.

Led by seniors Brenda Short and Dorothy Frey, the 1980 Lady Hornets maintained a strong program, winning the Bethany Relays, placing third in the CSIC, and finishing 13th in the AIAW Region Six meet. Highlighting the indoor season was the women's participation in the NAIA indoor meet, although it was not a national competition for the women. In the meet, Short and Patty Herrick placed third in the long jump and mile run respectively, Cindy Edgerton took fourth in the 880-yard run, and Cheryl Phares and Shirley Thompson earned sixth places in the 600-yard run and the 440-yard dash respectively. Short, Edgerton, Herrick and Phares combined to form a mile relay team that took another third place at the NAIA meet, covering the distance in 4:29.0. Also highlighting the women's indoor season was the school record leap of 19'-1½" in the long jump by Short at the Pittsburg dual.

The women's victory in the Bethany Relays to open the outdoor season was accomplished on the efforts of Short, Judy Becker, and an outstanding group of young distance runners. Short won the 100-meter, 200-meter and long jump, a feat she performed regularly during the season, while Becker won the high jump and placed third in the discus. Sophomore transfer Cindy Edgerton, sophomore Cheryl Phares, and freshmen Patty Herrick and Kay Hoffman finished first through fourth respectively in the 800-meter, while Herrick and Hoffman placed first and second respectively in the 1500-meter, accounting for a large portion of the Lady Hornets' scoring. Many of these same individuals accounted for the bulk of the women's scoring in the CSIC meet. Short provided victories in the 100-meter, 200-meter, and long jump; Herrick won the 1500 and placed third in the 3000-meter; and Becker placed second in the high jump. Becker earned the same place in the high jump at the AIAW Region Six meet, while Short placed third in the long jump and sixth in the 100-meter, and Herrick placed sixth in the 5000-meter

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Two new features highlighted the 1980 cross country season. For the first time ever. Emporia State fielded a women's cross country team. in the same year that the NAIA added women's championships in cross country and track. The first year women's team would thus compete in the NAIA instead of the AIAW. However, unlike most first year squads, the Lady Hornets were very competitive. Freshmen Lesha Wood and Nancy Gray and sophomores Cindy Edgerton, Patty Herrick and Kay Hoffman were consistent scorers during the season. They opened the season placing fourth among 15 teams at the Wichita Gold Classic, then won the Bethany Invitational, the Marymount Invitational, and the Kearney Invitational. The Lady Hornet harriers ended the season placing second behind Fort Hays in the District 10 meet and finishing second behind Wisconsin-Parkside in the NAIA national meet. Wood finished fourth in the NAIA meet to earn All-America honors and pace E-State. Herrick and Edgerton placed 26th and 27th respectively to just miss All-America recognition. Cheryl Phares and Carol Swaney ran as sixth and seventh runners to round out E-State's strong 1980 cross country team.

The 1980 cross country season was a rebuilding year for the Hornet men, as graduation had claimed six of the top seven runners from the 1979 team. Senior Kevin Byrne was the only varsity returnee, and an early season injury limited his effectiveness throughout the entire season. The youth and inexperience were quite evident during the season, and the Hornet men ended the frustrating year placing fourth in a four team CSIC field. The Lady Hornet distance squad, led by Lesha Wood, continued the outstanding success into the 1981 indoor track season. Wood established Coliseum records in the mile at Pittsburg and in the two-mile at Fort Hays, then placed second and third in the mile and two-mile respectively at the NAIA Indoor Championships to help lead E-State to a fourth place team finish in the women's division. Other place winners at the NAIA meet were Cindy Edgerton with a third in the 1000-yard run, and the second place two-mile relay team of Cheryl Phares, Darcy Mikesich, Nancy Gray and Edgerton. All of the women earned All-America honors for their efforts in the meet. The Lady Hornets closed out the indoor season at the District 10 meet picking up three first places. Mikesich won the 600-yard run with the school record time of 1:30, Wood won the mile, and the two-mile relay team also won.

The Lady Hornets opened the outdoor season at the Arkansas Relays earning three places, Julie Burik taking sixth in the javelin, Patty Herrick finishing fifth in the 3000-meter run, and the two-mile relay team of Edgerton, Gray, Phares and Mikesich running 9:47.04 while taking second. The E-State women's strengths were in the distance events and the throwing events, and these strengths were highlighted at the Emporia Relays as the Lady Hornets won the two-mile relay, the distance medley relay, the shot put relay, and the javelin relay. This was the first time college women had ever participated in the Emporia Relays, as Coach Tidwell had redesigned the format to include women in the meet that had begun back in 1947. Another change instituted by Tidwell was that all the events were competed as relays, as had been done when Fran Welch began the annual event 34 years earlier. The practice of all relay events had ended in 1957 when open events were added to the meet.

The weekend after the Emporia Relays, freshman Carol Swaney turned in a noteworthy performance to win the Kansas Relays women's division marathon with a time of 3 hours 39.28 minutes. Judy Becker also participated at KU setting a school record of 4,307 points in the heptathlon while placing 11th in the event. Two weeks later, Becker provided one of the Lady Hornets' four victories in the CSIC meet held in Joplin, MO, winning the high jump with a leap of 5'-7". Wood won the 1500-meter and 3000-meter runs, setting a conference record of 10:30.1 in the latter, and Edgerton accounted for E-State's final victory winning the 800-meter in 2:19.9. The Emporia State women finished third in the CSIC meet behind Kearney State and Fort Hays respectively.

Wood's performances at the 1981 NAIA Outdoor Championships, held at Houston, TX, were outstanding. She placed fourth in the 1500-meter and fifth in the 3000-meter to earn All-America honors in both, and also ran a 2:16.5 leadoff 800-meter on the Lady Hornets fourth place 4 x 800-meter relay. Wood's times of 4:38.07 and 10:21.3 for the 1500 and 3000-meters respectively established school marks that still stand. Running on the relay with Wood was Darcy Mikesich, Nancy Gray and Cindy Edgerton, the quartet setting a school record of 9:29.86. Also earning All-America honors was Judy Becker, although not in her specialty, the high jump. Becker was eliminated from the high jump at a height she normally cleared and one that would have placed her in the top five. While the high jump was still being contested, competition began in the women's javelin, an event Becker had also entered. Just minutes after being eliminated from the high jump, Becker was up in the javelin. Still upset by her performance in the high jump, Becker took out her anger by tossing the javelin 138'-4", well beyond her previous personal best in the event, to place third and earn All-America.

The 1981 men's season was not nearly as successful as the women's, although the Hornets did improve their CSIC placing from the previous year, taking fifth in a six team field. Senior Martin Moore picked up Emporia State's highest places, taking third in the 200-meter and 400-meter dashes to account for most of the Hornets 26 points. Moore was competing in track on the college level for the first time and had a very successful season despite the inexperience. Besides his high places in the conference meet, Moore was the only Hornet trackman to compete in the NAIA Outdoor nationals, qualifying for the semifinals in both the 200-meter and 400-meter dashes before being eliminated.

However, the Hornet men began to show improvement during the 1981 cross country season. After a slow start, the young E-State harriers developed into a solid team, gaining third place finishes in the Marymount Invitational and Fort Hays Invitational, the last two competition's before the conference meet. Unfortunately, late season injuries to the two top runners, juniors Steve Hawkins and Mike Mosier, led to low finishes in both the CSIC and District 10 meets, souring what had been a good season.

The 1981 Lady Hornets picked up where they had left off in 1980, with only Kay Hoffman gone from the NAIA runner-up squad. Lesha Wood again paced the E-State women through the season, winning the conference and district individual titles to lead the Lady Hornets to the team crown in both meets. Wood ended the season with a 10th place finish in the NAIA Championships to again earn All-America honors in cross country, while Emporia State took fourth as a team in the national meet. Cindy Edgerton just missed earning All-America honors for the second consecutive year, finishing 26th in the field of 105 runners. Rounding out the outstanding squad were Patty Herrick, Nancy Gray, sophomore transfer Susan Garhan, freshman Kelly McCammon, and Cheryl Phares.

The 1982 Emporia State track teams were greatly strengthened by the addition of two sophomore transfer students. Mike Cole, from Panhandle State, OK, joined the men's team, while Michelle Augustyn, out of Kearney State, NB, joined the women's team. Both made an immediate impact on the success of the respective squads during the indoor season. Augustyn set indoor school records in the 440-yard dash and 300-yard dash while winning both events at Pittsburg, won both events again at the District 10 indoor meet as well as running on the district champ mile relay team, and ran on the distance medley squad with Cheryl Phares, Nancy Gray and Susie Garhan that placed fifth in the NAIA indoor meet. Cole twice set fieldhouse records at Pittsburg State in the 60-yard high hurdles, and lowered the Fort Hays Gross Coliseum record and ESU school record in the event to 7.36 seconds in winning the District 10 title. Other Hornets who were successful during the indoor season were Cindy Edgerton, with a victory in the district 880-yard run, and the two-mile relay team of Phares, Gray, Garhan and Edgerton which placed sixth in the NAIA meet. Distinctly missing from the Hornets success was sophomore Lesha Wood, who missed the entire indoor season and much of the outdoor season with an injury.

The outdoor season opened with Cole tying the E-State school record in the 200-meter dash during the Emporia State triangular, as well as winning the 110-meter hurdles. Three days later, Cole placed second in the 110 hurdles at the Arkansas Relays. Julie Burik also earned a top three finish at Arkansas, taking third in the women's javelin. Cole continued his success in the high hurdles throughout the season, winning the event at Kansas Wesleyan, Central Missouri State, Southwestern, the District 10, and tying for the CSIC title with Ed Blackburn, Wayne State, NB's, All-America hurdler. Cole advanced to the finals of the NAIA Outdoor nationals high hurdles event, but finished seventh in the final, just missing All-America recognition. Also experiencing success for the men's team was senior Wayne Defebaugh. Defebaugh regained the form he had enjoyed as a sophomore to win the CSIC high jump at 6'-8", and he set an ESU school record of 6'-10" in the event at the district meet. Defebaugh's record leap was good for second place, while Todd Bays added a

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district title in the triple jump to help the Hornets finish fifth in the 12 team field. The Hornet men also earned a fifth place finish in the six team conference meet.

The Hornet women placed third in the seven team CSIC field, as freshman Barb Knackstedt and senior Cheryl Phares won the shot put and 800-meter run respectively. The next weekend in the district meet, the Lady Hornets finished second of eight teams. Four women earned victories, three of whom set new meet records. Edgerton set a record of 2:26.28 in the 800-meter, Burik set a mark of 122'-6" in the javelin, and the 4 x 800-meter relay team of Phares, Edgerton, McCammon, and Mikesich set a record of 10:12.25. Rounding out the district winners was Michelle Augustyn in the 400-meter hurdles. The Lady Hornets ended the season with a great deal of success in the NAIA nationals. All-America recognition was earned by Cheryl Phares with a third place in the 800-meter in the school record time of 2:15.52, Michelle Augustyn with a sixth place in the 400-meter hurdles in the school record time of 1:04.77, and the two-mile relay team of Kelly McCammon, Lesha Wood, Phares and Cindy Edgerton, placing third while also setting a school record of 9:23.71.

Lesha Wood returned in the fall of 1982 free of the injuries that had plagued her the previous spring to lead yet another strong Lady Hornet cross country team. After a season opening 21st place individual finish in the Wichita Classic, Wood went unbeaten through the remainder of the regular season, including successfully defending her district title. Unfortunately, the CSIC meet was not held because of a lack of

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teams, so Wood was unable to defend her conference title. Wood earned her third consecutive cross country All-America honors with an eighth place finish at the NAIA Championships to top off an extremely successful junior season.

The 1982 Lady Hornet cross country team remained one of the top teams in the Midwest and the NAIA. The Lady Hornets were ranked in the NAIA top 15 all season, and moved up as high as seventh during the latter part of the season. Also ranked high in the NAIA polls were the Fort Hays Lady Tigers. Hays just nipped E-State for the District 10 title after the Hornets had won the three regular season meetings between the two squads. However, the Lady Hornets regained the upper hand at the NAIA nationals, defeating Hays while placing 12th in the field. The success of the 1982 women's team was due to the presence of seniors Patty Herrick and Cindy Edgerton, junior Susie Garhan, and sophomore Kelly McCammon, as well as Wood. Suzanne Graziano and Dena Wymore completed the team at the NAIA meet.

Disaster struck the 1982 men's cross country team, as injuries and illness destroyed what had been high hopes for a competitive season. Senior Steve Hawkins was the first casualty, missing the first half of the season with a hand injury that required surgery. Senior Mike Mosier went down next as mononucleosis removed him from competition for the entire season. Sophomore Jon Beeman was hampered all season by an illness, and freshman Kirk Porter, also a top five runner for ESU, missed the latter half of the season with an ankle injury. Because of all the health problems, the Hornets had their worst ever cross country season, which ended with only one E-State runner competing in the District 10 meet.

Lesha Wood continued her success during the 1983 indoor track season. Wood won the mile run at Fort Hays, Central Missouri, and Pittsburg, before concluding the indoor season with a fifth place finish in the mile at the NAIA indoor meet, setting a school record of 5:06.23. Wood was the only Hornet to earn All-America honors in the indoor nationals. Mike Cole, Emporia State's outstanding hurdler, advanced to the semi-finals of the 60-yard high hurdles in the national indoor championships, but was edged out of the finals and did not place. Despite this disappointment, Cole had quite a successful indoor season. He placed second in the 60-yard hurdles at the Oklahoma Track Classic in Oklahoma City, won the event at Pitt State and Hays, and repeated as district champ in the high hurdles while lowering his district, Pitt Coliseum, and school records to 7.29 seconds.

The 1983 men's outdoor track team held a great deal of promise at the opening of the season, but as had been the case in cross country, injuries took a serious toll. Because of cancellations due to bad weather, the season began at the Emporia Relays, and the Hornet men scored a surprising win in the 440-yard relay with the team of Cole, Steve Reichardt, Hezekiah Conway, and Stuart Holmes. This same foursome was leading the 880 relay when Conway pulled up with a hamstring injury, denying the Hornets a second home Relay victory and costing them a top performer for much of the season. Reichardt was lost later in the season to a hamstring injury, and Todd Bays, the defending outdoor district triple jump champ, was unable to reach his past form because of a badly bruised heel.

Although injuries are a part of athletics, and had plagued some of E-State's best competitors and teams in years past, the Hornet teams in recent years did not have the depth of talent that had been a trademark of the Emporia track teams during most of the history of the program. Thus when top performers were knocked out of competition by injuries, the loss was felt much more strongly than in past years. The final blow to the 1983 Hornet's came late in the season when the top two performers, Mike Cole and Bernie Gardenhire, were injured. Gardenhire, a local freshman, had been an outstanding addition to the squad. After a late start in the program, he had set a school record of 10.6 seconds in the 100-meter dash at the Central Missouri Relays and had won the 100-meter dash at the Southwestern Relays in 10.8 seconds. In the CSIC championships, Gardenhire won the long jump on his first attempt with a leap of 23'-5½". Unfortunately, during the approach on his second jump, he injured a hamstring and was unable to compete in the remainder of the meet. The injury also forced him out of the district and NAIA championships. Cole went unbeaten in the high hurdles through the outdoor season, including a repeat victory at the Central Missouri Relays. However, Cole was hampered in the CSIC by a back injury sustained during the week prior to the meet, and Russ Jewett of Pitt State just nipped him in the 110-meter hurdles with both men timed in 14.34 seconds. The injury kept Cole from defending his district title in the hurdles and from attending the nationals.

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The 1983 women's team was characterized by four outstanding individuals: Lesha Wood, Kelly McCammon, Michelle (Augustyn) Orton, and Beth Shannon. These four accounted for a majority of the Lady Hornets' individual victories during the season, and were the only E-State entries in the NAIA National outdoor meet. Shannon, a sophomore discus thrower, let loose a throw of 145'-6" at the Southwestern Relays on April 29th to post one of the top marks in the event in the NAIA. Unfortunately, she was unable to repeat her performance in the NAIA championships and did not place. McCammon, also a sophomore, won the CSIC and district titles in the 800-meter run, but was unable to place in the event in the nationals. Wood was also a conference and district champion, winning the 1500-meter title in both meets and setting a district record of 4:50.16. However, she also failed to place in the national meet. Orton was the only E-State performer to place in the NAIA meet, taking sixth in the 400-meter hurdles to earn her second consecutive All-America honors. Orton lowered her school record in the event to 1:03.40 in the national meet. She also recorded victories in the 400 hurdles at the CSIC and District 10 meets, setting a district record of 1:05.80 in winning that title.

The 1983 women's cross country team was a mixture of the old and the new. Several of the outstanding performers who had been running since the beginning of the program had graduated, but veterans Kelly McCammon, Lesha Wood, Susie Garhan and Nancy Gray combined with freshmen Joni Dutton and Peggy Teichgraeber to once again provide Emporia State with a strong women's team. For the first time since the program began, however, Wood was not leading the Lady Hornet harriers. McCammon had matured into a strong cross country runner, and she finished as E-State's top performer throughout the season. Included in her successes was a victory in the CSIC Invitational and a runner-up finish in the district meet. Wood and Dutton also earned All-District honors, placing fourth and 10th respectively, and these three high finishes helped lead the Lady Hornets to the district team title. The Emporia State women ended the season with a 21st place finish in the NAIA Championships, McCammon coming in 39th as ESU's top finisher.

The 1983 men's cross country team avoided the injury problems that had plagued the Hornets during the two previous fall seasons and posted the most successful results since 1979. The E-State harriers had several strong team finishes during the season and ended the year placing fourth in the district meet. After a slow start, Jon Beeman came on to finish as top runner for the Hornets in the last five meets, including a 15th place in the district meet to earn All-District honors.

With the addition of senior transfer Julie Browning, and the return of Beth Shannon, Lesha Wood, Kelly McCammon and Michelle Orton, the 1984 Lady Hornet track team boasted a strong nucleus of performers. Browning opened the indoor season with a victory in the two-mile at the Kansas University All-Comers meet, then set a Coliseum record in the two-mile at Fort Hays. She also won the district indoor two-mile title, and then set a school record of 11:15.0 in the event while

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placing 10th at the NAIA indoor. McCammon also had an outstanding indoor season. She set a coliseum record in the mile at Fort Hays, placed fourth in the mile at the Oklahoma Track Classic, won the district indoor 880-yard and mile titles, and placed third in the mile run at the NAIA indoor championships to earn All-America recognition. McCammon's time of 5:02.67, in addition to setting a new school record, broke the NAIA national record for the mile by two seconds. The Lady Hornets also earned a fourth place in the distance medley relay at the indoor nationals, with the team of Orton, McCammon, Wood and Browning turning in a school record time of 12:23.46.

Individual success was the keynote of the outdoor season, as the Lady Hornets lacked the numbers to challenge for team titles. Beth Shannon capped off her junior season with a sixth place finish in the discus at the NAIA outdoor championships to earn All-America honors, tossing the discus 135'-O". Shannon had an inconsistent season up to that point, her biggest disappointment coming at the CSIC meet when she threw almost 30 feet below her usual standard and did not make the finals. However, her performance at the national meet made up for the disappointments.

After having posted very successful outdoor seasons, Orton's and McCammon's disappointment came at the Nationals. McCammon, running in the 1500-meter in the NAIA meet, failed to qualify for the finals despite running a personal best in the prelims. During the regular season, she won the CSIC 800 and 1500-meter runs, and also the district 800-meter title with the meet and school record time of 2:15.0. Orton came up short in her bid to earn All-America honors for a third consecutive time when she stumbled over the final hurdle in the NAIA 400-meter hurdle semi-finals, causing her to fade from second to fifth place in the race. Orton had successfully defended her conference and district titles in the 400 hurdles during 1984, lowering her district record to 1:05.6. Also winning individual titles for the Lady Hornets were Browning in the CSIC 3000-meter run, and Wood in the District 1500-meter run, the latter setting a meet record of 4:49.7. The ESU women also earned a sixth place in the 4 x 800-meter relay at the NAIA championships, setting a school record of 9:16.67. However, the team of Joni Dutton, Browning, Wood and McCammon did not earn All-America honors as only the top three relay teams gained this distinction.

Mike Cole concluded the men's 1984 outdoor season by becoming the first Hornet men's All-American since 1979. Cole earned this honor by placing fourth in the 110-meter hurdles at the NAIA outdoor meet with the time of 14.35 seconds. Cole began the year very successfully, winning the 60-yard high hurdles in the Kansas University indoor meet with the school record time of 7.2 seconds, setting a Coliseum record of 7.3 seconds at Hays, placing fourth in the 60 hurdles at the Oklahoma Track Classic, and winning the indoor district titles in the 60 hurdles and the 176-yard intermediate hurdles. Cole missed the first half of the outdoor season with a leg injury, but returned in time to win the CSIC and district titles in the 110-meter hurdles and earn the place in the national meet. However, he was the only Hornet individual to have much success during the season.

The 1984 season was one of many endings. Three of the Hornets most successful performers during the 1980's, Mike Cole, Lesha Wood and Michelle Orton, graduated. Also graduating was Kevin Dickerson, the last in a long line of New York athletes who had competed for Emporia State's track teams. The E-State connection with the east had been dying out for several years, and Dickerson's graduation marked the end of an association that had supplied the Hornet track program with some of their top performers since 1939.

The 1984 season also marked the end of Bill Tidwell's career as head coach of the Hornet teams. Tidwell moved back into an administrative position left vacant by a retirement. During his five years as coach, the women's program had blossomed into one of the strongest in the NAIA, as evidenced by high team places in the national meets and 19 All-American's in track and cross country. The men's program had hit its lowest point in the early years of Tidwell's era, but by 1984 definite progress had been made towards rebuilding the Hornets into a competitive team. A major factor behind this progress was the reinstitution of the Emporia Relays, which, despite bad weather, had attracted a great deal of interest during the first two years of its revival.

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according to Stanbrough, is difficult with the number of colleges and junior colleges in the state. Perhaps a solution to this problem would be to re-establish the out-of-state connections that were so profitable for ESU in years previous.

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APPENDIX A

Sample Letters and ESU Track/Cross Country
Alumni Questionnaire



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EMPORIA STATE UNIVERS

May 1, 1984

Dear Alum,

The purpose of this letter is to encourage you to take part in an historical study on cross country/track and field which Steve Hawkins is doing. Steve explains the details of the study in the material enclosed in this letter.

I have encouraged Steve to undertake his study because over the years I have found several reasons why there is a great need to have a history compiled and reported in a comprehensive and well written document. Some of these reasons are that we need to have facts and information which can be used to recruit good student-athletes. We also want to better assist alumni in keeping in contact with each other and with the current program. The University administration is currently establishing an archives to be located in White Library and is also preparing to write a history of E.S.U. from its beginning. Steve's study will assure that the cross country/track and field program has its rightful place in the archives and in the history of the University. One of Steve's goals is to refine the study so it can be printed and made available to interested persons at a small cost.

Again, I feel Steve's study will make a great contribution to our program and to the University. Please take a few minutes to assist Steve in his efforts.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,



THE MENT OF MALE OUTST TO MATRE

Dear Alum,

My name is Steve Hawkins, and I am currently a graduate assistant at Emporia State University. I am working towards my masters degree in physical education and assisting Dr. Bill Tidwell with the cross country and track teams.

I am beginning research for my thesis and have chosen as my topic the History of Cross Country/Track and Field at ESU. The paper resulting from this research will consist of two sections, a narrative and an appendix. The appendix will list the individuals who have participated in each sport at ESU each year. The narrative section will highlight the outstanding individuals and teams throughout the years.

Although my research will focus basically on historical accounts, I would like to provide some insights into individual motivations for competing and benefits gained from competing on the respective teams. This will add an important perspective to the study. I need your assistance in fulfilling this goal.

Please fill out the enclosed questionnaire and return it to me by June 15, 1984 in the envelope provided. If you have any additional comments or information, please feel welcome to add such to the back of the questionnaire. You might prefer to record the information on a cassette tape rather than writing it, and that is acceptable. If you will be in the Emporia vicinity sometime this year and would prefer or like to talk to me personally, I would welcome the opportunity. On the questionnaire I have asked about any personal scrapbooks or any memoir information you might be willing to share with me. Be assured that proper care will be taken of anything you might allow me to use, and that it will be returned to you per your instructions. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Steve Hawkins

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ESU TRACK/CROSS COUNTRY ALUMNI QUESTIONNAIRE

Answers need not be limited to the space provided. You are encouraged to make additional comments on the back of the questionnaire. If you would prefer to record the information on a cassette tape rather than writing it, that is acceptable.

Name	
High School You Attended	
Years you participated at ESU (ie 1981-1984) CC	Track
If you did not participate four years, please indicate why not.	
If you were a tranfer, please indicate other school(s) attended	ed
Years you earned a varsity letter (if any). CC	Track
Your reasons for choosing to attend ESU.	

Reasons you chose to participate in track/cross country, or both.

Benefits you gained from participation on the track/cross country teams.

Please identify ways (if any) in which your track/cross country participation has influenced your life.

Briefly describe the training methods used while you were competing (ie year round workouts or not; how many workouts a day; did you train with weights; workouts basically intervals, distance running, or a combination of both). Also briefly describe the motivation techniques (if any) used by your coach. Describe any special memory (memories) regarding your track/cross country participation.

Do you have any memoirs, such as scrapbooks, newspaper articles, or any other information you would be willing to share with me?

Yes () No ()

If yes, please contact me at (316) 343-1200 Ext. 354, or give me a telephone number where I can reach you. () If I am not in at the above number, please leave a message with the secretary.

Note that liability laws require that you sign an informed consent release. It is my intention to publish this material, and most of the information obtained by this questionnaire will be used anonymously unless you sign to allow the information to be used and identified with you.

I will allow this information to be used anonymously.

Sìgned_____ Date_____

I will allow this information to be used and identified with me.

Signed______ Date_____

Return to: Steve Hawkins, Emporia State University, Division of HPERA, 1200 Commercial, Emporia, Kansas 66801 By June 15, 1984

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APPENDIX B

Emporia State University All-Time Track/Field and Cross Country Participants

Emporia State University All-Time Track/Field and Cross Country Participants

The following listing of names is as complete and accurate as could be obtained from the sources used. The investigator recognizes the probability that some who have participated in the track and/or cross country programs at ESU are not included in this listing. The track letter records at ESU go back to only 1929, and were incomplete in several years. Therefore, the letterwinners denotion does not appear by all letterwinners.

The names are listed in alphabetical order, with the men and women listed separately. Following the names is an abbreviation of the years of participation. Track and field participation is identified by years only, while cross country participation is preceded by an XC. Ex: Acker, William 27,28 means that Acker competed in track in 1927 and 1928. Letterwinners, captains, and managers/trainers are denoted by the following symbols: ' = letterwinners; " = provisional letterwinners; * = captain, cocaptain, or tri-captain; and # = trainer or manager. Acker, William 27,28 Adams, George 29 Adams, James 47' Adams, Robert 58 Adel1, Harry 16,20 Agrelius, Clair 20,21,22 Agrelius, Ken 21 Akins, Robert 81,82',83' XC 81',82' Allard, Joseph 77,78 Allbaugh, Francis 36 Allen, Gerald 77,78 Allen 25,26 Allison, David 57 Altenroid 16 Ames, David 73 Ames, John 32 Ames, Warren 32,33 Amos, Clarence 40 Anderson, Brad 72',73 XC 71,72,73 Anderson, Carol 36 Anderson, Jack 30 Anderson, John 34 Anderson, John XC 60 Anderson, K. 69 Anderson 22 Applegate, Mark 79 XC 78 Armstrong, Jim 54,55 Arnold, Dan 64' Arnold 22 Arnspiger, Harold 24 Arthur, Charles 36 Arthur, William 32 Atkins, Charles 60',61',62' XC 60',61,62,63 Auerbach, Neil 58 XC 57 Augustyn, James 80,81' Augustyn, Joseph 78,79 Austin, Jackson 25,26 Austin, Loren 35',36' Austin 72

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Baldwin, Bettina 77,78,80 Barton, Susan 80 Becker, Judy 78,79,80,81' Brough, Eileen 78 Browning, Julie 84' Buckman, Kathie 80 Bulson, Pam 77,78,79,80 Burik, Julie 81',82'

Caryle, Robin 79 Chaltas, Connie 76 Chmidling, Mary 76 Christensen, Renetta 78 Clennon, Kim 76 Croft, Jan 78

Davidson, Nancy 78,79 Dearing, LaDonna 78,79 Devine, Kathy 76,77,78 Dill, Valerie 76 Dixon, Debbie 78 Dutton, Jonelle 84' XC 83'

Edgerton, Cindy 80,81',82' XC 80',81',82'

Frank, Kim 77 Frey, Dorothy 78,79,80 Garhan, Susan 82',83',84' XC 81',82',83' Garner, Chris 81',82' Goad, Diane 78 Grabau, Kim 78 Gray, Nancy 81',82',83',84' XC 80',81',82',83' Graziano, Suzanne 82',83 XG~81',82'

Haines, Kim 76 Hanson, Carolyn 77,78 Haskett, Brenda 84 Hennerberg, Vicki 77,78 Herrick, Patty 80,81',82',83' XC 80',81',82' Hinshaw, LeaAnn 76 Hoffman, Kay 80,81' XC 80' Holdeman, Tamra 84' Hoover, Patty XC 82

Jennings, Renee 84 Jimenez, Sylvia 77 Jones, Kelly 84

Kaschte, Suzy XC 80 Kelly, Barb 78 Kesner, Traci 80,81 Keys, Lisa 84' Kirkpatrick, Virginia 80,81 Knackstedt, Barbara 82',83',84' Koehn, Lex 77

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Lane, Karen 76,77,78 Larimer, Shari 83',84 Lemon, Laureen 78

Mains, Betsy 84 Martin, Annette 84 Martin, Candy 77 McCammon, Kelly 82',83',84' XC 81',82',83' Mellen, Geri 79 Mikesich, Darcy 81',82',83' XC 81,82

Nielson, Lorye 76

Orton, Michelle (Augustyn) 82',83',84' XC 82 Owens, Bridgett 81,82

Parhamhie 77 Phares, Cheryl 79,80,81',82' XC 80',81'

Young, Cindy 79

Ratzlaff, Cindy 77,78 Rinker, Martha 77 Roberts, Patricia 76 Ross, Melanie 76,77,78

Schick 77 Schroer, Laura 78,79 Schroer, Theresa 82 Shannon, Beth 82',83',84' Short, Brenda 77,78,79,80 Swaney, Carol 81 XC 80',81

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Teichgraeber, Peggy 84' XC 83' Thompson, Shirley 79,80,81' Toricelli, Julie 79

Utecht, Patti 76

Van Gundy, Sharon 77

Ward, Carol 78 Waters, Hatsie 77,78 Werner, Kim 78 Whitsitt, Leslie 78 Wiley, Donna 78 Wood, Lesha 81',82',83',84' XC 80',81',82',83' Woods, Terri 79 XC 80 Wymore, Dena XC 82'

APPENDIX C

Emporia State University Track and Field School Records



Emporia State University Men's Outdoor Track and Field Records

EVENT	RECORD	ATHLETE	LOCATION	YEAR
100-y. dash	9.5	Alan Johnson	Pueblo, CO	1974
100-m. dash	10.6	Bernie Gardenhire	CMSU	1983
220-y. dash	20.8	Rex Ressler	Pittsburg	1958
One turn	21.1	Richard Vininski	Midwest Fed.	1965
200-m. dash 440-y. dash	21.1 21.7 21.7 47.8	Rex Ressler Mike Cole Steve Henry Mark Sevier	Fort Hays dual Emporia tri. Pueblo, CO	1961 1982 1978 1975
400-m. dash	48.3	Bill Tidwell	Helsinki, Finland	
880-y. run	1:48.1	Bill Tidwell	Boulder, CO	
800-m. run	1:48.5	Bill Tidwell	Bakersfield, CA	
Mile run	4:00.7	John Camien	Modesto, CA	1963
1500-m. run	3:39.9	John Camien	NAAU	1964
Two-mile run	9:00.1	Dennis Nee	Fort Hays dual	1972
3000-m. steeple	9:04.4	Ireland Sloan	Kansas Relays	1964
Three-mile run	13:55.0	Dennis Nee	Emporia Relays	1972
5000-m. run	14:25.0	John Camien	NAIA National	1964
Six-mile run 10,000-m. run 120-y. hurdles	29:24.0 30:10.9 14.1	Dennis Delmott Dennis Delmott Valgene Schierling	Kansas Relays CIC	1970 1970 1968
110-m. hurdles 220-y. hurdles 200-m. hurdles	14.35 23.6 23.6 23.4	Mike Cole Verne Sumner Lee Haring Verne Sumner	Charleston, WV Pittsburg C. of E. dual Kansas City	1984 1938 1933 1937
330-y. hurdles	37.4	Valgene Schierling	Pittsburg dual	1966
440-y. hurdles	51.1	Valgene Schierling	Houston, TX	1968
400-m. hurdles	50.5	Valgene Schierling	Canada AAU	1968
Pole vault	15-4	Doug Caywood	Emporia	1970
Shot Put	65-0	Allen Feuerbach	NAAU	1970
Discus	178-3	Allen Feuerbach	CMSU	1970
Javelin	247-8	Jim Correll	RMAC	1971
Hammer	150-10	Gary Lawrence	NAIA National	1969
High Jump	6-10	Wayne Defebaugh	Emporia	1982
Long Jump	24-10½	Noel Certain	Oklahoma State	1961
Triple Jump	50-2	Richard Boehringer	Arkansas Relays	1966
Decathlon	6926 pts	Duane McIntire	MVAAU, Emporia	1960
Two-mile walk	16:28.6	John Browne	Emporia Relays	1975
	Cr	oss Country Bests		
Three-mile	14:11.8	John Camien	Lawrence	1963
Four-mile	19:16.9	John Camien	Wheaton, IL	1963
Five-mile	24:10.0	Dennis Nee	Emporia	1971

Emporia State University Men's Outdoor Track and Field Records

Relay Bests

RELAY	RECORD	ATHLETES	LOCATION	YEAR
440	41.4	Tyrone Grey Edward Edgerson Mark Sevier Alan Johnson	Pueblo, CO	1975
880	1:25.8	Melvin Mayo Landis Franklin Rex Ressler Eddie Washington	Texas Relays 🦟	1961
Mile	3:12.2	Melvin Mayo Noel Certain Landis Franklin Eddie Washington	Kansas Relays	1961
Two-mile	7:30.0	Bob Camien David Brinsko Frank Hensley Valgene Schierling	Drake Relays	1968
Four-mile	17:13.0	Richard Woelk Ireland Sloan John McDonnell John Camien	Arkansas Relays	1964
Sprint medley	3:21.9	Henry Thompson Clair Hutchinson Bill Davis Bill Tidwell	Drake Relays	1955
D medley	9:48.4	DeWolf Roberts Burton Wolfson John McDonnell John Camien	Kansas Relays	1964
480 Shuttle hurd.	60.1	Winston Smith Archie Shepard Ken DeMott Verne Sumner	Drake Relays	1938

Emporia State University Men's Indoor Track and Field Records

EVENT	RECORD	ATHLETE	LOCATION	YEAR
60-y. dash 300-y. dash 440-y. dash 600-y. dash 880-y. run 1000-y. run Mile run Two-mile run Three-mile run 60-y. low hurd. 60-y. high hurd.	6.2 6.2 31.5 49.7 1:11.3 1:52.6 2:14.0 4:01.7 8:57.2 14:13.6 6.9 7.2	Tyrone Grey Alan Johnson Richard Vininski Eddie Washington Bill Fraley Valgene Schierling Bill Tidwell Bob Camien John Camien Ireland Sloan Ireland Sloan Charles Richard Mike Cole	Pittsburg Fort Hays Winnepeg, Can. Kansas State Wichita Kansas State Kansas State Seattle, WA Milwaukee Winnepeg, Can. Omaha K.U.	1975 1974 1962 1960 1968 1967 1956 1967 1965 1964 1962 1963 1984
Shot put Discus High jump Long jump Triple jump Pole vault 176-y. hurdles Two-mile walk	$\begin{array}{c} 62 - 11\frac{1}{4} \\ 133 - 11 \\ 6 - 8 \\ 24 - 3 & 3/4 \\ 44 - 5 & 3/4 \\ 14 - 6 \\ 19 . 7 \\ 16 : 08 . 6 \end{array}$	Allen Feuerbach Bill Favrow Wayne Defebaugh Noel Certain Wayne Rogers Dennis Webb Mike Cole John Browne	Oklahoma City Winnepeg, Can. Fort Hays Boulder, CO Omaha Fort Hays Fort Hays Fort Hays	1970 1961 1980 1961 1965 1974 1984 1974
		Relay Bests		
Mile	3:18.3	Melvin Mayo DeWolf Roberts John Calderon Eddie Washington	Kansas State	1962
Two-mile	7:46.1	Burton Wolfson Robert Finger Bob Camien John Camien	Kansas State	1965
Sprint medley	3:28.6	John Calderon Melvin Mayo Eddie Washington John Camien	Kansas State	1962
DMedley	9:58.3	John McDonnell Burton Wolfson John Camien Ireland Sloan	Kansas State	1964

Emporia State University Women's Outdoor Track and Field Records

EVENT	RECORD	ATHLETE	LOCATION	YEAR
100-m. dash 200-m. dash 400-m. dash 800-m. run 1500-m. run 3000-m. run 5000-m. run 100-m. hurdles 400-m. hurdles	12.1 24.9 59.1 2:15.0 4:38.07 10:21.30 18:32 15.5 1:03.44	Brenda Short Brenda Short Cheryl Phares Kelly McCammon Lesha Wood Lesha Wood Patty Herrîck Pam Bulson Michelle Orton	Kansas Relays Fort Hays Salina Salina Houston, TX Houston, TX Des Moine, IA Emporia Charleston, WV	1979 1979 1982 1984 1981 1981 1980 1977 1983
Shot put Javelin Discus High jump Long jump Heptathlon Marathon	53-7 3/4 150-11½ 152-5 5-8¼ 18-10½ 4307 pts 3:39.28	Kathy Devine Kathy Devine Kathy Devine Judy Becker Brenda Short Judy Becker Carol Swaney	Drake Relays Arkansas Relays Wichita Relays Drake Relays Arkansas Relays Kansas Relays Kansas Relays	1978 1978 1977 1978 1978 1981 1981
		Relay Bests		
440	49.2	Leslie Whitsitt Karen Lane LaDonna Dearing Brenda Short	Kansas Relays	1978
Mile	4:05.9	Cheryl Phares Kelly McCammon Cindy Edgerton Michelle Augustyn (Wayne, NB Orton)	1982
Two-mile	9:16.67	Joni Dutton Julie Browning Lesha Wood Kelly McCammon	Charleston, WV	1984
Sprint medley	1:54.7	Brenda Short LaDonna Dearing Julie Toricelli Cheryl Phares	CSIC	1979
D Medley	12:53.65	Kay Hoffman Shirley Thompson Patty Herrick Lesha Wood	Emporia Relays	1981

Emporia State University Women's Indoor Track and Field Records

EVENT	RECORD	ATHLETE	LOCATION	YEAR
60-y. dash 300-y. dash 440-y. dash 600-y. run 880-y. run 1000-y. run Mile run Two-mile run 60-y. hurdles 176-y. hurdles	7.2 38.8 61.1 1:30.0 2:21.4 2:46.79 5:02.67 11:15.0 9.3 23.8	Brenda Short Michelle Augustyn Michelle Augustyn Darcy Mikesich Kelly McCammon Cindy Edgerton Kelly McCammon Julie Browning Martha Rinker Michelle Orton	Pittsburg Pittsburg Pittsburg Fort Hays Fort Hays Kansas City Kansas City Kansas City Fort Hays	1980 1982 1982 1981 1984 1981 1984 1984 1984 1977 1984
Shot put High jump Long jump	52-5 3/4 5-4 19-1½	Kathy Devine Judy Becker Brenda Short Relay Bests	Pittsburg Columbia, MO Pittsburg	1978 1978 1980
Mile	4:18	Cheryl Phares Cindy Edgerton Michelle Augustyn Darcy Mîkesich	Pittsburg	1982
Two-mile	9:43.69	Cindy Edgerton Cheryl Phares Darcy Mikesich Nancy Gray	Kansas City	1981
D medley	12:23.46	Kelly McCammon Michelle Orton Lesha Wood Julie Browning	Kansas City	1984

APPENDIX D

Emporia State University

Top Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field

Performers

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Emporia State University Men's Top Outdoor Track and Field Performers

Times that are recorded to hundredths of a second are fully automatic times and are superior to hand times by .24 of a second.

100-YARD DASH

9.5 9.6 9.6 9.6 9.6 9.6 9.7 9.7 9.7 9.7 9.7	Alan Johnson, GPAC at Pueblo, CO Tyrone Grey, Emporia Invitational Richard Vininski, Texas Relays Ted Potts, RMAC Rex Ressler, NAIA at San Diego Duward Crooms, CIC Bill Fraley, CIC Eddie Washington, Pittsburg Dual Elijah Williams, Kansas Conference Terry Wallace, GPAC at Pueblo, CO	1	1974 1975 1965 1969 1958 1934 1968 1960 1923 1975
Wind-aided 9.46 9.5 9.5 9.5 9.5 9.6 9.6 9.6	Alan Johnson, Kansas Relays Tyrone Grey, CMSU Dual Richard Vininski, Southwestern Dual Rex Ressler, Emporia Relays Duane McIntire, Arkansas Relays Bill Fraley, CIC Edward Edgerson, CMSU Dual Eddie Washington, Arkansas Relays		1974 1975 1963 1961 1960 1966 1975 1960
100-METER DAS	H		
10.6 10.7 10.7 10.8	Bernie Gardenhire, CMSU Invitational Craig Briggs, CSIC at Emporia Robert Greenwade, Finland Duane McIntire, US Olympic Decathlon Trials		1983 1977 1926 1960
220-YARD DASH			
20.8 21.1 21.1 21.2 21.2 21.3 21.3 21.4 21.4 20.8w	Rex Ressler, CIC at Pittsburg Richard Vininski, Midwest Federation at KC Duward Crooms, CIC Alan Johnson, GPAC at Pueblo, CO Robert Klotz, Pittsburg Dual Eddie Washington, Pittsburg Dual Lois Williams, Kansas Conference Tyrone Grey, Bill Fraley, Pittsburg Dual Richard Vininski, Southwestern Dual	a.	1958 1965 1934 1974 1951 1959 1926 1975 1967 1963

200-METER DASH

21.7	Mike Cole, Southwestern Dual at Emporia	1982
21.7	Steve Henry,	1978
21.8	Craig Briggs, CSIC at Emporia	1977
22.1	Martin Moore, NAIA at Houston, TX	1981
22.2	Robert Greenwade, Finland	1926

440-YARD DASH

47.8 47.9 47.9	Mark Sevier, GPAC at Pueblo, CO Eddie Washington, NCAA Regional Melvin Mayo, CIC	~	1975 1962 1961
48.4	Ron Wynn,		1972
48.4	Bill Fraley, Fort Hays Dual		1969
48.4	Landis Franklin, Pittsburg Dual		1958
48.4	Bill Tidwell, Pittsburg Dual		1955
48.4	Henry Thompson, MVAAU		1954
48.5	Ron Cluts, CMSU	10	1967

400-METER DASH

48.3	Bill Tidwell, Helsinki, Finland	1956
48.7	Robert Greenwade, Finland	1926
48.8	Mike Beatty, CSIC at Emporia	1977
48.9	Martin Moore, CSIC at Joplin, MO	1981

880-YARD RUN

Bill Tidwell, NAAU at Boulder, CO	1955
John Camien, Pittsburg Dual	1963
Norman Rhoads, CIC	1933
Darrell Patterson, RMAC	1969
Bob Camien, CIC	1968
Jim White, Fort Hays Dual	1972
	John Camien, Pittsburg Dual Norman Rhoads, CIC Darrell Patterson, RMAC Bob Camien, CIC

800-METER RUN

1:48.5	Bill Tidwell, NAAU at Bakersfield, CA	1956
1:50.9	Mark Stanbrough, NAIA at Arkadelphia, AR	1977
1:52.0	John Camien, NAIA	1964
1:54.4	Norman Rhoads, NCAA	1932

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MILE RUN

4:00.7	John Camien, Compton Relays, CA	1963
4:07.0	Darrell Patterson, Kansas Relays	1971
4:07.2	Archie San Romani, Princeton Invitational	1937
4:07.4	Bill Tidwell, Coliseum Relays, CA	1955
4:08.1	Paul Whiteley, MVAAU	1959
4:08.6	John McDonnell, Drake Relays	1964
4:08.9	Bob Camien, Texas Relays	1968
4:11.0	Dennis Nee, CMSU Dual	1971

1500-METER RUN

3:39.9	John Camien, NAAU	1964
3:45.2	Bill Tidwell, Finland	1956
3:47.7	Gonzalo Javier, Meet of Champions at Houston, TX	1960
3:48.9	Bob Camien, NAIA	1968
3:49.6	John McDonnell, NAIA	1964
3:49.9	Archie San Romani, US Olympic Trials	1936

TWO-MILE RUN

9:00.1	Dennis Nee, Fort Hays Dual	1972
9:00.3	Ireland Sloan, Fort Hays Dual	1964
9:06.0	Paul Whiteley, NAIA	1959
9:07.0	Dennis Delmott,	1970
9:20.5	Warner Wirta, MVAAU	1959

3000-METER STEEPLECHASE

9:04.4	Ireland Sloan, Kansas Relays	1964
9:23.6	Chuck Weston, CMSU	1975
9:28.5	David Ransom, CSIC	1978
9:29.2	Bob Camien, NAIA	1967
9:31.3	John McDonnell, NAIA	1964

THREE-MILE RUN

13:55.0	Dennis Nee, Emporia Relays	1972
13:57.4	Ireland Sloan, Drake Relays	1964
13:57.9	Dennis Delmott, Texas Relays	1969
13:59.1	Paul Whiteley, NCAA	1959
14:10.0	Bob Camien, CIC	1968
14:16.0	David Brinsko, CIC	1968
14:20.2	Leonard Hall, CMSU	1976
14:21.0	Greg Purkeypile, CMSU	1977

5000-METER RUN

14:25.0	John Camien, NAIA	1964
14:37.6	Dennis Nee, NAIA	1972
14:38.0	Greg Purkeypile, Emporia Relays	1977
14:38.8	Ireland Sloan, NAIA	1964
14:49.8	Dennis Delmott, Kansas Relays	1968
14:55.0	Robert Harber, CMSU	1980

SIX-MILE RUN

29:24.0	Dennis Delmott, Kansas Relays		1970
30:20.5	Dennis Nee, Kansas Relays	pr.	1971
30:49.7	Ireland Sloan, NCAA at Albequerque, NM	÷	1963

10,000-METER RUN

30:10.9	Dennis Delmott,		1970
31:57.9	Ireland Sloan,		1963
32:16.2	Dennis Nee, MVAAU	and the second sec	1969

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES

14.1	Valgene Schierling, CIC	1968
14.2	Arthur Peals, Emporia Relays	1973
14.3	Charles Richard, Emporia Relays	1962
14.5	Gale Knight, GPAC at Pueblo, CO	1974
14.6	Steven Rodgers, GPAC at Pueblo, CO	1975
14.6	Lee Haring, CIC	1934

110-METER HIGH HURDLES

14.35	Mike Cole, NAIA at Charleston, WV	1984
14.6	Wayne Goldsmith, Texas Relays	1941
14.6	Verne Sumner, MVAAU at Kansas City	1937
14.8	Lee Haring, MVAAU at Kansas City	1935

220-YARD LOW HURDLES

23.6	Verne Sumner, CIC	1938
23.6	Lee Haring, C. of E. Dual	1933
23.8	Ralph Summers, Pittsburg Dual	1951
24.2	Charles Richard, Pittsburg Dual	1962
24.3	Ed Flentje, Kearney Dual	1962

200-METER LOW HURDLES

23.4	Verne Sumner, MVAAU at Kansas City	1937
23.8	Lee Haring, MVAAU at Kansas City	1935
24.4	Landis Franklin, NAIA	1960

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330-YARD INTE	RMEDIATE HURDLES		
37.4 38.5 38.8	Valgene Schierling, Pittsburg Dual Greg Nunn, Pittsburg Dual Wayne Rogers, Pittsburg Dual		1966 1965 1965
440-YARD INTE	RMEDIATE HURDLES		
51.1 53.4 54.1 55.0 55.1	Valgene Schierling, USTFF at Houston, TX Chester Bluett, Pittsburg Dual Tim Martin, Emporia Invitational Gale Knight, CMSU Dual Ed Flentje, NCAA Regional	r	1968 1969 1974 1973 1962
400-METER INT	ERMEDIATE HURDLES		
50.5 53.0 53.9	Valgene Schierling, Canada AAU Rick Brading, CSIC at Emporia Wayne Goldsmith, MVAAU at Emporia	- **	1968 1977 1939
SHOT PUT		10	
65-0 56-11/4 54-9 54-21/2 54-0 53-5 52-71/2 52-61/4	Allen Feuerbach, NAAU Jerry Hinson, Fort Hays Dual Bill Favrow, CIC Bill Goldhammer, Texas Relays Sam Wilson, NAIA at Abilene, TX Chuck Coblentz, Emporia Relays Mike Williams, Emporia Invitational Ed Cox, Emporia Relays		1970 1972 1962 1962 1979 1975 1978 1970
DISCUS			
178-3 $174-0\frac{1}{4}$ 171-1 170-2 $166-11\frac{1}{2}$ 162-5 $159-4\frac{1}{2}$ 159-3	Allen Feuerbach, CMSU Dual Jerry Hinson, Fort Hays Dual Bill Eikermann, CIC Ray Rodman, RMAC Tom Fincken, CIC Duane McIntire, Arkansas Relays Richard DiPaola, CIC Ken Hawkinson,		1970 1973 1965 1969 1961 1960 1965 1964
HAMMER			
150-10 145-1	Gary Lawrence, NAIA Allen Feuerbach, Kansas Relays		1969 1969

JAVELIN			
247-8 242-1 231-3 230-7 223-8 ¹ / ₂ 223-8 ¹ / ₂ 223-8 ¹ / ₂ 222-10 215-2	Jim Correll, RMAC Larry Hynek, Texas Relays Kent Hurn, Dean Woodson, Arkansas Relays Kim Bahner, Emporia Relays Russell Miller, CIC Mike Pitko, NAIA John Kuck, Finland		1971 1973 1963 1969 1978 1961 1964 1926
HIGH JUMP			
6-10 6-9 6-8 6-7 ¹ 2 6-7	Wayne Defebaugh, District 10 at Emporia Jim Kisel, RMAC Monroe Fordham, Emporia Relays Ed Glover, Charles Richard, NAIA		1982 1969 1961 1966 1962
LONG JUMP		1	
$25-5w$ $24-10\frac{1}{2}$ $24-9\frac{1}{2}$ $24-6\frac{1}{2}$ $24-0\frac{1}{2}$ $23-9$ $23-9$ $23-7$	Noel Certain, Kansas Relays Noel Certain, Oklahoma State Relays John Wilson, RMAC Eustace Shannon, Drake Relays Ben Pierce, Southwest Missouri Relays Richard Boehringer, Arkansas Relays Roger Ruth, Oklahoma A & M Relays DeWolf Roberts, Pittsburg Dual		1960 1961 1970 1935 1973 1966 1951 1963
TRIPLE JUMP			
50-2 47-6 46-11 46-8 46-5½ 45-9 3/4	Richard Boehringer, Arkansas Relays Wayne Rogers, CIC Todd Bays, District 10 at Emporia John Wilson, RMAC Ben Pierce, Southwest Missouri Relays Russell Perkins, CSIC at Joplin, MO		1966 1966 1982 1970 1972 1981
POLE VAULT			
15-4 14-8 14-6 14-6 14-4 14-3	Douglas Caywood, Emporia Clarence Robe Dennis Webb, Abilene Christian Relays Bill Frankenberger Dick Utter, Emporia Relays Bob Oden, Pittsburg Dual	- 31	1970 1974 1971 1956 1960

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6926	Duane McIntire, MVAAU Championship at Emporia	1960
	Dennis Webb, Kansas Relays	1974
5299	Dale Greiner, MVAAU Championship at Emporia	1960

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Emporia State University Men's Top Outdoor Relay Marks

440 RELAY

41.4	GPAC at Pueblo, CO (Tyrone Grey, Edward Edgerson, Mark Sevier, Alan Johnson	1975 ۱
41.5	Emporia Relays	1975
41.6	(Tyrone Grey, Edward Edgerson, Mark Sevier, Alan Johnson GPAC at Pueblo, CO (Mark Sevier, Ron Wynn, Edward Edgerson, Alan Johnson)) 1974
41.7	NAIA	1974
41.8	(Mark Sevier, Ron Wynn, Don Wynn, Alan Johnson) Southwestern Dual (Edward Edgerson, Mark Sevier, Ron Wynn, Alan Johnson)	1974
41.8	Pittsburg Dual	1966
41.8	(Ron Cluts, Orville Brown, Bill Fraley, James Whitcomb) Emporia Relays (Ron Cluts, Orville Brown, Jim McClanahan, Jim Whitcomb)	1966
880 RELAY		
1:25.8	Texas Relays (Melvin Mayo, Landis Franklin, Rex Ressler, Eddie Washin	1961 gton)
1:26.7	Emporia Relays (Noel Certain, Melvin Mayo, Rex Ressler, Eddie Washington	1961
1:26.8	Drake Relays	1975
1:26.8	(Mark Sevier, Tyrone Grey, Alan Johnson, Dave Neufeldt) Emporia Relays	1966
	(Ron Cluts, Orville Brown, Bill Fraley, Jim Whitcomb)	
1:27.3	Kansas Relays (Jim Hayes, Landis Franklin, Duane McIntire, Rex Ressler	1958
1:27.4	Kansas Relays	1975
1:27.5	(Tyrone Grey, Dave Neufeldt, Mark Sevier, Alan Johnson) Drake Relays	1969
	(Chester Bluett, Bill Fraley, Ted Potts,)
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3:12.2	Kansas Relays 1961
	(Melvin Mayo, Landis Franklin, Noel Certain, Eddie Washington)
3:14.6	Kansas Relays 1975
	(Tyrone Grey, David Neufeldt, Alan Johnson, Mark Sevier)
3:15.0	Drake Relays 1975
	(Tyrone Grey, David Neufeldt, Alan Johnson, Mark Sevier)
3:15.1	Kansas Relays 1957
	(Bob Heaney, Dick Bliss, Duane McIntire, Bill Tidwell)

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3:15.1	Drake Relays	1957
	(Autrey Calloway, Dick Bliss, Duane McIntire, Bill 1	[idwell)
3:15.2	NAIA	1974
	(Alan Johnson, Don Wynn, Ron Wynn, Mark Sevier)	
3:15.2	Pittsburg Dual	1969
	(Chester Bluett, Paul McDaniels, Ira Gardner, Bill F	Fraley)
3:15.8	Emporia Relays	1975

(Jimmie Cook, Dave Neufeldt, Alan Johnson, Mark Sevier)

TWO-MILE RELAY

7:30.0	Drake Relays 1968
	(Bob Camien, David Brinsko, Frank Hensley, Val Schierling)
7:40.8	Oklahoma State Relays 1960
	(Frank Hicks, Dennis Matheson, Gonzalo Javier, Peter Clarke)
7:41.7	Emporia Relays 1968
7:43.4	Emporia Relays 1959
	(Frank Hicks, Dennis Matheson, Gonzalo Javier, Paul Whiteley)
7:43.9	Drake Relays 1939
	(Jim Wilcox, Chester Peterson, Wayne Goldsmith, Bob Liby)
7:44.4	Drake Relays 1961
	(Peter Clarke, Charles Atkins, Dennis Matheson, Frank Hicks)

FOUR-MILE RELAY

17:13.0	Arkansas Relays	1964
	(Richard Woelk, Ireland Sloan, John McDonnell, John Car	mien)
17:41.5	Emporia Relays	1979
	(Tom Noonan, Evan Yoder, Rob Harber, Greg Topham)	
17:43.5	Arkansas Relays	1969
	(Dennis Nee, Dennis Delmott, Darrell Patterson, Blaine	Thomas)
17:46.1	Arkansas Relays	1968
	(Dennis Delmott, Bob Szymanski, David Brinsko, Bob Cam	ien)
17:48.0	Pittsburg-Hays Triangular	1971
	(Dennis Nee, Darrell Patterson,)

SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY

3:21.9	Drake Relays 1955
	(Henry Thompson, Clair Hutchinson, Bill Davis, Bill Tidwell)
3:22.6	Kansas Relays 1957
	(Duane McIntire, Bob Heaney, George Gibbs, Bill Tidwell)
3:22.6	Drake Relays 1957
	(Dick Bliss, Carstell Pitts, Bob Heaney, Bill Tidwell)
3:23.4	Texas Relays 1956
	(Clair Hutchinson, Don Blow, George Gibbs, Bill Tidwell)
3:23.6	Texas Relays 1957
	(Duane McIntire, Carstell Pitts, Bob Heaney, Bill Tidwell)

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3:25.4	Kansas Relays		1955
	(Henry Thompson, Don Blow, Bill E	Davis, Bill Tidwell)	
3:26.0	Kansas Relays	1.17 Bac 10 11 11 11 1	1960
	(Peter Clarke, Eddie Washington,	Landis Franklin, Gonzal	o Javier)
3:26.0	Óklahoma A & M Relays		1957

(Dick Bliss, Duane McIntire, Harold Thompson, Bill Tidwell)

DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY

9:48.4	Kansas Relays 1964
	(DeWolf Roberts, Burton Wolfson, John McDonnell, John Camien)
9:51.1	Drake Relays 1968
	(Val Schierling, Bill Fraley, Dave Brinsko, Bob Camien)
9:51.9	Drake Relays 1964
	(DeWolf Roberts, Burton Wolfson, John McDonnell, John Camien)
9:54.4	Texas Relays 1965
	(Richard Vininski, Robert Finger, Bob Camien, John Camien)
9:54.8	Kansas Relays 1966
	(Albert Burnes, Bill Fraley, David Brinsko, Bob Camien)
9:55.8	Texas Relays 1966
	(Albert Burnes, Bill Fraley, David Brinsko, Bob Camien)
9:56.5	Drake Relays 1963
	(Peter Clarke, DeWolf Roberts, Ireland Sloan, John Camien)
9:57.8	Texas Relays 1964
	(DeWolf Roberts, Burton Wolfson, John McDonnell, John Camien)

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Emporia State University Men's Top Indoor Track and Field Performers

60-YARD DASH

6.2 6.2	Tyrone Grey, Pittsburg State Alan Johnson, District 10 at Fort Hays	1975 1974
6.2	Richard Vininski, International Meet of Champions	1962
6.3	John Calderon, CIC at Omaha	1962
6.3	Eddie Washington, CIC at Omaha	1961
6.4	Ted Potts, Iowa Federation	1970
6.4	Russ McClanahan, CIC at Omaha 🦯 🦯	1965
6.4	Earl White, CIC at Omaha	1965
6.4	Melvin Mayo, CIC at Omaha	1962

300-YARD DASH

31.5	Eddie Washington, Kansas State Relays	1960
32.2	Mike Cole, Pittsburg Invitational	1982
32.5	Tyrone Grey, Pittsburg	1975
32.6	Alan Johnson, District 10 at Fort Hays	1974
32.7	Martin Moore, Pittsburg Invitational	1981

440-YARD DASH

49.7	Bill Fraley, Wichita	1968
50.2	John Calderon, Kearney Dual	1962
50.4	Mark Sevier, District 10 at Fort Hays	1974
50.9	Chester Bluett, Louisiana	1970

600-YARD DASH

1:11.3	Valgene Schierling, Kansas State Relays	1967
1:13.6	Mark Stanbrough, NAIA at Kansas City	1977
1:14.0	Steve Henry, Kansas Federation	1978
1:14.5	Jim Cook, Kansas University	1975
1:14.6	Doug Ray, Kansas Federation	1979
1:14.7	Rick Wild, Kansas University	1975
1:14.7	John Camien, Omaha	1965

880-YARD RUN

1:52.6	Bill Tidwell, Kansas State	1956
1:54.0	John Camien, CIC at Omaha	1964

2:14.0	Bob Camien, Kansas State	1967
2:14.1	Darrell Patterson, NAIA at Kansas City	1970
2:15.9	Tom Noonan, Kansas Federation	1979
2:16.2	Bob Finger, CIC at Omaha	1965
2:16.8	Art Millikin, USTFF	1976

MILE RUN

4:01.7	John Camien, USTFF at Seattle	1965
4:06.3	Bill Tidwell, Boston Games	1956
4:08.9	Archie San Romani, Knights of Columbus at New York	1937
4:10.1	Bob Camien, Kansas State	1968
4:13.5	John McDonnell, CIC at Omaha	1964

1500-METER RUN

3:51.2	Archie San Romani, NAAU	1937

TWO-MILE RUN

8:57.2	Ireland Sloan, USTFF at Milwaukee	1964
9:01.0	John Camien, International Meet of Champions	1965
9:02.0	Bob Camien, Kansas State Relays	1967
9:05.4	Dennis Nee, NAIA at Kansas City	1972
9:08.6	Dennis Delmott, Kansas State Relays	1969
9:15.1	Greg Purkeypile, District 10 at Pittsburg	1977

THREE-MILE_RUN

14:13.6	Ireland Sloan,	International	Meet of	Champions	1962
14:36.0	Robert Harber,				1978

60-YARD HIGH HURDLES

7.2	Mike Cole, Kansas University	1984
7.4	Valgene Schierling,	1966
7.5	Arthur Peals, Pittsburg	1973
7.5	Charles Richard, CIC at Omaha	1963

60-YARD LOW HURDLES

6.9	Charles Richard, CIC at Omaha	1963
7.1	Arthur Peals, Kansas University	1972
7.2	Dennis James, Omaha	1972
7.2	Richard Vininski, CIC at Omaha	1965
7.2	Greg Nunn, Omaha	1965
7.2	Landis Franklin, CIC at Omaha	1961
7.2	Duane McIntire, CIC at Omaha	1960

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SHOT PUT		×	
62 -11¼ 54-9½ 53-4½ 52-0 51-8¼	Allen Feuerbach, Oklahoma City Bill Goldhammer, Kearney Dual Sam Wilson, Pittsburg Jerry Hinson, Omaha Bill Favrow, Boulder, CO		1970 1962 1979 1972 1961
LONG JUMP			
24-3 3/4 23-10 23-4½ 23-2 22-10¼	Noel Certain, Boulder, CO John Wilson, NAIA at Kansas City Melvin Mayo, Boulder, CO Richard Boehringer, NAIA at Kansas City Wayne Rogers, Kansas State	1	1961 1970 1961 1966 1965
TRIPLE JUMP			
44-5 3/4 44-3 3/4 43-11 43-10	Wayne Rogers, CIC at Omaha Richard Boehringer, CIC at Omaha Todd Bays, Fort Hays Edward Edgerson, District 10 at Fort Hays	15. 1	1965 1965 1983 1974
HIGH JUMP			
6-8 6-7 6-6¼ 6-6 6-6	Wayne Defebaugh, District 10 at Fort Hays Jim Kisel, Kansas State Charles Richard, CIC at Omaha Rick Brading, Kansas Federation Arnold Sams, Omaha		1980 1969 1963 1978 1973
POLE VAULT			
14-6 14-5 3/4 14-0¼ 14-0	Dennis Webb, Fort Hays Clarence Robe, CIC at Omaha Bob Oden, Kansas State Doug Caywood, Lawrence		1974 1965 1959 1968

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Emporia State University Men's Top Indoor Relay Marks

MILE RELAY

3:18.3	Kansas State Relays 1962
2.20 1	(Melvin Mayo, DeWolf Roberts, John Calderon, Eddie Washington)
3:20.4	Kansas State Relays (Ron Cluts, Valgene Schierling, John Grella, Bill Fraley)
3:21.3	Kansas State Relays 1968
5.21.5	()
3:21.7	Kansas State Relays 🦰 1960
	(Eddie Washington, Landis Franklin, Peter Clarke, Duane McIntire)
3:24.0	International Meet of Champions at Winnepeg, Can. 1962 (Richard Vininski, Peter Clarke, John Calderon, Eddie Washington)

TWO-MILE RELAY

7:46.1	Kansas State Relays 19	65
	(Burton Wolfson, Robert Finger, Bob Camien, John Camien)	
7:47.5	Kansas State Relays 19	62
	(Chuck Atkins, Leon Storck, Peter Clarke, John Camien)	
7:48.3	Kansas State Relays 19	69
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7:49.0	Kansas State Relays 19	68
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7:53.3	Kansas State Relays 19	67
	(Roger Bruning, Frank Hensley, John Swaim, Bill Jacobs)	

SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY

3:28.6	Kansas State Relays	1962
	(John Calderon, Melvin Mayo, Eddie Washington, John Can	nien)
3:29.0	Kansas State Relays	1961
	(Noel Certain, Landis Franklin, Eddie Washington, Frank	(Hicks)

DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY

9:58.3	Kansas State Relays	1964
	(John McDonnell, Burton Wolfson, John Camien, Ireland S	loan)
10:01.3	Kansas State Relays	1967
	(Bill Fraley, Bill Jacobs, Roger Bruning, Bob Camien)	
10:01.8	Kansas State Relays	1968
	(Jim Doyle, Bill Fraley, David Brinsko, Bob Camien)	
10:06.3	Kansas State Relays	1965
	(Robert Finger, Ron Cluts, Bob Camien, John Camien)	
10:07.3	Kansas State Relays	1966
	(Albert Burnes, Bill Fraley, David Brinsko, Bob Camien)	

Emporia State University Women's Top Outdoor Track and Field Performers

100-METER DASH

12.1	Brenda Short, Kansas Relays	1979
12.7	Leslie Whitsitt, Emporia Invitational	1978
12.8	Sharon Van Gundy, Kansas Relays	1977

200-METER DASH

24.9	Brenda Short, Fort Hays	1	1979
26.9	Leslie Whitsitt, Emporia Invitational	5	1978
27.2	Cheryl Phares, Kansas Wesleyan Quadrangular		1982
27.9	Shirley Thompson, Pitt-Washburn Triangular		1980

400-METER DASH

59.1	Cheryl Phares, Kansas Wesleyan Quadrangular	1982
61.0	Traci Kesner, Pitt-Washburn Triangular	1980
61.2	LaDonna Dearing, Emporia Invitational	1978
62.1	Julie Toricelli, Emporia Invitational	1979
62.1	Cindy Ratzlaff, CSIC at Emporia	1977

800-METER RUN

2:15.0	Kelly McCammon, District 10 at Salina	1984
2:15.52	Cheryl Phares, NAIA at Charleston, WV	1982
2:19.00	Cindy Edgerton, NAIA at Houston, TX	1981

1500-METER RUN

4:38.07 Les	ha Wood, NAIA at Houston, TX	1981
4:39.28 Kel	ly McCammon, NAIA at Charleston, WV	1984
4:54.90 Pat	ty Herrick, NAIA at Houston, TX	1981
4:58.5 Nan	cy Gray, CSIC at Joplin, MO	1981
4:59.2 Cin	dy Edgerton, Emporia Triangular	1982

3000-METER RUN

10:21.30	Lesha Wood, NAIA at Houston, TX	1981
10:21.40	Julie Browning, NAIA at Charleston, WV	1984
10:43.60	Patty Herrick, Arkansas Relays	1981
10:51.5	Nancy Gray, CSIC at Joplin, MO	1981
11:14.0	Suzanne Graziano, CSIC at Wayne, NB	1982
11:15.0	Peggy Teichgraeber, Bethany Relays	1984

5000-METER RUN				
18:32	Patty Herrick, AIAW Region 6		1980	
19:36	Suzanne Graziano, Arkansas Relays		1982	
110-METER HUR	DLES			
15.5	Pam Bulson, CSIC at Emporia		1977	
15.6	Dorothy Frey, Emporia Invitational		1978	
16.4	Judy Becker, CSIC at Joplin, MO		1981	
400-METER INT	ERMEDIATE HURDLES			
1:03.44	Michelle Orton, NAIA at Charleston, WV	6	1983	
1:13.6	Melanie Ross, Emporia Invitational		1978	
SHOT PUT				
53-7 3/4	Kathy Devine, Drake Relays	<u>1</u>	1978	
41-6 ½	Laura Schroer, Emporia Invitational		1978	
40-8	Barb Knackstedt, CSIC at Wayne, NB		1982	
40-5	Chris Garner, Southwestern Relays		1982	
40-1 ½	Julie Burik, Kansas Wesleyan Quadrangular		1982	
DISCUS				
152-5	Kathy Devine, Wichita Relays		1977	
145-6	Beth Shannon, Southwestern Relays		1983	
137-10	Chris Garner, Southwestern Relays		1982	
129-8 ¾	Judy Becker, Emporia Invitational		1979	
JAVELIN				
150-11 3/4	Kathy Devine, Arkansas Relays		1978	
138-4	Judy Becker, NAIA at Houston, TX		1981	
128-4	Julie Burik, CSIC at Wayne, NB		1982	
127-7	Laura Schroer, Kansas Relays		1978	
119-3	Hatsie Waters, CSIC at Emporia		1977	
LONG JUMP				
18-10 ½	Brenda Short, Arkansas Relays		1978	
17-6 ½	Pam Bulson, Oklahoma State Invitational		1977	
16-11	Sharon Van Gundy, Arkansas Relays		1977	
HIGH JUMP				
5-8 ¼	Judy Becker, Drake Relays	ž	1978	
5-8	Dorothy Frey,		1979	
5-6	Pam Bulson, Arkansas Relays		1978	
5-4	Patricia Roberts, Emporia Invitational		1976	

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Emporia State University Women's Top Outdoor Relay Marks

440 RELAY

49.2	Kansas Relays (prelims) 1978
	(Leslie Whitsitt, LaDonna Dearing, Karen Lane, Brenda Short)
49.6	Emporia Invitational 1978
	(Kim Grabou, Leslie Whitsitt, LaDonna Dearing, Brenda Short)
49.7	Kansas Relays (finals) 1978
	(Leslie Whitsitt, LaDonna Dearing, Karen Lane, Brenda Short)
50.5	Fort Hays Dual 🗾 1979
	(Dorothy Frey, Shirley Thompson, LaDonna Dearing, Brenda Short)
50.7	CSIC at Kearney, NB 1980
	(Traci Kesner, Shirley Thompson, Dorothy Frey, Brenda Short)

MILE RELAY

4:05.9	CSIC at Wayne, NB	1982
	(Cheryl Phares, Darcy Mikesich, Cindy Edgerton,	Michelle Augustyn)
4:10.7	Kansas Wesleyan Quadrangular	1982
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TWO-MILE RELAY

9:16.67	NAIA at Charleston, WV 1984
	(Joni Dutton, Julie Browning, Lesha Wood, Kelly McCammon)
9:23.71	NAIA at Charleston, WV 1982
	(Lesha Wood, Kelly McCammon, Cheryl Phares, Cindy Edgerton)
9:28.86	NAIA at Houston, TX 1981
	(Lesha Wood, Darcy Mikesich, Nancy Gray, Cindy Edgerton)

Emporia State University Women's Top Indoor Track and Field Performers

60-YARD DASH

7.2	Brenda Short, Kansas University	1978
7.6	Shirley Thompson, Pittsburg	1980

300-YARD DASH

38.8	Michelle Augustyn (Orton), Pittsburg		1982
39.8	LaDonna Dearing, Kansas University	1	1978
39.9	Brenda Short, Pittsburg		1979
41.4	Traci Kesner, Pittsburg		1980

440-YARD DASH

61.0	Michelle Augustyn (Orton), Pittsburg	1982
62.6	Julie Toricelli, Kansas University	1978
63.1	Cheryl Phares, Fort Hays	1981

600-YARD RUN

1:30	Darcy Mikesich, Fort Hays	1981
1:31	Cheryl Phares, Pittsburg	1982

880-YARD RUN

1000-YARD RUN

2:46.0	Cindy Edgerton, NAIA at Kansas City	1981
2:51.0	Nancy Gray, Pittsburg	1981

MILE RUN

5:02.67	Kelly McCammon, NAIA at Kansas City	1984
5:06.23	Lesha Wood, NAIA at Kansas City	1983
5:19.0	Cindy Edgerton, Pittsburg	1981
5:20.7	Julie Browning, Fort Hays	1984
5:25.1	Nancy Gray, Pittsburg	1981

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TWO-MILE RUN

11:15.00	Julie Browning, NAIA at Kansas City		1984
11:25.00	Lesha Wood, NAIA at Kansas City		1981
11:31.0	Kelly McCammon, Fort Hays		1984
11:46.2	Patty Herrick, Pittsburg		1980
HIGH JUMP			
5-4	Judy Becker, AIAW at Columbia, MO		1978
5-2	Pam Bulson, AIAW at Columbia, MO		1977
SHOT PUT		1	
52-5 3/4	Kathy Devine, Pittsburg		1978
38-1	Julie Burik, Pittsburg		1981

APPENDIX E

Emporia State University

Track/Field and Cross Country All-Americans



Emporia State University MELL Men's Track and Field All-Americans

EAR	ATHLETE	EVENT	MEET	PLACE
923	Earl McKown	Pole Vault	NCAA	Tie lst
1925	Earl McKown	Pole Vault	NCAA	Tie 1st
926	John Kuck	Shot put Javelîn	NCAA NCAA	lst 3rd
935	Archie San Romani	Mile run	NCAA	lst
1936	Archie San Romani	1500-meter	NCAA	lst
937	Verne Sumner	220-y. low hurd.	NCAA	3rd
952	Robert Klotz Hugh Lewick	100-yard dash Javelîn	NA I A NA I A	2nd 3rd
953	Wayne Goodell	Shot put	NAIA	3rd
1954	Henry Thompson	440-yard dash	NAIA	lst
1955	Bill Tidwell Dick Utter Reece Bohannon Henry Thompson	880-yard run Mîle run Pole vault Pole vault 220-y. low hurd.	NAIA NAIA NAIA NAIA NAIA	lst lst lst Tie 3rd 3rd
1956	Bill Tidwell Dick Utter	800-meter 1500-meter Pole vault	NAIA NAIA NAIA	lst lst Tìe 2nd
958	Rex Ressler Paul Whiteley	100-yard dash 220-yard dash Mîle run	NAIA NAIA NAIA	2nd 1st 2nd
1959	Paul Whiteley Bob Oden	Mile run Two-mile Three-mile Pole vault	NAIA NAIA NCAA NAIA	lst lst lst lst
1960	Gonzalo Javier Bob Oden Charles Richard Monroe Fordham	1500-meter Pole vault High jump High jump	NAIA NAIA NAIA NAIA	lst Tie 1st Tie 3rd Tie 3rd
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EAR	ATHLETE	EVENT	MEET	PLACE
961	Russell Miller	Javelin	NAIA	2nd
	Kenny Oard	Javelin	NAIA	3rd
962	John Camien	Mile run	NAIA	lst
	Ireland Sloan	Three-mile	NAIA	3rd
	Charles Richard	High jump	NAIA	2nd
	Kent Hurn	Javelin	NAIA	2nd
	Bill Favrow	Shot Put	NAIA	3rd
963	John Camien	Mile run	NA I A	lst
	Ireland Sloan	Three-mile	NA I A	3rd 🦯
964	John Camien Ireland Sloan John McDonnell Kent Hurn	1500-meter 5000-meter 1500-meter 3000-m. steeple 1500-meter 3000-m. steeple Javelin	NAIA NAIA NCAA NAIA NAIA NAIA NAIA	lst Ist 3rd Ist 2nd 3rd 3rd
965	John Camien	Mile run	NA I A	lst
	Bill Eikermann	Discus	NA I A	3rd
	<u>door</u> Richard Boehringer Bill Fraley Bob Camien Clarence Robe	Long jump 600-yard run Mile run Pole vault	NAIA NAIA NAIA NAIA	lst 3rd 3rd 3rd
967	<u>door</u>	Mile run	NA I A	2nd
<u>In</u>	Bob Camien	Two-mile relay	NA I A	3rd
<u>0u</u>	<u>tdoor</u> Allen Feuerbach Valgene Schierling Richard Boehringer	Shot put 440-y. int. hurd. Triple jump	NAIA NAIA NAIA	lst 3rd 2nd
968 <u>In</u>	<u>door</u> Bob Camien	Mile run	NAIA	3rd
<u>0u</u>	<u>tdoor</u>	1500-meter	NAIA	3rd
	Bob Camien	400-m. int. hurd.	NAIA	3rd
	Valgene Schierling	Shot put	NAIA	2nd
	Allen Feuerbach	Hammer throw	NAIA	2nd

EAR	ATHLETE	EVENT	MEET	PLACE
969				
<u>In</u>	<u>door</u> Allen Feuerbach David Brinsko Darrell Patterson	Shot put Mile run 1000-yard run	NAIA NAIA NAIA	lst 3rd 3rd
<u>0u</u>	<u>tdoor</u> Allen Feuerbach Gary Lawrence Dean Woodson	Shot put Hammer throw Javelin	NAIA NAIA NAIA	2nd 2nd 3rd
970	i.			
<u>In</u>	<u>door</u> Allen Feuerbach Darrell Patterson John Wilson	Shot put 1000-yard run Long jump	NAIA NAIA NAIA	lst 3rd 3rd
<u>0u</u>	<u>tdoor</u> Allen Feuerbach John Wilson	Shot put Long jump	NA I A NA I A	lst 3rd
972				
<u>0u</u>	<u>tdoor</u> Dennis Nee	5000-meter	NAIA	2nd
973				
<u>0u</u>	<u>tdoor</u> Larry Hynek	Javelin	NAIA	2nd
979				
<u>0u</u>	<u>tdoor</u> Sam Wilson	Shot put	NAIA	5th
984				
<u>0u</u>	<u>tdoor</u> Mike Cole	110-meter hurdles	NAIA	4th

Emporia State University Women's Track and Field All-Americans

YEAR	ATHLETE	EVENT	MEET	PLACE
1976	Kathy Devine	Shot put	AIAW	lst
1977	Kathy Devine	Shot put	AIAW	lst
1978	Kathy Devine	Shot put	AIAW	2nd
1981	1-			C
<u>1no</u>	<u>door</u> Cindy Edgerton	1000-yard run	NAIA	3rd
	Lesha Wood	Two-mile relay Mile run Two mile	NAIA NAIA	
	Nancy Gray Darcy Mikesich Cheryl Phares	Two-mile Two-mile relay Two-mile relay Two-mile relay	NAIA NAIA NAIA NAIA	2nd 2nd
<u>0u</u> 1	<u>tdoor</u> Lesha Wood	1500-meter	NAIA	4th
	Judy Becker	3000-meter Javelin	NAIA	5th
1982				
<u>0u</u> +	<u>tdoor</u> Cheryl Phares Kelly McCammon Lesha Wood Cindy Edgerton Michelle Augustyn (Orton)	800-meter run 4 x 800-m. relay 4 x 800-m. relay 4 x 800-m. relay 4 x 800-m. relay 400-m. int. hurd	NAIA NAIA NAIA NAIA NAIA NAIA	3rd
1983				0011
	<u>door</u> Lesha Wood	Mile run	NAIA	5th
<u>0u</u> t	<u>tdoor</u> Michelle Orton	400-m. int. hurd.	NAIA	6th
1984 <u>Inc</u>	door Kelly McCammon	Mile run	NAIA	3rd
Out	door Beth Shannon	Discus	NAIA	6th

Emporia State University Men's Cross Country All-Americans

YEAR	ATHLETE	MEET	PLACE
1954	Bill Tidwell	NCAA	6th
1955	Bill Tidwell	NCAA	10th
1956	Bill Tidwell Artie Dunn	NA IA NA IA	2nd 9th
1958	Paul Whiteley Dennis Matheson Warner Wirta	NAIA NAIA NAIA	3rd 4th 11th
1959	Paul Whiteley Warner Wirta Dennis Matheson	NAIA NAIA NAIA	2nd 5th 11th
1960	Dennis Matheson	NAIA	12th
1961	Richard Woelk John Camien	NAIA NAIA	6th 12th
1962	Ireland Sloan John Camien Richard Woelk Clarence Herpich	NAIA NAIA NAIA NAIA	lst 3rd 7th 13th
1963	John Camien Ireland Sloan Richard Woelk	NAIA NCAA NAIA NAIA	lst 2nd 2nd 12th
1964	John Camien	NAIA	lst
1968	Dennis Delmott David Brinsko	NAIA NAIA	12th 15th
1969	Dennis Delmott	NAIA	9th
1971	Dennis Nee	NAIA	7th
1975	Greg Purkeypile	NAIA	25th
1976	Greg Purkeypile	NAIA	25th

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Emporia State University Women's Cross Country All-Americans

YEAR	ATHLETE	MEET	PLACE
1980	Lesha Wood	NAIA	4th
1981	Lesha Wood	NAIA	10th
1982	Lesha Wood	NAIA	8th
1984	Kelly McCammon	NAIA	16th
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APPENDIX F

Emporia State University World and American Record Holders

> Tied WR/220 de per turn, not accepted dual met.

Kathy Devine (1976-78) Outdoor			
Shot put	52-4½ 53-1 53-3 3/4 53-7 3/4	Ap. 1976 May 1976 Ap. 21, 1978 Ap. 28, 1978	Colleg. AR Colleg. AR Colleg. AR Colleg. AR
Allen Feuerbach (1967-70 Indoor)		~
Shot put	68-11 69-4½ 69-5 3/4	1971 Jan. 20, 1973 Jan. 30, 1973	WR & AR WR & AR WR & AR
Outdoor			
Shot put	71-7	1973	WR & AR
Archie San Romani (1935- Indoor	.37)		
3000-meter run Outdoor	8:27.4	Jan, 1938	AR
2000-meter run	5:16.8	Aug. 26, 1937	WR
Robert Greenwade (1926-2 Outdoor	7)		
400-meter dash 300-yard dash	48.7	Aug.1926 1929	Tied WR WR
John Kuck (1925-26) Indoor			
Shot put	49-0¼ 50-6 3/4	Feb. 1926 March 1926	WR WR
Outdoor Javelin	214-2 1/8	May 1926	Colleg. WR
Shot put	$ \begin{array}{r} 48-11 \\ 51-1\frac{1}{2} \\ 51-2 \\ 52-0 \\ 13/16 \end{array} $	Ap. 1925 Ap. 1925 May 1928 Aug. 1928	Colleg. WR WR WR WR & Olympic record
Shot put (8 lb) (12 lb)	68-7 5/8 57-9 3/4	June 1926 June 1926	WR WR
Elijah Williams (1922-25 Outdoor)		
100-yard dash	9.7	1923	Tied Colleg. AR
220-yard dash	21.8	1923	Tied WR/220 on one turn, not accepted/ dual meet.

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Earl McKown (1922-25) Indoor			
Pole vault	12-10	March 1923	WR
Outdoor Pole vault	13-1	Ap. 1923	Tied Colleg. AR, not accepted/
	13-2 7/8	Ap. 1925	dual meet Colleg. WR
Harry Cole (1908-12, '21 Indoor	, '23)		
Discus	140-9	1916	WR
			<i>(</i>
	Other World B	ests	
Distance Medley Relay (Duward Crooms, Norman			WR San Romani)
Leonard Hall (1973-76) Outdoor			
Three-mile run	14:20.2	Ap. 1976	WR/deaf runner

Inree-mile run	14:20.2	Ap. 1970	wk/dear runner
5000-meter run	15:00.1	June 1976	AR/deaf runner

APPENDIX G

Emporia State Track and Field Athletes in the Olympic Trials and Olympic Games

Emporia State Track and Field Athletes In the Olympic Trials

1924	Earl McKown	Pole Vault	DNQ	
1928	John Kuck	Shot Put	1st	
1936	Archie San Romani	1500-meter	2nd	
1956	Bill Tidwell	800-meter	6th	
1960	Paul Whiteley	5000-meter	DNQ	
	Duane McIntire	Decathlon	8th	
1964	John Camien	1500-meter	8th	
1968	Valgene Schierling	400 hurdles	11th	
1972	Allen Feuerbach	Shot put	1st	
1976	Allen Feuerbach	Shot put	1st	1
	Dennis Delmott	Marathon	31st	
	Kathy Devine	Shot put	2nd	
1980	Allen Feuerbach	Shot put	2nd	
	Kathy Devine	Shot put	DNQ	
1984	Allen Feuerbach	Shot put	DNQ	

Emporia State Track and Field Athletes In the Olympic Games

1928	John Kuck	Shot put	1st
1936	Archie San Romani	1500-meter	4th
1972	Allen Feuerbach	Shot put	5th
1976	Allen Feuerbach	Shot put	4th

Although Devine placed second in the 1976 Trials, she did not qualify for the Olympic Games because of the minimum performance standards that have to be met by all but the winner in each event.

Feuerbach qualified for the Olympic Games in 1980, but was unable to attend because of the United States boycott of the Moscow Games.

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