



New coaches Jerry Walke and Paul Armor

## Walke to coach cagers

Ashland College said goodbye to defensive basketball and coach Bill Musselman as Jerry Walke of Urbana College became head basketball coach at AC. Musselman has accepted the head position at Big Ten Minnesota University.

Thirty-two year old Walke initiated the basketball program at Urbana and has guided teams to a 105-45 record over the last six years. Urbana has produced one of the nation's leading offensive teams, holding the national scoring championship in 1969-70 with 107.7 points per game.

Walke earned his B.A. at Capital University, his M.A. at Ohio University, and his Ph.D. at Ohio State. He joined Urbana after assistant coaching at Ohio U. and Muskingum. Besides his basketball duties, he also served as academic dean, athletic director, and director of health and

physical education.

Coach Walke pointed out that his teams use "the press and run style, much like UCLA." He likes to step up the pace of the game. Although his team allowed 84 points a game last year, it still had a winning margin of 16 points and was fourth in the nation in shooting percentages.

## Musselman departs

Bill Musselman accepted the position of head basketball coach of Big Ten Minnesota University. Dr. Fred Martinelli stated, "Bill Musselman has now reached one of the highest levels of intercollegiate athletics and I am sure Minnesota could not have selected a more capable individual."

After only one year of high school coaching Bill Musselman came to Ashland as assistant coach and one year later moved to the head post. He picked

Coach Walke commented, "This was a sincere compliment that Ashland College selected me to follow Bill Musselman. Ashland's total athletic program ranks second to none in the college-division. I am proud to become part of such a program and I look forward to this new challenge."

Ashland up from mediocre success and guided the Eagles to 129 victories against only 30 losses during the past six seasons. Musselman's marauder's stunned the world when his 1968-69 team allowed only 33.9 points a game. Ashland now has five straight national defensive championships.

Ashland College has also been transformed into a perennial contender in the college-division ranks.

Bill Musselman's brand of basketball—disciplined and defensive—caught the attention of the nation, as did his famed pregame warm-ups. While Ashland College has lost the man who currently leads the nation's college division coaches in winning percentage with .811, Dr. Martinelli feels sure AC has come up with a top man "to keep basketball near the top in college ranks."

## Armor takes post

By BARNEY KOSAR

Paul Armor, three-year track and cross country mentor at the University of Cincinnati is the new track and cross country coach at Ashland College. Coach Armor replaced Meade Burnett who traveled to Ohio University after six years at Ashland.

Twenty-six year old Armor is a graduate of Cleveland Brush High School, Wittenberg University, and received his M.A. at Cincinnati. Armor coached at Cleveland West Tech High School before leading Cincinnati to a 24-10 cross country record and a 12-6 track mark, and is now president of the Ohio Coaches Association.

Coach Armor plans no major changes in the overall program. He feels that the lack of depth is the crucial problem which he must overcome. Many of Ashland's top performers, now juniors and seniors, will be leaving, and much recruiting must be done to keep Ashland's present track and cross country pace alive.

Armor's specialty seems to be recruiting, and having the best facilities in the state of Ohio will undoubtedly aid him in this respect.

Field events has been cited as another weakness, especially the long and triple jump.

AC's cross country team,

which has not enjoyed great success lately will be the subject of great improvement by Armor, who led his teams to first and second places in the Missouri Valley Conference in 1968 and 1969.

"Conditioning during the summer is really important," commented Armor. "The fact that school begins earlier will allow the team three weeks of hard work before their first grueling races."

The Annual Canoe-Cross Country Championships, with Ashland as host, will be continued again this fall against Akron. "Although I do not have as many gimmicks as Meade Burnett had, the team does have a championship to defend," said the new coach.

The Annual Ashland Distance Classic also will be continued, although fewer schools will participate.

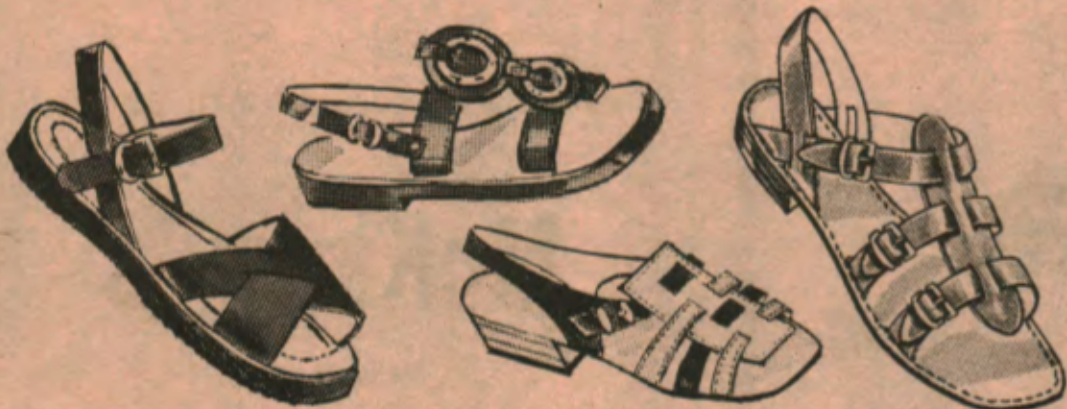
Expressing his basic philosophy toward coaching, Armor stated, "The only way to success in track and cross country these days is through hard work, yet it has to be enjoyable."

President Glenn L. Clayton commented, "We are certain that Paul Armor will maintain the high level of competition we have developed in our track program at Ashland College."

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