

Club sports offer alternative Athletes find non-varsity competition

By Jeff Korbek

Suppose you are a good athlete. But you are not 6-6, or you're unable to bench press 400 pounds, or have trouble running the mile in less than four minutes, or you swallow more water than air swimming the butterfly. But you are a good athlete.

At UNL an athlete has two options if he or she is unable to participate in varsity sports: either play intramurals or join one of the sports clubs on campus.

"There are many good athletes," Jerry Howell, sports club coordinator, said. "The university just doesn't offer the sports they're talented in."

The newly-formed Sports Club Association offers students ten athletic clubs in which to compete ranging from crew to table tennis. There are another eight clubs looking for acceptance in the association, Howell said. He added that 286 students are actively involved in sports clubs, 80 percent of them are male, 20 percent female.

Howell said he predicts the 1984-85 school year will see student membership in sports clubs increase 50 per-

cent, with a 25 percent increase in new clubs. Howell attributed the predicted increase to the new association.

"This is the first year it has been organized as part of any department," Howell said. "This is the first year they have been recognized on campus."

Sports clubs have been put under the jurisdiction of campus recreation. The association consists of the presidents of the 10 active clubs and Howell. They have their own constitution and are working on a handbook that will be out next fall.

In order for a club to seek active membership in the association, a club needs a faculty adviser, two members who have taken CPR and first aid classes, and to follow rules concerning budget, funds, and scheduling.

Sports clubs will spend approximately \$53,225 this school year, Howell said. Campus recreation provides 9 percent of the fees, totaling \$18.11 per student. Participants contribute the other 91 percent, Howell said, or approximately \$170.23 per student. The amount varies between clubs because it is more expensive to be in crew than table tennis, Howell said.

Howell said he would like to see more money for the club sports, but they are lucky to get what they have.

"They (the Committee for Fees Allocation) didn't want to support club sports, but they don't realize how many people are in it and how hard they have worked," Howell said.

Money that doesn't come out of the athletes pockets is raised by club members. For example, the water polo team is planning a trip to California, and the crew team is planning a trip to Texas. Money for travel expenses and entry fees has to come from somewhere, Howell said.

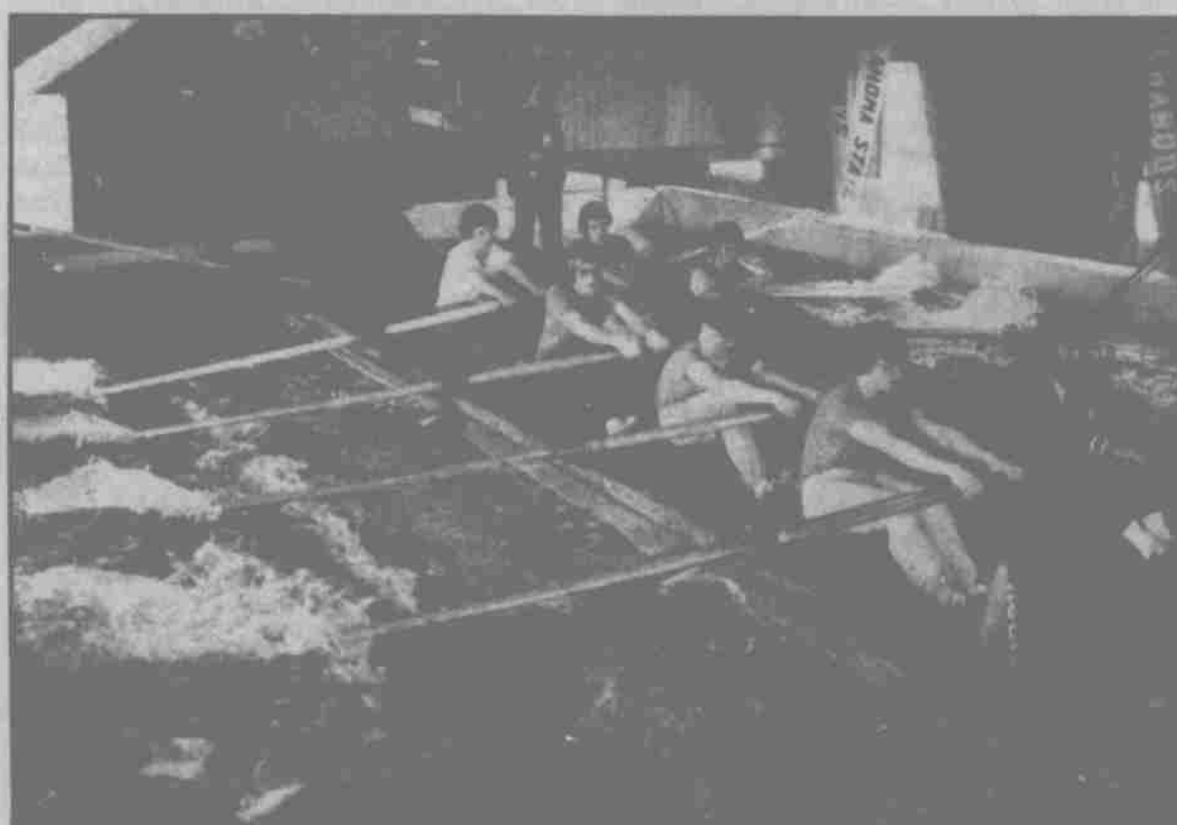
"They work very hard to raise their own money," Howell said. "They have raffles, dances, and get some money from alumni."

Information on clubs is available at the Office of Campus Recreation, 472-3467.

Active clubs that are open to all students at UNL include:

- Boxing
 - Rifle
 - Crew (co-ed)
 - Rugby
 - Soccer (co-ed)
 - Table Tennis (co-ed)
 - Water-Polo (co-ed)
 - Volleyball
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Love ya, Poki

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