

UN-L track gets 2 Europeans

BY PAT MASTERS

Several late night and early morning phone calls have helped the University of Nebraska-Lincoln track team sign two "blue chip athletes" from Europe.

Kim Taylor Hansen of Denmark and Gerard O'Callaghan of Ireland could both place high in the Big Eight and score points at the NCAA meet. Assistant Track and Field Coach Dick Railsback said.

"No high-schooler in the United States can touch Hansen at 20,000 meters," Railsback said. "He would have had the fifth fastest time in the United States last year behind Bill Rodgers, a four-time Boston Marathon winner."

Railsback said Hansen would have won the 10,000 meters in the Big Eight last year by 14 seconds and finished second in the 20,000 meters. And those times are only from his junior year, Railsback added. Both Hansen and O'Callaghan still have their senior track seasons to finish.

O'Callaghan will probably run the 880 and mile for Nebraska, Railsback said. Last year O'Callaghan ran the mile in 4:13, only three seconds slower than the fastest high-schooler ran. Railsback said he expects O'Callaghan to be running about 4:06 before coming to Nebraska.

To verify the times of foreign athletes, Railsback said he had to call the federation offices in various countries. Because of the seven hour time change, he often had to phone at 1 a.m. just to talk with the federation in the afternoon.

He said Nebraska tries to recruit athletes in all the major European countries plus New Zealand, South Africa and Australia.

But Nebraska doesn't just search for foreign athletes. Four other track stars, includ-

ing two from Nebraska, have also signed letters of intent to enroll here.

Ralph Preiman, the National Junior College record holder in the pole vault at 17 feet, 6 inches, indicated he will transfer to Nebraska next fall from Foothill Community College of California. He could be jumping with the best in the world by the 1984 Olympics, according to Railsback, a two-time Pac-10 and National AAU champion in the pole vault.

Nebraska has also signed Vernon Massey of Aurora, Col., who has high jumped 7 feet-3, inches. Railsback said he expects Massey to score points in at least two events in the Big Eight next year. Massey also runs the high hurdles and this year he triple jumped 49 feet-6 inches which would have placed him sixth in the Big Eight, Railsback said.

Mike Schnebel of Fremont and Shawn Bovill have both signed with Nebraska. This year Schnebel finished second in the shot put and fifth in the discus at the Nebraska state high school track and field meet. Bovill ran the half-mile in 1:56.29, the second fastest of any Nebraska high-schooler last year.

Railsback said the high jump champion of South Dakota the last two years, Jeff Loesch, should sign with Nebraska anyway. He has high jumped 6 feet-10 inches.

Nebraska is allowed 14 scholarships each year for track and field athletes and they are renewable each year for four years, Railsback said. He said Nebraska should have 14 letters of intent signed when the indoor season begins next fall.

"Since we have only 14 scholarships to give and about 70 athletes suit up then we can't afford to wait for walk-ons," Railsback said. Walk-ons are encouraged, however. Railsback said because some financial aid may be available and the athlete could earn a scholarship the next season.



Photo by Peggy Polacek

4-H members wait patiently for their rabbits to be judged Sunday at the largest small animal show in Nebraska, held annually at the Nebraska State Fairgrounds.

Garter snakes not harmful

Snakes like to live in places where they have shelter and food.

Lincoln residents may find garter snakes living around their homes or in their garden or lawn during the summer, said Ron Johnson, University of Nebraska extension wildlife specialist.

People often do not like to see snakes near their homes, but don't know what to do about them, Johnson said. Garter snakes eat insects and earthworms, Johnson said.

"To discourage snakes around homes, the number one thing to do is remove hiding places such as boards, tall weeds, trash or rock piles," Johnson said.

Snakes also live in holes made by other

animals, he said. A person can fill the holes to prevent their use by snakes, because snakes do not dig holes, Johnson said.

These snakes are generally harmless, Johnson said. They usually run away when people approach them.

A person could be bitten by a garter snake if he were to pick the snake up, Johnson said.

The bite amounts to a scratch, though not poisonous, that should be washed, because a garter snake eats insects and worms, Johnson said.

If the snake does not bother one, it may be best to let it go and leave it alone, Johnson said.

If one doesn't want snakes around his home, he can kill them with a long-handled hoe or club, Johnson said.

Some people like garter snakes in their gardens because they eat insects, but snakes can't eat all the insects, Johnson said.

More bicycle rip-offs expected on campus

BY JOHN KOOPMAN

In 1981, 103 bicycles were stolen from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus at an estimated loss of \$21,446. This year bike-heisters have stolen 21 bikes with many more thefts expected this fall. Bob Fey, UN-L police investigator, gave the following tips for bike owners to help protect their bikes:

—Write down the bikes's serial number and keep the number in a safe place.

—Spend the \$1 for a Lincoln police registration sticker so the number is on file.

—Always lock your bike, no matter where you are or how long you will be gone.

—Use at least a 3/8 inch case-hardened chain and a good sturdy padlock.

—Lock both wheels and the frame to a permanent fixture such as a bike rack (don't lock it to a tree or handrail; it may be in the way of other people).

—Refrain from using a plastic coated steel cable, they are easily cut.

Fey recommended using a lock such as a "Kryptonite" or "Citadel" brand. He said they are almost impossible to cut without attracting attention.

Fey said that owners of expensive bikes should take a photograph of their bike and make note of the make, model, serial number, and other pertinent information on the back of the photograph.

If your bike is stolen, Fey said, the first thing to do is call the UN-L police at 472-3555. The sooner the better. The police stand a better chance of recovering the bike if it is reported immediately. The dispatcher would broadcast a description of the bike to all the officers in the field, Fey said, and they would be on the lookout for the bike.

After calling the police, Fey said, the owner should go to the UN-L police station to complete a theft report. If the owner knows the serial number, the number is entered on the Nebraska Crime Information Service computer. If the bike is found anywhere in the state, it can be identified and returned to the owner.

The police occasionally find abandoned bikes Fey said. These bikes are held for a couple of days at the police station and then are turned over to AAA Lincoln Land Towing. Lincoln Land holds the bikes for 60 days and then the city sells the bikes at public auction. The money from the auction goes into the city's general fund.

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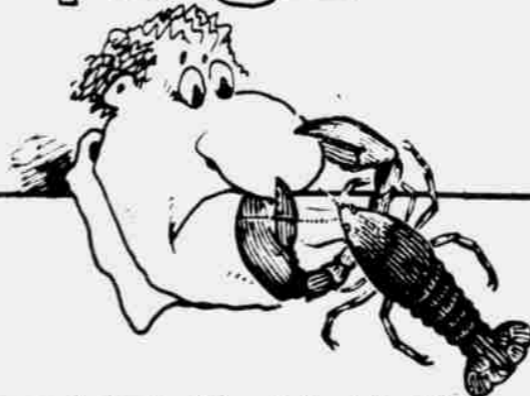
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