

Intramurals boosted by student interest

Editor's Note — This is the third in a five-part series on the University's intramural department.

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Strong student interest in University intramurals has been the program's biggest asset, according to Joel Meier, intramural director.

In assessing the intramural's strengths, Meier said the University is in a unique position since interest at Nebraska is more than the department can handle.

"MANY SCHOOLS have to drum up support, but we have more participants than we can accommodate," he said.

Meier noted that his Master's thesis showed that more than 91.4 per cent of University fraternity members had participated in at least one intramural activity sometime during their college years.

The thesis, completed in 1964, also showed that more than 80 per cent of fraternity men competed in at least one intramural sport during the 1963-64 academic year.

"I would estimate that between 80 to 85 per cent of the dormitory residents also compete in at least one intramural sport each year," he said.

He also estimated that between 7-8,000 students participated in intramurals last year.

Interest is highest in team activities such as football and basketball, but individual sports such as table tennis and basketball free throws also are popular, Meier reports.

The wide diversity of sports offered at the University is also a strong point, Meier said. Twenty-six sports ranging from horseshoes to volleyball are available during the academic year.

"WE ARE also gaining variety in our program with such special interest groups like karate, fencing and scuba diving," he said.

Meier credited the intramural team managers from all organizations for doing an exceptional job in boosting University intramurals.

He said the new Intramural Advisory Council, composed of six students, has helped develop better relations between the students and the intramural administration.

The Council makes recommendations on problems and offers suggestions on methods to improve the University's intramurals.

The group is also learning some of the problems of administering the program and the administrators are benefiting from obtaining the students' desires, Meier said.

Although the officiating is not perfect, Meier said the student referees are providing better officiating than in past years.

"WE STILL have some poor refs, but most of them have improved our games and have a good knowledge of the rules," he said. He added that the referee's wage of \$2 per game is above average when compared to other school's salary for intramural officials.

He noted that the referee's clinic, held prior to the start of each sport, has reduced the number of severity of injuries since only three serious injuries occurred during flag football season last fall.

Other factors contributing to the lack of injuries were the presence of an intramural trainer at all events to assist the injured and the use of a state station wagon to take injured students to Student Health.

Next—The weaknesses of the intramural program



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Discussing upcoming intramural games are University intramural Director Joel Meier, right and Ray Chatfield, assistant director.

Sports car rally set for Oct. 26

A hare and hound sports car rally sponsored by the University Sports Car Rally Club will be held at an undetermined site Oct. 26.

A cub spokesman said the race course will be determined one-half hour before the meet starts when a lead car places markers about two-tenths of a mile from each intersection on the course. Each driver will then follow the markers to the end of the course, but if a driver chooses the wrong street at the intersection, he must return to the intersection and drive until he picks the street with the marker.

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Texas 21	Games Next Saturday		
Kansas at Nebraska	Iowa State at Kansas State	Oklahoma State at Houston	Colorado at Missouri
Oklahoma vs. Texas at Dallas			

Tennis clinic to help Biafra

A tennis clinic and exhibition match to raise funds for starving Biafrans will be held at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday on the University tennis courts between the Coliseum and Men's Physical Education Building.

Rudolph Nah Roberts, coach and captain of the Liberian Davis Cup Team, will conduct the event which is open to all University students and faculty.

A special exhibition match will feature Roberts against William Roehrs, top-ranked player on the University tennis squad.

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