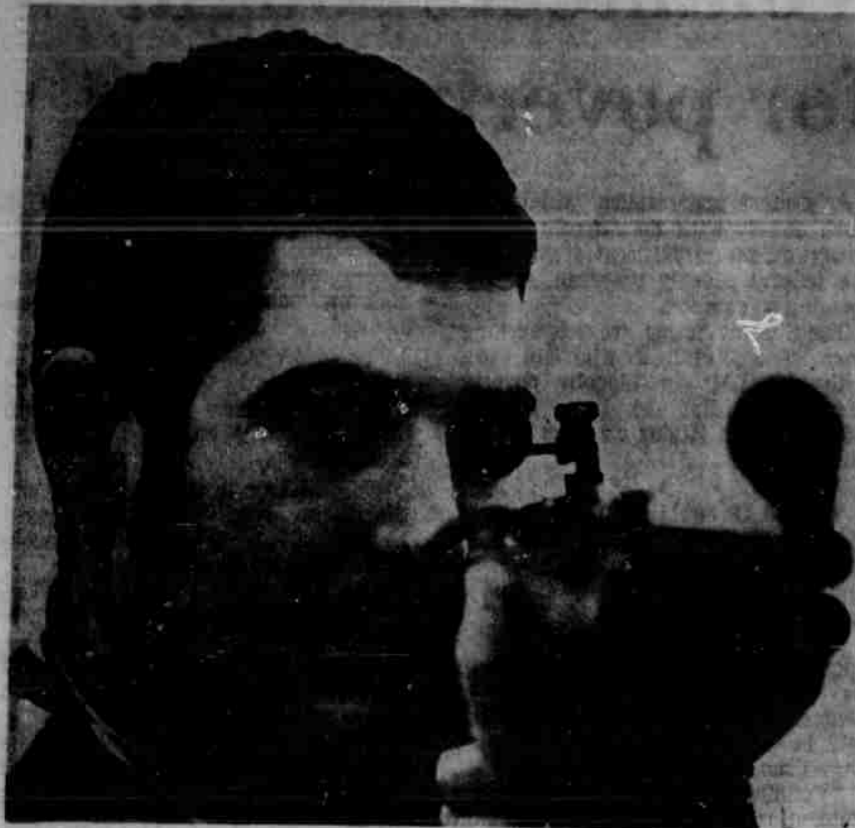


Rifle Club aims at tourney Free sky diving course offered NU students; sessions begin Feb. 19



Undefeated club ready for 'the big one'

The University Rifle Club, carrying a perfect record of 3-0 into the final two months of its season, is preparing for its Nebraska Invitational Tournament, according to Jim McCabe, a team spokesman.

He said the tourney, scheduled for March 21-23 at the Military and Naval Science Building, is expected to attract two teams from the University of Alaska as well as top Midwest crews. Besides the Nebraska Invitational, the team, composed of top shooters in the 90-member club, also faces other tough foes, McCabe added.

NU'S SHOOTERS participate in the University of South Dakota Invitational at Vermillion, S.D., Feb. 22-23; the Loyola University of Chicago Invitational at Chicago March 7-9; the South Dakota State University Invitational at Brookings, S.D. March 29-30 and then close with the Big Eight Tournament at Lawrence, Kan., April 11-13.

The Huskers, who have won all dual meets for four years, usually send two five-man teams to invitational tourneys while one five-man crew participates in dual meets, McCabe said.

This season, the team has defeated Kansas University, Iowa State and Colorado and has won the annual Turkey Shoot at Kansas State University at Manhattan over the other Big Eight teams and placed 7th among the top 23 clubs nationally.

THE RIFLE club and teams practice at the M&N Building range Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 2-4 p.m. and on Thursday nights from 7-10.

This year's team includes: Alan Anderson, senior from Lexington; Manfred Wunderlich, senior from Hastings; Royce Dunn, sophomore from Hastings; Jim McCabe, sophomore from Dubuque, Ia.; Ann Sixta, senior from Alliance; Mark Bronson, junior from Lincoln; Tom Menck, junior from Omaha; Dick Kindt, sophomore from Pierre, S.D.; Janine Hahn, junior from Omaha and Dave Ellerbeck, junior from Cedar Rapids, Ia.

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A free sky diving course, open to University students, is being offered later this month through the Nebraska Free University.

The three weeks of ground training will cover the arts and techniques of sport parachuting and free fall, according to Marvin L. Helman, an NU student who is one of the instructors.

HELMAN is a former member of a Green Beret skydiving team. He placed second in last year's Nebraska State Sky Diving Championships and third in the Midwest Sky Diving Meet.

The sessions begin February 19 with an introductory program in the Love Library Auditorium. The first session, open also to non-class members, will be an introduction to the art of sport parachuting. Helman, an accomplished aerial photographer, will show color movies taken during free falls.

STUDENTS WILL see training films, work with the actual equipment, have an opportunity for an orientation plane ride and help out in the drop zone during jumps, Helman said.

"This is a rare opportunity," he emphasized. "Ground training alone

might cost more than \$100 on the west coast, yet it is available here free to any student or any other interested Lincolnite."

Graduates of the course, after passing a practical examination, can make their first jump. A \$40 fee will be incurred for the jump. This covers use of equipment, airplane, \$30,000 insurance and membership in both the Parachute Club of America and the local club.

All student parachutists making their first jump will use a static line. This is a cord attached to the parachute and the airplane. It automatically pulls open the parachute as the jumper leaves the aircraft.

THE OBJECT of skydiving, however, is not just to leap from an airplane, open the chute and float to the ground, Helman emphasized.

Sky diving is the art of falling through space, stabilizing the body, executing turns, rolls, maneuvers, loops and then opening the chute. Most skydivers exit the aircraft at 12,000 feet and free fall to about 2,000 feet before pulling their ripcord, Helman said.

THE GROUND training course, as well as the Lincoln Sport Parachute Club, always emphasizes rigid safety

procedures, Helman said. Federal rules exist, but the local club's regulations are much stiffer. It pays off, Helman pointed out. Sport parachuting is safer than most other sports.

In ten years of operation, no Lincoln club member has ever suffered serious injury. Helman sprained an ankle in a meet once. It is his only injury in six years of jumping. Most injuries occur in competition, he said.

Nearly every injury is the direct result of neglect and disregard for regulations, Helman said. Casualties do occur and about 60 to 70 per cent of them are drownings, according to recent statistics.

Competing in a postal meet against Mississippi State this morning, Jim McCabe takes aim at the target for the University's Rifle Club. The University team is undefeated in four dual meets this season.

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