



Women's liberationists are loudly seeking to further their rights, but it was the University men who quietly gained some last week. University men will now be allowed to use the Women's Physical Education Building on Sundays and on Wednesday and Thursday nights.

The building will be available for basketball, volleyball, tennis, and badminton on a reservation basis. To reserve a court for one hour, students can call the recreation office, or go to 121W Nebraska Hall.

"WE CAME UP with the idea while figuring out ways we could use the building in the best way," said Nancy Sonner, an instructor in the physical education department who, along with Kermit McMurry, helped spearhead the drive to open the building on weekends.

"Actually, the idea occurred to me after a trip to Oklahoma where I observed how they run their physical education program there. What we need now is cooperation," continued Sonner.

Students will be required to turn in their I.D. cards to a supervisor at the door in order to get in to the building because "there is no way of controlling it otherwise." After that, all equipment will be provided.

ALTHOUGH THERE ARE facilities for gymnastics and fencing, they will not be available for students because there are not enough supervisors.

"Money is a big problem in this area," said Sonner. "We just don't have enough money in the department to pay supervisors so students could use the gymnastic equipment."

"I want to emphasize that interest is the main factor in this venture," continued Sonner. Students will have to show an interest in this program if it is to be successful.

INTEREST WAS SHOWN last Sunday when 170 students showed up to take advantage of the facilities. And about 120 were there both Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

The use of the building came with the approval of Dr. Dudley Ashton, professor and chairman of the women's physical education department.

"This is a women's building," said Dr. Ashton. "It was planned to be used by women and we utilize it to the nth degree. But when a plan of this sort has supervision, then it is feasible for men to use the building."

ACTUALLY, THIS is not the first time men have been able to use the building. We've cooperated with men who wanted to use it before, and we've had several co-recreational activities in the building," continued Dr. Ashton.

The Women's Physical Education Building, which was built in 1965, had been requested since 1904, according to Dr. Ashton.

"Grant Memorial was the building used for everything back in 1904 and it wasn't very large," said Dr. Ashton. "In fact the basketball court was so short that they had to have curtains at one end to prevent players from falling down some stairs."

Varsity athletics were first to move out of the building. Then in 1924, men moved into the present physical education building, which at that time was considered a "palace."

"WHEN I CAME to the University in 1952, women still had physical education classes in Grant Memorial, but I was told I'd have a new building soon," said Dr. Ashton. "We waited until 1965, and almost the moment we moved out of Grant Memorial, it was declared a fire hazard."

Majors in physical education have grown by "leaps and bounds" since the completion of the building, according to Dr. Ashton. There are now approximately 170 women majoring in physical education. Men, who have access to the Coliseum and University High School, in addition to their building, have 309 undergraduate majors.

"I want to emphasize that this is a teaching building," concluded Dr. Ashton. "This is a building for teaching women's physical education classes and all other activity is secondary."

The gym will be open March 7, 14 and 21 and April 4.

## Last gasp efforts begin tonight against K-State

Nebraska begins its last gasp efforts for a runnerup spot in the Big Eight when Kansas State invades the NU Coliseum for 7:35 p.m. tonight.

The Cornhuskers must win three remaining games for even a shot at second place tie with Missouri as the Tigers defeated Colorado, 76-71 in Boulder Monday night.

But the Cornhuskers will have something tonight that they lacked in Manhattan. Mike Peterson, 6-8 junior forward, is in action after missing the early Big Eight encounters. His rebounding could be the big difference.

The Wildcats dealt the Cornhuskers a 70-69 loss early in the Big Eight campaign. And Husker coach Joe Cipriano warns, "Kansas State is a better team now than it was in January."

Nebraska, 6-5 in Big Eight play, stands 16-7 on the year and the Wildcats own a 10-14 season mark.

The Nebraska freshmen (7-3) entertain the K-State yearlings in tonight's preliminary game at 5:15 p.m. The young Huskers return to Manhattan Saturday for a rematch.

## Borgialli puts life in wrestling

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Orval Borgialli became discouraged as a high school wrestling coach at Lusk, Wyo.

"I kept telling my wife that I was wasting my life," said Borgialli. "I had reached the point in high school coaching where it was no longer a challenge."

THEN BOB DEVANEY CALLED. And Borgialli was faced with one of the biggest challenges of his life.

"I had met coach Devaney while he was at Wyoming," explained Borgialli. "He asked me if I was interested in the Nebraska wrestling job. After one visit from Devaney and Tippy Dye (former NU athletic director) I decided to take the job."

But Borgialli knew it wouldn't be easy. Nebraska, although one of the first University's to start wrestling, was in a wrestling drought.

"Maybe that's what got me so interested in the job," said Borgialli. "It was a challenge... and still is."

BORGIALI HASN'T EXACTLY set the Big Eight on fire with his wrestling teams. As a matter of fact, finishing fourth in the Big Eight meet last weekend was a plus for the NU matmen.

"But at least the other teams realize that we've got wrestling here," said Borgialli. "Our scoring 30 points in the Big Eight meet is a start to closing the gap."

But the Nebraska wrestling program will find it difficult if it hopes to continue to close the gap. Nebraska presently has only three wrestlers on full scholarship, while schools like Oklahoma State and Iowa State have as many as 30.

IT'S RUMORED THAT some schools in the Big Eight get as many scholarships as they need," said Borgialli. "This really puts us at a disadvantage because they can be two-deep in each class on full grants. And their third and fourth wrestlers are also on partial scholarship."

"But if we're injured in one class, we're in trouble because we just don't have enough talent to back them up."

But Borgialli, who started wrestling at Chadron State College as a student, isn't discouraged by the lack of money.

"Coach Devaney has improved our grant and aid programs," explained Borgialli. "We now have our own dressing room and some good equipment. We're coming along."

NEBRASKA STUDENTS AND the people of Nebraska are usually quick to criticize the NU wrestling program. True, it's no powerhouse in the Big Eight. But after all, the Big Eight is the toughest wrestling conference in the nation.

"We could hold our own with any other wrestling conference in the nation" said Borgialli. "But we're competing with the best two teams in the nation in the Big Eight."

Iowa State and Oklahoma State are ranked 1-2 in the nation.

Borgialli's determination is nothing new. It's been with him all his life.

WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL at New Castle, Wyo., Borgialli was originally a basketball player. But during his sophomore year, wrestling was started and the grappling coach suggested that Borgialli would have more success on the mats.

But Orval didn't want to quit basketball. So he decided to do both.

"I was the sixth man on the basketball team," explained Borgialli. "If we had an easy game coming up I'd play basketball on Friday night because I'd have a good change of playing a lot."

"But if we were playing a tough basketball team, I'd go with the wrestling team so I would have a better chance to compete."

BORGIALI HAS INSTILLED that same determined attitude in his wrestlers. The Nebraska wrestlers fail to get the publicity given football or basketball players, but their desire to succeed isn't less.

Borgialli, obviously the most colorful wrestling coach in the Big Eight, is a wildman on the sidelines.

"I guess it's just my love for the sport," said Borgialli. "I get so involved in each match."

But Borgialli says he has "mellowed with age. You should have seen me while coaching in high school. I really went mad."



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