

# Speed, sweat spell paddleball

# Nebraskan personality sketch . . .

# Here's the man who forms those forms

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State high school coaches say wrestling is the fastest-growing indoor sport in Nebraska. They may be right, but in Lincoln, according to sport shop owners, the name of the game is paddleball—spelled with a capital "S" for speed and sweat.

Paddleball, a game requiring speed, endurance and quick reaction, is an excellent conditioner for many other sports and continues to rise in popularity in Lincoln.

Representatives of three Lincoln sport shops said their sales of rackets and balls have more than doubled in the last two years. The opinion among those interviewed is that it is increasingly harder to find available courts, especially during the winter.

Paddleball is played in a room 40 x 20 feet, with a ceiling 20 feet high. The walls are white, and the floor is made of wood. Players use hollow rubber balls about the size of a tennis ball and rackets similar to tennis rackets, except the handle is about seven inches long.

The object of the game is to return the ball to the front wall of the room before it bounces on the floor twice. Failure to do so constitutes a point for the server. The first player to score 21 points wins the game. If the server is unable to

return the ball before the second bounce, he forfeits the serve. However, the ball may be played off the ceiling and any number of walls on its route to and from the front wall.

Since the ball may travel at speeds up to 100 miles an hour depending on the skill of the players involved, timing, placement of the ball and one's position on the court become key factors.

"People play it because it is easier on the hand than handball," said Robert Engelage, assistant professor of physical education at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"Paddleball," he said, "will probably remain unrecognized until there is a paddleball association formed." He said that although the sport's popularity is growing it is relatively under publicized.

UNL men's intramural coordinator, Phil Sienna, said paddleball "will continue to flourish," because there is more awareness of physical fitness now than in recent years.

"Paddleball is easier to pick up than handball," Sienna said, "and paddleball is also a much better workout."

According to Sienna, 105 singles and 55 doubles teams were entered in the 1971-72 intramural paddleball tournament. He said he expects a significant increase in

participants for next year's tournament.

Bob Rosenberger, an employee at Gerry's Sport Shop Inc., said Gerry's sold between 1,000 and 1,500 paddleball rackets last year, about double the number sold the year before.

He said Gerry's has available 16 models of rackets made of wood, steel, fiberglass or aluminum frames all with nylon strings.

"Paddleball is the fastest growing indoor sport in the last two years," Rosenberger said. "It has really taken over from handball."

He said he thinks it is popular because people are accustomed to using some kind of racket.

Steve Harding, representative of Kep Harding's Sport Shop, said Kep Harding's has sold about 500 rackets and about 400 dozen paddleballs in the last nine months, about triple the year before.

Ken Johnson, store manager of Lawlor's downtown, said Lawlor's has sold 200 to 350 rackets in the last year, about double the year before.

Tom Lotko, a junior on UNL's wrestling team from Kansas City, Kan., said he plays paddleball to lose weight and to get a good workout.

"Paddleball is a lot like wrestling," Lotko said. "It's an individual sport, and you can really come after your opponent one on one."

"The game can be extremely maddening because it is easy to make the same costly mistake over and over," he added.

"It's a fantastic game," said Mike Grear, a UNL senior from Omaha majoring in math. "Paddleball appeals to me because it quickens my reflexes, allows for a good workout, and right now it's the thing to do."

"It kind of makes you feel good to hit that thing (the ball) hard," Grear added. "You can release a lot of tension by smashing that little black ball against the wall."

Grear said he takes the game seriously, but "losing is not a matter of life and death—yet." UNL senior Bob Hoelscher of Schuyler, also a math major, said he plays paddleball to let

off steam and release tension. "I take the game very seriously, and I can't stand to lose," said Hoelscher. "It's a hell of a good game, except it is getting harder to find an available court when you want one."

## 4-H club meet set

Practice in state government processes and a public speaking contest will be the featured events of the 56th annual 4-H Club Week conference which begins Tuesday at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education.

Some 300 Nebraska 4-H'ers will participate in what associate state 4-H leader Ken Schmidt calls a different approach to learning about state government.

Following a talk on "Youth's Stake in Government" by Lt. Gov. Frank Marsh, the delegates will practice performing the responsibilities of various state offices by dividing into legislative, executive and judicial groups to work on assigned problems and situations.

Another feature of the conference is the Timely Topic Public Speaking Contest.



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Once again at registration time students are puzzling over applications and worksheets, cursing the man who designed them. Though the forms are cold and impersonal, the man who puts them together is not.

His name is E.H. "El" Moses, and at 65 he is serving his last year as the University of Nebraska-Lincoln coordinator of forms.

"My first name is Eldridge but my friends call me 'El,'" he said. "That's okay by me so long as the 'H' is silent."

He first came to the University as a student in the fall of 1928.

"I remember we had an application we called an 'accordion form,'" he said. "It was composed of about eight perforated three-by-five cards. Every one of the asked for the same information. When I came back here to work in '49 they were still using them."

Napoleon once said: "An army marches on its stomach," and Moses says he believes a university marches on its paperwork.

"Few people realize how important forms are. Most just pass over them," he said. Copies of every requisition, application and most questionnaires are filed in his office, but he said he's not sure how many forms are used in the University.

"In 1961 we asked for a copy of every form anyone was using. There were 35,000. Of course some of those were almost exactly the same. For instance, we had 19 types of time tickets," he said.

Moses said his office is trying to consolidate the duplication and thereby save money. Asked if he had any advice for students filling out pre-registration forms, he said he did: "Please print."

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**Memorial fund started in memory of UNL student**

A memorial fund in memory of a former University student has been established through the University of Nebraska Foundation.

Eugene F. Haussler, a 21-year-old music major, was killed in a Memorial Day traffic accident about three miles south of Garland.

Haussler served as house manager for all concert activities for the past two years.

Persons wishing to contribute to the fund are asked to address checks to: The Eugene F. Haussler Memorial, University of Nebraska Foundation, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508.

Haussler was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fredric Haussler of Holbrook.

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