

McMurray—revamped R & I program needs student input

by Kim Ball

"The success of our program depends on students who will get involved and give us ideas. We're just as good as our students will let us be."

Using that philosophy, Kermit McMurray heads into his second year as recreation coordinator of the Department of Recreation and Intramurals at UNL.

Last year the students did get involved and the recreational program was successful, he said, adding that this year also looks good.

The recreation department oversees checking out and rental of athletic equipment. The revamped program also includes responsibility for recreational programs and some athletic clubs.

"If students or staff members have an interest in a certain field or a particular endeavor and are willing to share this with their colleagues, then we will try and provide them an opportunity to do so," McMurray said.

Jaunts such as a canoe trip down the Elkhorn River and a skiing excursion to Hidden Valley, Colo., were included in last year's program.

Everything from basketballs to squash rackets may be checked out with a student ID at the Recreation Office at 1740 Vine St.

The department also has opened two new recreational areas. One is located south of

the Harper-Schramm-Smith complex and includes 10 tennis courts, three artificial turf putting greens and two playing fields. The other is located east of Cather-Pound residence halls, has eight tennis courts, five handball courts and a large general activity field.

Following is a list of six recreational programs. Students interested in any of the following or in starting their own programs are urged to contact McMurray.

Macrame—creative art of knot-tying which provides students a chance to make their own belts, handbags, purses and a variety of other items.

Scuba diving—taught at Abel-Sandoz pool; instructor is planning various trips to dive, including a trip to Mexico during the Christmas holiday.

Ethnic dance—international ethnic dance taught at International House in conjunction with the recreational department; course includes a variety of dances from a variety of different countries; Zoya Zeman, instructor.

Sailing and boating—rowboating and canoeing with the biggest emphasis on sailing course will be taught at Holmes Lake.

Knitting—courses designed to teach basics of knitting. Classes will be conducted at residence halls.

Creative glass blowing—taught by a professional glass blower.

Offense's inexperience doesn't worry Devaney

Nebraska coach Bob Devaney is confident the Cornhuskers' offensive unit will gain confidence through experience.

"We're not as technically ready for this year's first game as we were last year," allowed Devaney after his Huskers went through Wednesday's drills, "but we can't expect to be with so many people on offense starting their first game."

Devaney said the team has cut down on the number of offensive plays with hopes of improving execution.

"It's important for our offense to gain confidence," explained Devaney. "We don't try to do as much with inexperienced kids... especially with an inexperienced quarterback. Once they play well and get down the basic plays we'll work on the rough edges."

There are still a few question marks in Nebraska's starting offensive unit.

Right tackle Al Austin left Wednesday's drills early again with an injured ankle. Backup Marvin Crenshaw is also slowed with minor injuries.

David Humm and Steve Runty are still battling for the top quarterback position. Sophomore Terry Luck will also make the trip to Los Angeles for the opening game against UCLA Saturday.

Devaney also said that Johnny Rodgers and sophomore Ritch Bahe from Fremont will be the deep receivers for the Nebraska kickoff receiving team. Fullbacks Bill Olds and Maury Damkroger will also be in the receiving backfield.

The Cornhuskers will workout at Seacrest Field Thursday night and go through a 45-minute practice in Lincoln Friday before departing for Los Angeles. The squad will not work out in Los Angeles.

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