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Student fees could improve poor recreational facilities

Being of pseudo jock mind and beer-gut build, I have put on a pair of torn sweat pants several times this semester to do my patriotic duty to Mr. Nixon's Council on Physical Fitness.

Since I view running as the most boring thing next to "The Johnny Majors Show," I looked for some competitive exercise. I decided on paddleball. It's been rather discouraging. But the most discouraging aspect of the game hasn't been my 1-15 record.

It's the wait that's so discouraging. It takes at least 30 minutes waiting on the second floor of the fieldhouse to find an open court in the afternoon.

There are only nine courts in the fieldhouse. The lights don't work in one of the courts and another has scaffolding in the back. And practically speaking, that's the only place on campus to play paddleball unless one enjoys dodging reinforcements on the ceiling and playing the bounce from a wooden wall in the basement of the Coliseum.

Most students on campus can tell you the same story. It's nothing new. The indoor recreation facilities at the University of Nebraska are extremely inadequate.

Don't look for any financial help from the Legislature. And don't look for the new fieldhouse to solve the problem. That's almost 100 per cent for varsity athletics.

It nows appears that the only way UNL can build additional indoor facilities for recreation is through

student fees. The University of Colorado did it. And next January a \$5 million facility will open on the Boulder campus.

Three years ago, a group of Colorado students studied the possibilities of building indoor recreational facilities. The Colorado regents wanted nothing to do with it. They had been burned on too many things already. So these interested students presented a referendum to the student body.

The referendum called for additional student fees—ranging from \$10 to \$20 per semester—which would be used to build indoor recreational facilities. Their campaign confronted stiff competition, but it passed by 800 votes.

Less than 6,000 of the 20,000 students at Colorado voted on the issue.

The additional student fee at Colorado will not be charged until the building is opened next semester. In other words, if Nebraska was to present such a referendum those juniors and seniors now enrolled in classes would not have to pay for a facility they would not be able to use.

The Colorado facility is strictly run by students and the recreation and intramural department. Physical education has second priority and varsity athletics—swimming, gymnastics and wrestling—are given limited use of the building.

Other Big Eight schools have used student fees to build athletic facilities the past few years, but have

run into problems. Iowa State and Missouri both used students fees to support buildings which are used mainly as varsity athletic facilities.

Colorado has avoided this. Nebraska can avoid it because the new fieldhouse is supported by state taxes, not student fees.

It appears to be the only way out of the lack of indoor facilities at UNL. It costs Colorado students \$12 per semester. Wouldn't it be worth it?

Retribution

Missouri's 30-26 win over Notre Dame last week really can't be true. If Nebraskans have trouble believing the score, think of those folks in South Bend, Ind., where the unbelievable happened.

One Chicago sportswriter who covered the game filed the following story.

"The loss, which no doubt will knock Notre Dame out of the top 10, was commemorated by one distraught fan who waited an hour until the stadium was emptied of all but press-box occupants. Then he walked to the 50-yard line, and, in grand ceremony, relieved himself. He left without a murmur from the ghosts of Notre Dame."

Predictions

NEBRASKA 45, Oklahoma State 7... the experts are right. The Wishbone is unstoppable. Oklahoma State will score.

COLORADO 37, Missouri 14... The Buffs have won only once at Columbia, Mo., in the past 12 years. But Missouri has had its upset already this year.

IOWA STATE 35, Kansas 14... If you're looking for an upset this weekend, this might be the one.

OKLAHOMA 49, Kansas State 0... It's get yourself back up in the polls week.

Division champs win All-U first round

by Kim Ball

The stage is set for the semi-finals of the All-University flag football championship as all four undefeated division champions won their opening round games Thursday night.

Gus II, the dormitory champion, pulled a mild upset as they ousted the Bumpers from the playoffs in a defensive battle.

Gus II and the Bumpers were deadlocked, 6-6, after regulation play, but Gus II was awarded the victory on the basis of penetration points. Gus II penetrated the Bumpers' 15-yard line four times while the Bumpers only managed to cross Gus II's 15-yard line once.

Quarterback Gary Rose, who threw for Gus II's only score, expects the same type of game tonight against Phi Delta Theta.

"They're pretty much like the Bumpers," said Rose. "They're bigger than us and they're a rough team."

Paul Griego caught two touchdown passes as Phi Delta Theta A coasted to a 25-7 win over Phi Gamma Delta B.

The Phi Delt defense was tough throughout the game except for a second quarter lapse in which Phi Gamm Greg Newhouse scored on a pass from Chuck Dahl.

Dave Smith and Mike Peetz anchored the strong Phi Delt defense.

Phi Delta Phi, after trailing Gooding 6-0 at the end of the first quarter, stormed back to score 26 points in the second period on the way to a 35-19 victory.

Tom Hays and Adrian Fiala each threw for two touchdowns and Mike Riordan caught two scoring tosses to pace the Phi Delta Phi offense.

Phi Delta Phi's quick offense overshadowed the performance of Gooding's quarterback, Terry Brummer. Brummer scored Gooding's first touchdown and he passed for the other two Gooding scores.

In the other quarterfinal game, Sigma Phi Epsilon C rolled to an impressive 39-0 victory over Delta Tau Delta A.

Sig Ep C, a scrappy bunch of freshmen, scored the first three times they had the ball.

Sig Ep Clete (Popcorn) Pillen was the offensive leader as he threw for two touchdowns and returned an interception for another score. Pillen and Jim (Double) Ott led a hard-nosed defense which allowed the Delts to cross mid-field only twice.

Sig Ep Coach Bob Nisley, who has the job of getting his freshmen ready for the game against the favored Phi Delta Phi team, is optimistic.

"We've developed a tremendous amount of pride," said Nisley. "I feel it's going to take a really good team to beat us."

Both semi-final games start tonight at 6:30 on the fields across from Cather-Pound.

Tonight's games:

Phi Delta Theta (10-0) vs. Gus II (13-0)
Phi Delta Phi (11-0) vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon C (10-0)

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