

Red, white—fight, fight!

Each year the Husker football staff has the task of selecting a starting offensive and defensive team out of about 100 persons who try out.

Bill Murphy has a similar problem. He must select three female and two male yell squad members from 50 female and 15 male candidates.

Murphy, a member of the men's physical education staff, has been the squad sponsor for eight years. Unlike other years, Murphy will be the only judge this year.

Last year, controversy arose when all three new male yell squad members selected were from Theta Xi fraternity.

"Bill Tuning and I picked them last year, although it didn't look that way," Murphy said. "We let people express opinions, but when it got right down to it, we picked who we wanted to anyway."

The yell squad members not returning are Linda Jones, Peg Bukacek, Phyllis Burhardt, Marv Schliep and Steve Bartlett.

The returning squad members are Jan Shook, Marty Ortiz, Nancy Hines, Jeanine Station, Rhonda Shepard and Ernie Thurber.

Yell squad aspirants have been practicing on

the Coliseum stage one and one-half hours a day since Feb. 28. Final selection for squad members will not be made until next Thursday.

When the practice tryouts began there were more than 100 girls, but the number has dwindled to 50.

A typical practice session includes practicing two required routines in small and large groups, interviews with Murphy and conversation with the yell squad members.

Jan Shook, who will be the yell squad captain next fall, said the main problem the girls have is doing the 'step'.

"The 'step' is really unique, because nobody else does it," Shook said. "It's the hardest thing to do because it's so different."

"We're looking for how fast they can pick up a routine and their ability in doing a routine," she said. "We're also looking for poise, appearance and personality."

Ernie Thurber, who will be the yell king next fall, said that the men are judged on four criteria.

"They'll be judged on their aerals (lifts with the girls), interviews with Murphy, talks with the present yell squad and chants that they make up," Thurber said.



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Yell Squad . . . about 50 UNL women are preparing for tryouts Thursday.

Free Theatre opens season

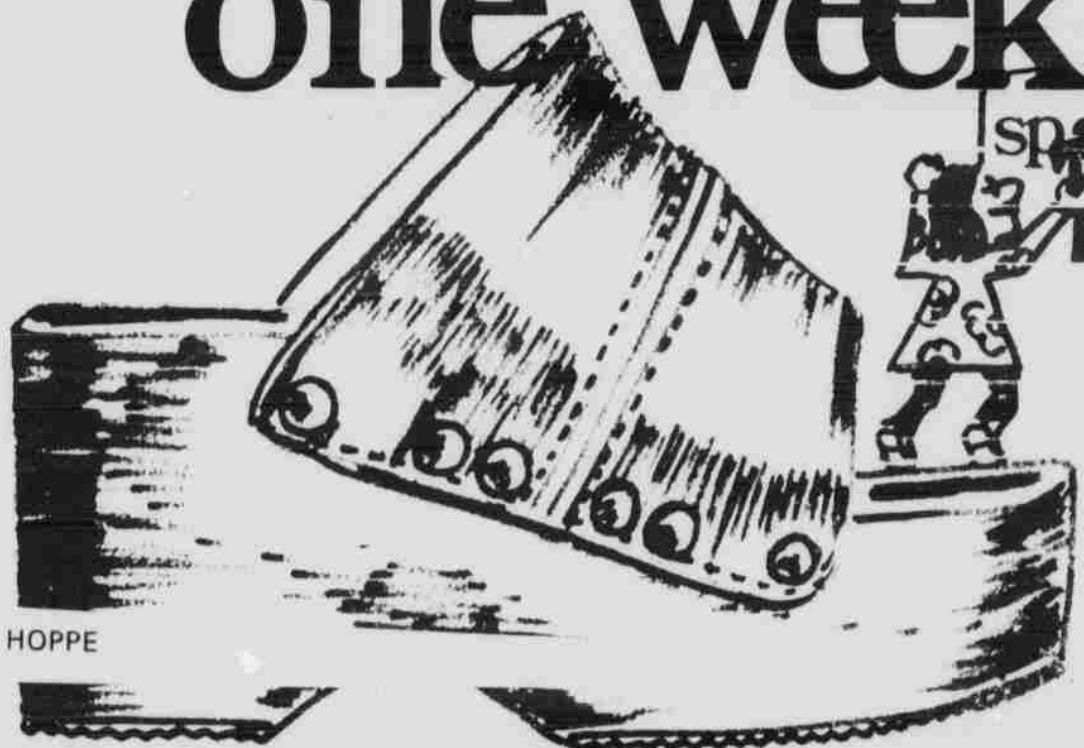
Old Times is about people, the best and worst of man, according to director Mike Lang. Harold Pinter's play opens the spring season for Free Theatre, at the Hungry Id March 16-18.

"Pinter captures individuals in isolation, unable to communicate. Each person is afraid to know each other because it would destroy their world," Lang said.

"The show revolves around a married couple talking about a friend coming to visit. Throughout the show then, the entrance of an outsider sets up a contest about who is really the outsider," Lang said.

The audience will find that *Old Times* is a show that will involve them personally, Lang said.

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