

## Coach: women's softball best yet

A close knit team led by two senior pitchers will take the field behind the Women's Physical Education Bldg. at 5 p.m. today when the UNL women's softball squad opens its season against Midland College.

According to Coach Myreen Loveless, 4-year players Sherri Matejka and Pat Osborn should be the leaders in both pitching and hitting. She also cited the other two seniors, Jane Hoge and Soni Reason, as potentially outstanding players.

"The skill is at the highest level it's ever been," Loveless said. She attributes this to the improved summer recreation and high school programs in the state, which many of this year's 16-woman squad participated in.

The 11-game schedule against other Nebraska schools is followed by the state tournament in Omaha in May. Loveless said UNL should battle Wayne and Kearney State Colleges for the tournament championship.

Practices for the team began March 1. Sixty players tried out, but after two weeks the squad was cut to its current size. Practices are four days a week from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

"We try to work on a few facets at a time," Loveless said. In scrimmages, the players try to put the skills together, she said.

## sports shorts

Registration deadline is today for a yoga class that will begin Thursday and continue through May 2. The class will meet from 8:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Women's Physical Education Bldg. 123 and is open to men and women. Cost is \$1. For more information, contact the Recreation Dept., 472-3467.

A charity basketball game between the Husker football squad seniors and members of

the Husker coaching staff is tonight at 7:30 p.m. The game, at Lincoln High School's Johnson Gym, is sponsored by Volunteers in Probation and the Lincoln West Sertoma Heritage Foundation for the benefit of underprivileged children in Lincoln.

John Dutton and Steve Manstedt will be among the players performing, while Tom Osborne, Monte Kiffin and Warren Powers will aid the coaches' effort.

Home attendance at Husker basketball games totaled 71,450 this year, an average of 5,496 for the 13 contests. Average for the seven Big 8 games was 6,843.

Ruth Spencer and Ginny Kincade traveled to the national women's swimming championships at Pennsylvania State University last weekend, and each placed among the top half of competitors in their events.

Kincade finished 13th out of 62 in the 1-meter diving and 28th out of 52 in the 3-meter event. Spencer placed 27th out of 77 in the 50-yard breaststroke with her best career time of 34.04 seconds.

Semifinals in the intramural wrestling tournament are scheduled for today at 6 p.m. on the Coliseum freshman court. Finals are Thursday at the same time and place.

## PE survey results: need course variety

Many sports or activities wanted by students are not now offered as courses at UNL, according to a survey conducted by the Coed Committee from the Dept. of Physical Education and Recreation. However, attempts are being made to incorporate some of those sports into the curriculum.

More than 1,700 students responded to the survey taken in November and December. According to James Crabbe, assistant professor of physical education for men, the purposes of the survey were:

- To determine if students wanted more coed or more same sex sports or activities.
- To determine if students were offered instruction in areas of their interest.
- To determine which, if any, new activities should be added.
- To determine if students were interested in attending classes in the evening, on Saturday morning or during the 3-week interim between first and second semester.

The 42 sports or activities now being offered at UNL and 32 not now offered were listed on the survey.

Ten of the 12 most popular sports activities are not now offered. Crabbe pointed out that many of these are prohibitive because of financial or maintenance problems or lack of facilities. Among such sports or activities are snow skiing, horseback riding, water skiing, ice skating and mountain climbing.

In response to students' indicated interests, six new courses recently have been accepted by the Teacher's College Curriculum Committee, and they should be offered next spring, Crabbe said.

The six activities are backpacking, parachuting, beginning and intermediate aerobic exercise (jogging), basic skin and scuba diving, intermediate and advanced karate and riflery.

Among the top 12 on the survey, the only two now offered are tennis and bowling.

Of the 74 sports or activities listed, 63 received more response for coed instruction. There were, however, activities such as body conditioning and basketball where most students wanted classes with members of the same sex.

Of the three time periods listed on the survey, most students preferred the evening.

## Notable performances mark winter season

Remember UNL forward Larry Cox's defensive performance against University of Oklahoma sophomore Alvan Adams that spirited the UNL basketball team to 63-58 upset of then league leading Sooners in January?

Or how about Husker gymnastics captain Jim Unger's performance against Iowa State University, capturing his best 3-event total at that time despite a torn shoulder muscle?

These were just two of many outstanding individual performances of this year's winter sports season.

One of the biggest thrills for Coach Joe Cipriano's basketball team had to be the 58-54 win over conference runner-up Kansas State University (KSU). The upset broke KSU's 21-game home court winning streak, while holding the nationally ranked Wildcats to their lowest point total of the season.

When one talks about this year's basketball team, sophomore Jerry Fort is usually mentioned in the same breath. Fort set numerous sophomore scoring

records, leading the team in points and earning mention on the Big 8 all-conference team.

An article that appeared in *Sports Illustrated* praising the Southwest Minnesota University (SWMU) swimming team labeled UNL swimmers "pale pink".

## Larry Stunkel on record

But the Huskers turned the face of that writer red, drowning SWMU 97-16.

The young but erratic Husker wrestlers bolstered their season by upsetting national power Southern Illinois University en route to a winning dual meet season.

Sophomore Bob Johnson, honored by his teammates by being elected one of the youngest co-captains in UNL wrestling files, led the team with a 25-8 record while placing third in the 190 lbs. class in the Big 8 tournament.

Gymnastics Coach Francis Allen is talking about having a team that will be a contender for a national championship next year. When standout Gene Mackie was sidelined for the season with an injury, Allen used freshmen and sophomores and still had a winning season. The improvement of these underclassmen, with Mackie's return next year, makes the gymnastic team's outlook bright.

The indoor track team failed to repeat as Big 8 conference champions this year, but senior co-captain Roger Chadwick captured both the conference 600- and 880-yard run titles. Chadwick's feat was only the second time in conference history that a double victory in those two events had been posted.

With a mass of returning lettermen in each sport, next year could be a good one too.

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