

Women's athletics draw attention

Much attention has been focused on women's athletics throughout the nation in the last few months. The basis of the increased interest is something referred to as Title IX of the education amendments of 1972. More recently, some Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) guidelines were drawn up. According to Madge Phillips, chairman of the UNL Women's Physical Education Dept., they should be signed into law by the President soon.

Both measures were designed, in effect, to outlaw discrimination on the basis of sex in school sponsored competitive athletics. Repercussions have been felt only indirectly at UNL.

At a February meeting of interested faculty and administrators, UNL Chancellor James Zumberge was asked to appoint a commission to study the status of women's athletics at UNL. A 13-member commission was appointed, and it is scheduled to report to Zumberge by June 1.

Although the February meeting was scheduled before the HEW guidelines were released, they should undoubtedly have some bearing on the commission's report. One of the key areas the guidelines could affect is funding, which includes such things as scholarships, distribution of equipment and supplies, and coaches' salaries. However, Phillips says she doesn't foresee the level of expenditures for women's athletics rising to that of UNL's male counterparts.

"The main thrust is for equal opportunity, which is not necessarily equal funding," she said.

She said that any increase in expenditures should be based on the merits of the program and shouldn't come as a result of using the HEW guidelines as a threat.

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The current year is the first in which UNL women's teams have received money from the University. They received \$3,800, which pays for things such as officials, insurance and transportation. An additional \$1,500 per year comes to the teams as the result of a 1948 contract in which concessions at football games were relinquished by the predecessor of the present Women's Athletic Assoc.

Finally, an allocation of slightly less than \$10,000 is divided among the coaches of the seven women's teams, and Gail Whitaker, UNL director of women's intercollegiate athletics.

What makes the situation unique at UNL, according to Phillips, is that student representatives from each of the teams determine how much each sport gets from the \$5,300 pot. This year, the amounts ranged from \$371.25 for volleyball to \$752.80 for field hockey. Other women's sports are gymnastics, swimming, basketball, softball and tennis.

Phillips said expenditures at UNL are low when compared with other schools. For example, Michigan State University women's athletics received \$84,000 this year, excluding coaches' salaries. The University of Washington has requested \$200,000 for next year. Closer to home, women athletes at Iowa State University have asked for \$54,000 next year, excluding coaches' salaries.

A few schools include athletic scholarships for women among their expenditures, but Phillips doesn't see that happening at UNL for quite some time.

"There just isn't that much money in the University to cover scholarships," she said.

She said that money could be better spent on expansion of current sports or establishment of new teams such as fencing, archery, track and field and golf. Doing that would open up opportunities for more women to participate, she added.

"We could operate three sports on \$1,000 instead of spending it on scholarships," she said.

Presently, women athletes at UNL frequently have to pay out of their own pockets for food and lodging when traveling on road trips. Phillips said she doesn't want to second-guess the commission, but said it probably will recommend an increase in allocations to cover these expenses. More money also may be asked for to cover "hidden costs" such as secretarial work.

The HEW guidelines call for a 5-year phasing in period, according to Phillips. It is inevitable that debates over interpretations of the guidelines will continue in that time. The NCAA, for one, is vehemently opposed and is lobbying against the guidelines because of the adverse effects it feels they will have on men's athletics.



Photo by Mike Theller

Quarterback Terry Luck gets his pass off despite a strong rush from Dean Gissler (97) in last Saturday's scrimmage. Spring practice continues with a session today and another scrimmage Saturday afternoon in Memorial Stadium.

250 enter national rodeo

Eight states will be represented in the seventh annual National Intercollegiate Rodeo Assoc. (NIAR) at the State Fairgrounds Coliseum April 12-13, according to the sponsor, UNL Rodeo Assoc.

There are five NIAR rodeos every semester. Participants' points are totaled at the end of the year to determine top cowboys. UNL's rodeo has drawn 250 entries from Michigan, Iowa, North Dakota, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Minnesota and Nebraska.

To be eligible a competitor must be enrolled as a full-time student at a NIAR-approved college, and must be in good academic standing.

The first performance of the rodeo will begin 8 p.m. Friday after the crowning of the UNL Rodeo Queen. Two Saturday performances are planned for 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Competing for the title of queen will be Deanne Broughton of Lincoln, Vicki Kennedy of Juniata, Paula Mullins of Falls City, Cindy Ruser of Grant, Rhonda Shanks of Taylor and Debbie Wurtele of Nebraska City.

The queen will appear Saturday at the 1:30 p.m. performance, and will present awards to the winning rodeo contestants during the final performance at 8 p.m.

The two top people in each event qualify for the NIRA championships in July at Bozeman, Mont., said Jack Fudge, member of the rodeo committee.

This weekend's events are bareback bronc riding, calf roping, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, breakaway roping, ribbon roping, goat tying, barrel racing and bull riding.

Preceding Friday's rodeo action will be a box social and free western dance at 7 p.m. at the East Campus Union, Fudge said.

sports shorts

The UNL tennis team closes out its home schedule with matches against Drake University today and Washburn University Tuesday at Woods Park, 33rd and J streets. Starting times are 2 p.m. and 1 p.m., respectively. The team's record dipped to 0-14 after a 9-0 loss to Doane College Wednesday.

The UNL soccer team will meet Kansas State University Saturday in a match on the Vine St. field. Starting time is 2 p.m.

UNL's undefeated women's tennis team returns home Saturday for a triangular meet with Baker University and Creighton University. The matches start at 11 a.m. on the courts south of the Men's Physical Education Bldg.

Husker baseball players will be looking for their first conference victory when they

travel to Ames to meet Iowa State University in a doubleheader today and a single game Saturday. The team next plays at home in a doubleheader against Creighton University Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Intramural softball games scheduled for Sunday will not be played. A new, revised schedule has been posted in the Recreation Dept., and teams should check the brackets by Monday morning to find out the dates of their next games.



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