



Rehearsing for the summer opera, "A Turk in Italy", are (from left): Bill Fankhauser, who plays the Turk; Denice Weekes, who plays Zaida; and Sara Ganz, who plays Fiorilla. The opera opens July 30 at Kimball Recital Hall.

## Women's athletics expand

An expanded program of intercollegiate athletics for women at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has received the full support of Chancellor James H. Zumberge, who announced arrangements for its administration and funding.

Chancellor Zumberge has assigned the administration of the intercollegiate athletic programs for women to Athletic Director Robert S. Devaney, on an acting basis.

The Chancellor also authorized a \$60,000 budget for the current fiscal year.

Zumberge's public support for a women's athletic program came Friday in a letter to Mrs. Jayne Wade Anderson, chairperson of a commission on Women's Intercollegiate Athletics.

He assured the Commission that it is the intent of the University to develop a program "in keeping with the purposes and objectives of the program as defined by the Commission". The main thrust of the program recommended by the Commission will focus on serving students with superior abilities, and providing coaching and competitive experiences for students with potential but less developed skill.

NU has been involved in women's intercollegiate athletics for many years. These sports programs have generally been administered by the Department of Physical Education for Women.

Although the Commission had envisioned two programs in intercollegiate athletics, each with its own director responsible to the Chancellor, Zumberge indicated that he felt

a single administration was preferable.

In placing the administration of all formal intercollegiate athletic programs at the University within the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics headed by Devaney, Zumberge cited Title IX guidelines of HEW which he noted appear to prefer a single administrative structure under one director for both men's and women's athletics.

"Because the program for women must be equitably funded in comparison with men's programs, and because women athletes who participate in intercollegiate sports must comply with AIAW, NCAA and Bid Eight rules or their equivalents and adhere to accepted eligibility requirements and recruiting practices, it seems to me that one administration is preferable."

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