

photos by Lucy Lien  
Shown in the pictures are several contenders of the AAU Junior Olympics.

## Athletes compete in Jr. Olympics

Over 1,600 young amateur athletes were at the UN-L campus this week to compete in the eighth annual National Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Junior Olympics Multi-sport Championships.

These athletes, who won the

right to compete in the national championships by competing in regional meets throughout the United States, stayed at the Abel and Smith dorms on campus, Aug. 9-12.

In addition, the athletes competed at various spots

throughout campus including the outdoor track, Henzlick Hall, the Coliseum, Women's Physical Education Building as well as at Woods Pool in Lincoln.

According to AAU Junior Olympics Sports Director, Pete Cava, 104 gold medals were awarded to competitors this weekend. An equal number of silver and bronze medals were awarded.

The athletes competing in the event usually expressed hope they would one day go on to the Olympics. All, even those who did not win medals, said they enjoyed the competition because it gave them a chance for higher competition, and a chance to travel.

Joaquin Maldonado, from Southern California, noted that "Traveling is great. I've never flown this far before." Maldonado is 18 years old and competed in the 115 pound class of wrestling.

Fifteen-year-old Renee Garcia from Hawaii said she has been running since coming to

high school. Garcia, who's specialty is the 100-yard dash, said she entered the Junior Olympics for "good competition, to travel, and to try to get my best time."

She noted that if she improves her time she will continue track as a career. "I just like to run," she said.

Garcia, who competed last year in the Junior Olympics, remarked that the athletes had more fun last year. She noted that this year athletes were housed in two different dorms, which put a damper on the fun she had last year when everyone was housed together.

A 16-year-old discus thrower from Hawaii, Julie Cabrido, mentioned meeting new people as one of the main benefits of the competition.

Teresa Caudillo, an 880 runner from Long Beach, Calif., also noted that "It's kind of dead at Smith Hall," and said she wished everyone had been together. She said she hopes to go on to the Olympics, and "would like to get my time down here."

One of the advantages of national competition, she said, was that "we usually don't have guys at our meets, so this is a

lot of fun."

Ron Yamamoto, a 16-year-old judo competitor from Los Angeles, Calif., said he has been practicing judo since he was nine. He said he enjoyed competing in the Junior Olympics because "it's one of the biggest competitions in the country."

The athletes competed in the Junior Olympics in such events as track and field, gymnastics, trampoline, wrestling, judo, swimming, diving and synchronized swimming.

On hand to present the medals were such famous athletes as track and field star Ralph Boston, who was the Olympic long jump gold medalist in the 1934 Olympic Games. Former swimming gold medalists Captain Micki King and Donna DeVarona and diver Dick Rydze presented aquatic awards. One of the nation's top gymnasts Linda Metheny and trampolinists Mark Langenkert and Ronnie Merriott were in Lincoln for the competitions.

The meet coordinator was Dr. Richard Hammer. Hosted by the midwestern AAU Association, the competition was sponsored by the Chevrolet Motor Division.



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Blues singer Esther Phillips performs selections including "Black-Eyed Blues," "Do You Love Me" and "Home is Where the Hatred Is" on "The Boarding House," Wednesday, August 21, at 8:30 p.m.

"A Month of Folk and Country" presents "Ron Coden,

Folksinger" Wednesday, August 21, at 9 p.m. Selected musical numbers are featured from this talented singer-guitarist's performance at the University of Nebraska-Omaha and a performance in the studios of the Nebraska ETV Network.

"Video Visionaries" focuses on the techniques used by Willard Rosenquist, professor of design at the University of California, Berkeley, as he uses light as a compositional material and moves it in a choreographic pattern to create an interplay of light, darkness and reflection on "Lostine," Friday, August 23, at 10:30 p.m.



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