

Female cagers get first interstate trip, Big 8 play

A pair of firsts will be achieved by the UNL women's basketball player this weekend when the team leaves Thursday for a three-day road trip, including an out of state tournament in Manhattan, Kan.

It will be the first time the team competes outside of Nebraska and the first time the women's basketball team has played another Big 8 school.

Arrangements for the tournament began last year after talks with Kansas State about playing once at Manhattan and once in Lincoln, according to women's coach Jan Callahan. The

idea for a tournament then was worked out, and Nebraska was invited.

Friday start

Tournament play will start Friday with Nebraska facing Kansas State at 8:30 p.m. Kansas and Illinois State meet in the other first-round game. The winners and losers will play each other Saturday.

Enroute to Manhattan the team will spend Thursday in Omaha where they will play the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

The women's trip will be financed by UNL athletic funds. Transportation, lodging and some

meals will be paid by the athletic department.

Snow slows play

The women's varsity has not played since semester break, as their scheduled game against Chadron State was cancelled because of snow. The junior varsity played Peru State College, Dec. 13, and won 56-41.

Coach Callahan said she was impressed by the JV's performance. "They played together very well, the scoring was evenly distributed and the fast break was good."

Callahan cited Julie Hay as doing an excellent job under the boards, as she gathered in 20 rebounds. Pam Brandenburg and Liz Lee each had eight points.

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Problems plague wrestlers

By Pete Wegman

Less than a week before his squad faces Kansas State University, wrestling coach Orval Borgianni is beset with problems. Some of his wrestlers have been declared temporarily ineligible because of grade problems, one of the team's most promising members spent last weekend in the hospital, another transferred schools and for the first time in Borgianni's 11 years at UNL, the team missed a meet because of the weather.

The ineligibility problem arose when some professors failed to turn in grades and the recent blizzard held up mail deliveries, leaving some wrestlers without grade reports.

Borgianni said he spent most of Monday on the phone, and by Monday evening all but two of the grapplers were eligible under NCAA rules for the Husker's meet against KSU's Wildcats in Manhattan Friday. Borgianni said he hopes the other two would be declared eligible before Friday.

Champion injured

Junior Bob Johnson spent the weekend at the University Health Center after he injured a knee in practice last week. It was Johnson's victory in the 190 lb. finals at the Sunshine National Open in Miami Dec. 29 that gave the Huskers their first tournament victory since 1949.

"We had been having two a day practices for 10 days in preparation for the meet last Saturday in Minnesota," Borgianni said. Johnson was injured in the last two or three minutes of the last practice Thursday night."

The extent of Johnson's injury has not been determined, but Borgianni said he hoped Johnson

would be ready for action in four or five weeks.

Johnson's absence created more problems because the team's other 190 lb. wrestler, Tom Tremain, apparently transferred to the University of Nevada during Christmas break, Borgianni said. He said he did some recruiting last weekend, however, and hopes freshman Kim Kujath, a member of the freshman football team, will be able to wrestle at 190 lbs. Kujath attended his first practice Monday night.

Meet postponed

The blizzard last Friday prevented the team from traveling to Minneapolis to wrestle Minnesota, Wisconsin and Arizona in a quadrangular meet. Both Minnesota and Wisconsin are ranked in the top 20 and Borgianni said he was disappointed his team didn't have a chance to wrestle them after the 10 days of practice. The meet was postponed until Jan. 25.

Despite his problems, Borgianni said he is optimistic. He described the team's attitude as "great" and said "their attitude has carried them through their inexperience." The team members have an average of 1.2 years of collegiate wrestling experience.

Led by sophomore heavyweight Bruce Conger, the leading point scorer, the team has a 3-1 dual record. That record includes a 39-0 romp over Fort Hays State on Dec. 13. Borgianni said he thought the shutout was the first in 74 years of UNL wrestling.

This year, Borgianni said the team will be attempting to crack the 'Big Three' of Big 8 wrestling: Oklahoma State, Oklahoma (the defending NCAA champions) and Iowa State; and advance "at least four" wrestlers to the NCAA finals at Princeton.

The varsity and reserve teams started practice January 8 and 9. They are now working on regaining some of the stamina and technique which lapsed during the semester layoff. "The main part of our season is coming up," Callahan stressed. "Our practices will be rough from here on out."

Position shared

Kathy Hawkins is still the leading varsity scorer and is fourth in rebounding. Nancy Hansen is currently first in rebounding and second in scoring. The starting positions are shared by seven women, alternating throughout the games, Callahan said.

The women will play at home Jan. 24, hosting Wayne in a 7:45 p.m. contest. The junior varsity will play at 6 p.m. Callahan said she expects Wayne to be the teams' toughest opponent.

Big name UNL teams battle in intramurals

By Larry Stunkel

This year's UNL intramural basketball season starts tonight with such matchups as Carious Lesion vs. The Eunuchs, Plough Boys vs. The Prunes and Klyde's Kommandos vs. No Names.

With 264 teams in 36 leagues and more than 2,500 participants, there will be other games between teams whose names may not be so imaginative. But unusual names are characteristic of teams in the seven independent leagues and eight small fry leagues.

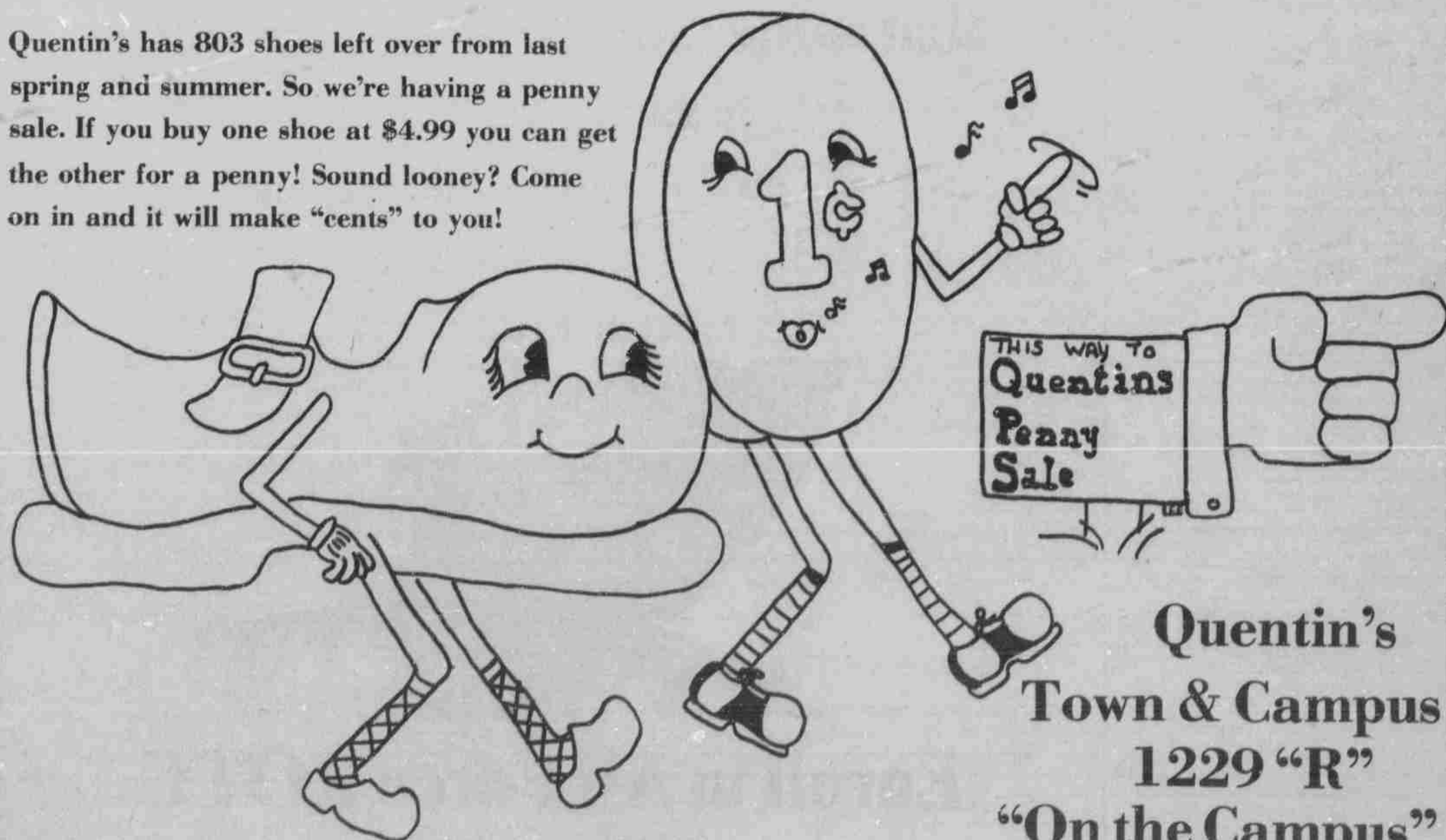
Sometimes, the names indicate something about the team. The Carious Lesion team members are sophomore dental students who got their name from the medical term for a cavity. The Plough Boys are agriculture students and the Runts play in the small fry league.

The Eunuchs' title implies nothing about the players, who kept the name of the team they played on at Lincoln East High School.

Intramural coordinator Gale Wiedow said more men are participating in intramurals this year. Games will be played evenings, Sunday through Thursday.

Games will be played on three courts at the Men's Physical Education Bldg. and on two courts at Women's Physical Education Bldg.

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