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### Creighton Seminar

## Title IX effects discussed

By Becky Morgan

Title IX of the 1972 Education Act, which seeks equal opportunity for women in education programs, may have the same affect on women's athletics.

The possible effects, though not yet clearly defined, were the main topics of discussion at Creighton University's first Women in Sports seminar last Saturday.

Guidelines to implement Title IX have not been set, said Gail Whitaker, UNL physical education teacher and intercollegiate athletic coordinator for women's sports.

The U.S. Dept. of Health Education and Welfare (HEW), requested suggestions from qualified women last summer. By October HEW had received 9,700 comments.

#### In effect next fall

According to HEW official Gwen Gregory, the guidelines for women's sports under Title IX will be done by spring and put into effect next fall.

Gregory said there have been many cases of discrimination against women concerning equipment and practice space.

She cited one case where women divers were forced to practice in a nine-foot deep pool while their male counterparts were using a 12-foot pool.

"Women dive just a deep as men," Gregory

commented. "We won't try to please everybody, but we'll try to come up with the enforcement mechanism that will work."

#### Won't be overnight equals

Margaret Penney, assistant professor of Physical Education and Recreation at UNL, said that women's athletic programs can't expect to become "overnight equals" of men's programs.

Penney stressed that secondary schools must begin athletic programs for girls so they can learn the basic skills that can be developed in college.

Terry Baumbach, UNL women's softball coach said the seminar allowed people to see different viewpoints concerning the trends of acceptance and improvement in women's sports.

#### Growing pains

Whitaker said more people are becoming aware of what she called the growing pains of women's athletic programs. "We are constantly being asked to speak to organizations about women in sports. We are reaching the media and people of financial position. Parents are becoming interested and want to become involved."

Other speakers at the program were Dr. Laurie Mabry, president of the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women and Louis Spry, controller for the National Collegiate Activities Association.

## Bluejays successful despite loss of Mike Heck

By Jim Zalewski

Many of those who attended the Nebraska-Colorado game might have dreamed of the glories of playing basketball in the Big 8. Two of the 8,500 in attendance had the chance and passed it up.

Rick Apke, a 6 ft. 7 in. freshman forward from Cincinnati and Randy Eccker, a 6 ft. guard from Denver, play basketball for the Creighton Bluejays. They both express satisfaction with the school they chose and the results of the season so far.

"I've been real happy with the team's success," Apke said. "A lot of people were down on us at the start of the season. After the death of Mike Heck, people expected us to fall apart."

#### Grew closer

Instead of folding, the team grew closer together and learned to play a new style of basketball, Apke said.

"We had to change as a ball team," he said. "Mike was an easy target to hit in the middle. We had to adjust to Doug Brookins playing the post."

Apke, who said he received "just a letter" from UNL, said the position adjustment has been the hardest for him to make.

Moving from the pivot, where he played on a two-time state championship team at Elder High School, to the more mobile forward position has been an adjustment process, he said. The defense played by college teams is also harder to pick up because of the physical contact involved, he said.

Eccker, who said he was recruited by Colorado, agreed to the increased physical contact in college basketball and also cited the consistency of talented players in college.

The season has been great for the 15-4 Bluejays so far, Eccker said.

"I just wish I was playing more, but everyone else is playing so well that I can't complain," he said.

The use of the 30-second clock by the Big 8 is one

issue on which the two disagree.

"I think the 30-second clock would be good for all of college basketball, but right now it hampers the Big 8," Eccker said. "In a national tournament, a Big 8 team might have trouble at the end of the game trying to stall because they wouldn't have had a lot of practice at it."

#### 'Stall a part'

"I've always thought the stall was part of basketball," Apke said. "But it has been good for the Big 8 because the games have become more exciting."

Playing under his brother, Head Coach Tom Apke, has not created any problems so far, he said.

Apke said teammates have shown no signs of resentment with regard to his brother being the coach.

The number one ranked team in the nation, Indiana University, drew the praise of both Apke and Eccker.

"Indiana is definitely the best I've seen," Apke said. "They play an NBA type defense. They use their hands and push a lot. We had to play them on their court in their tourney. I don't know if they could have gotten away with all they did somewhere else."

"Indiana is so physical it's unbelievable," Eccker said.

Apke, who was recruited by most of the Big 10 schools, except Indiana, said he chose Creighton over the numerous other schools that offered him scholarships because of its medical school and highly competitive basketball schedule.

Eccker cited the prestige of Creighton and the friendliness of the people as factors in his decision.

"The people here are really nice," he said. "It's kind of like a big family. Everyone cares about each other. It's a real good atmosphere."

#### Attendance

Though the atmosphere is friendly, both complained about the attendance at home games.

## UNL weightlifting club regaining strength

While the names Hannan, Bliss, Benjamin and Arthur aren't quite as familiar to Husker fans as those of Tagge, Glover, Jacobson and Rodgers; they all have something in common.

When the Husker football team, with the likes of Tagge, Glover and company, was winning the national championship in 1971, Hannan, Bliss, Benjamin and Arthur were also leading a Nebraska team to a high national ranking.

The four were members of the University of Nebraska weightlifting club and part of the club's weightlifting team, which finished fourth at the NCAA finals that year.

The club has done little since 1971 but is being rejuvenated this year. Under the direction of Boyd Epley and coach Russ Schneemeyer, the club has 32 members and has a goal of 50.

#### Best equipment

Club members pay \$10 annual dues, which entitles them to use some of the best collegiate weightlifting equipment in the nation, Schneemeyer said. The club's equipment is located in the Fieldhouse north of Memorial Stadium.

"Our club is organized for people to come over and work out," Schneemeyer said. The club, open to full-time students only, encourages students to use the equipment once or twice before joining, Schneemeyer said.

Nebraska's weightlifting club is young, composed mostly of freshmen and sophomores. According to Schneemeyer, youth is the key to a strong weightlifting program.

"Good weightlifters can't be developed in one year," he said. "If we get some dedicated young guys, Nebraska could become a national weightlifting power again."

#### Intramural meet

The club will participate in one meet this year, an intramural meet March 15 at the Fieldhouse. The Department of Recreation will administer the meet but it will be sponsored by the weightlifting club. Any full-time Nebraska students will be eligible to participate, said Schneemeyer.

Weightlifters are divided into nine classes based on weight, ranging from 123 lbs. through a super heavyweight division. Each lifter must make three kinds of lifts at a meet: dead lift, squat and bench press.

Winners in each class are then determined by the total poundage lifted by each weightlifter in all three events.

Schneemeyer, a senior agronomy major, said he will graduate before the club develops a team like that of 1971 but added that he enjoys helping lay the groundwork for the future.

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Entries are due Friday for competition in the UNL intramural handball doubles tournament. Play will begin Tuesday. For further information contact the intramural office, 1740 Vine St., or call 472-3467.

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Junior Center Larry Cox is among the statistical leaders in the Big 8 basketball statistics released Tuesday. Cox leads the conference in field goal percentage with a .618 mark.

As a team, the Huskers lead

the league in defense, allowing an average 65.4 points per game, but are seventh in offense with a 74.8 scoring average. The team is last in rebounding and free throw percentage, but lead in field goal shooting with a 52 per cent success average.

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Big 8 letters of intent for football are being signed by high school athletes across the nation this week. So far 23 athletes have signed, including 13 from Nebraska.

"We have as many students go as other schools, but that's about it," Eccker said. "It's kind of disappointing when the other people don't show up."

"The attendance hasn't exactly been great," Apke said. "We weren't expected to be winning, but we have been. I don't know what it takes to get people there."

Both said they think a Nebraska-Creighton series would be a natural drawing card.

"I'd really like to play UNL," Eccker said. "The feeling around Creighton is that UNL and Coach Cipriano don't want to play us."

"I'd really like to play in a Nebraska-Creighton series," Apke said.

After viewing the Colorado game, Apke said he thought Nebraska looked good.

"It was a case of Nebraska having some good talent, and Colorado not having much at all," he said.

The possibility remains that the two teams could meet in the NCAA Mid-West regionals at the end of regular season play. Creighton may qualify for an at-large berth, while the Huskers would qualify if they won the Big 8.

#### Good shape for tourney

"We're in good shape for a tourney," Apke said. "We still have to win five or six more games. We can't afford to get complacent. The game with Oral Roberts University last Saturday was a big one for us if we are going to a tournament."

"I think we could go a long way in the NCAA tournament," Eccker said. "Right now, Louisville would have to be the favorite in this region."

Eccker said his goal for the season was to make the travel squad and to play as much as possible, while Apke cited the team's over-all success as fulfilling his goal.

"I'm real satisfied with the season so far," Apke said. "We have overcome a lot together and really matured as a basketball team."