

Crew's goal to rebuild

By Jim Kay

The UNL Crew has some definite plans for the future and as far as its adviser is concerned, the future is now.

Adviser Pete Zandbergen said Coaches Frank Sands and Ron Korpi are rebuilding this year's squad. Their goal is to field a national championship team in a few years, he said.

"There definitely is going to be an emphasis on new members," Zandbergen said. "We have big plans for this year's freshmen. We're recruiting men and women for the purpose of winning nationals in a few years."

Zandbergen said Crew always has been strongly competitive at UNL, but inconsistent.

"We win the Big 8 Conference every year," he said. "We dominate the Big 8. But we've been inconsistent. We were fifth in 1974 in nationals and our light weight varsity crew took tenth last year."

Zandbergen said Korpi, in his first year as head coach of women's crew, is one of the top five women's coaches in the country.

"He was the former head coach at (University of) Minnesota," Zandbergen said, "in '74, their women's varsity eight won the nationals. We were very happy when he expressed an interest in coming here."

The addition of an indoor practice tank at the Crew boathouse will be a big help to the program, Zandbergen said.

"The tank will boost the competition level for freshmen," he added. "It will help them get the basics down. It's a 14-station rowing facility designed by Stormberg after Wisconsin's tank."

UNL's tank is two and one-half feet deep. Primary support for the tank was paid by the Friends of Nebraska Rowing Association, Zandbergen said.

He said Friends of Nebraska Rowing Association has been a big help to Crew in the last few years.

"The association was started to alleviate financial problems, and to take the problem off the athlete's shoulders," he said. "We don't expect help from the athletic department but the crew never asked for a gravy train. This allows us a flexibility not found in the athletic department."

"If we are invited to a race, we can decide if we want to go or not. This is all self-supported," he added. "There is no guaranteed money. We're usually competing against other schools with fully subsidized programs. But now those others are asking us for races."

"Schools like Purdue, Notre Dame, Minnesota and even Tennessee sent a letter. We've finally arrived competitively at a point where we weren't three or four years ago."

Zandbergen said he hoped a long-lasting Crew tradition would begin this year.

"We've got the best equipment possible now with the new tank," he said. "We're looking for freshmen to win this spring. We want to take a good, strong group and mold them for winning. There are no cuts made and no bench warmers in this program."

We have good support on campus and I'm real happy with the progress we've made through our own efforts. Ten years from now, I hope the tradition is still here."

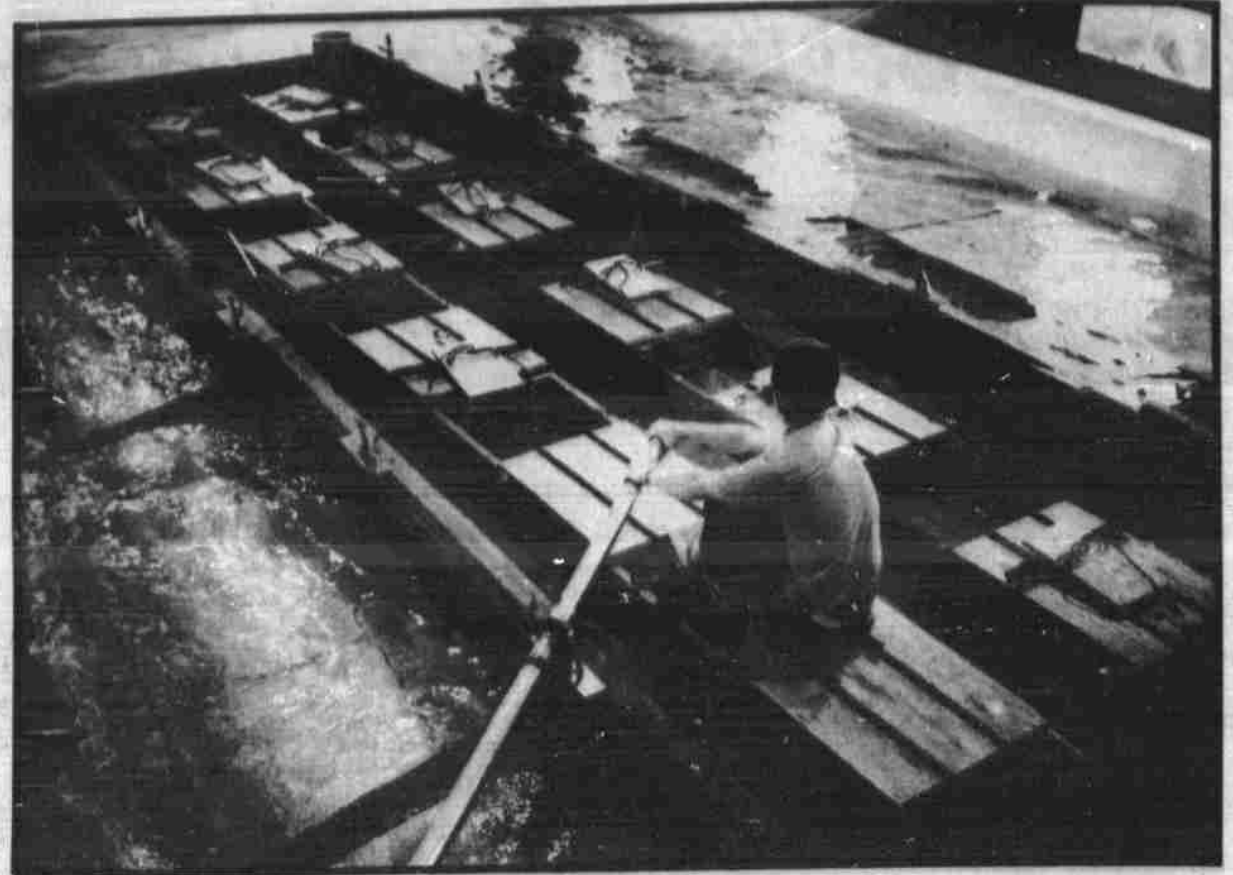


Photo by Tim Ford

Rowing my way? A member of UNL crew works out in the newly constructed practice tank in the Crew's boathouse. The tank was built by Crew members during the summer and was filled for the first time Saturday.

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Anthony's road still rocky

By Kevin Schnepf

The past year has been a tough one for Husker football senior Monte Anthony and the road ahead is not going to be any easier.

Anthony has undergone two wrist operations, shoulder surgery and recently completed his last semester's finals.

Anthony reported Monday for his first day of practice since December. Now, low in the depth charts for I-Back and fullback, Anthony says he has a long road and a lot of hard work ahead of him to get his post back.

"I'm going to be trying as hard as I can and I'm going to have to work a lot harder," Anthony said. "I'm just going to have to pay the price for not being here so long."

Anthony said he expects no special treatment from the coaches.

Heavy competition

"There's heavy competition," Anthony said. "You just have to be fair to the guys

who have been working out here all spring and fall."

Anthony said catching up with Rick Berns, I.M. Hipp and Byron Stewart at I-Back and Keith Stewart and Dodie Donnell at fullback will be a tough task.

"I have a ways to go as far as being physically fit," Anthony said. "But I'm in a lot better shape than I expected."

Anthony said plans for the season and the pros depends on the possibility of being redshirted.

"It will probably take two or three games to see if I'm up in the depth charts," Anthony said. "If I'm not up in the charts, I wouldn't mind being redshirted."

Helps mentally

"It's up to me if I want to be redshirted," he said. "It would help me out mentally."

After finishing his scholastic requirements last weekend and beginning the new term, Anthony said he is mentally tired. Anthony, an accounting major, said he plans to take 15-18 hours this semester.

Wednesday's practice marked the first time Anthony had a full practice.

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The UNL women's field hockey squad needs two team managers and more team members. No experience is required. Interested students should attend practices 4 to 6 p.m. weekdays at Mabel Lee Field.

Freshman men and women interested in joining the rowing team should attend a recruiting/introductory meeting at 7 p.m. today at the boathouse, 1000 N. 16th St., just north of Nebraska Hall.

Persons interested in joining the wrestling team should attend a meeting at 2:25 p.m. Monday in the Sports Complex wrestling room. Walk-ons are welcome. A team manager is needed. Contact Coach Orval Borgalli at 107K Sports Complex or call 472-2272.

"The hitting felt good out there today," Anthony said, adding his wrists and shoulder are in the best condition in three years.

Anthony is not concerned about more injuries.

Sheds worry

"I went through a whole year worrying about if I would be injured again," he said. "I just don't care or worry about it anymore."

Anthony said this year's backfield has more speed and power than in previous years.

"We'll have as much speed and power as anybody we play," he said. "Football has changed with bigger and faster people and our system is changing along with it."

As a freshman, Anthony was voted Big 8 Freshman of the Year, gaining 655 yards.

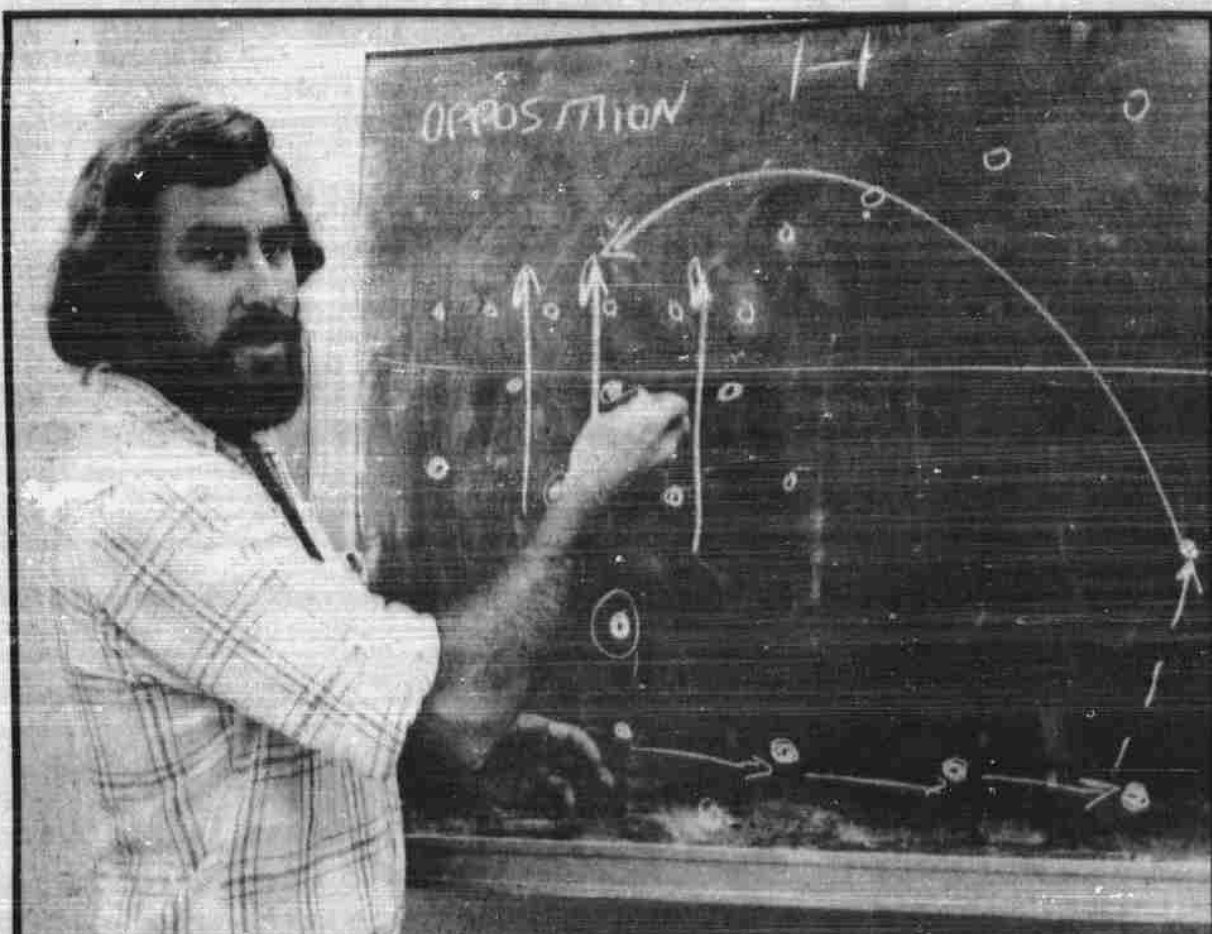


Photo by Mike Dahlheim

UNL Rugby Club coach Dave Chinchin

Coach expects stronger club

By Jim Hunt

UNL's Rugby Club will sport a new coach and an experienced club when it opens its season Saturday against the Lincoln Rugby Club.

The match is scheduled for 11 a.m., at either Mabel Lee Field or Ed Weir Field.

First-year coach Dave Chinchin said he expects the club will improve on last year's 10-7 record.

Chinchin, 29, is a marketing graduate student from Brisbane, Australia. The UNL coaching position is his first coaching job.

Chinchin has played rugby since grade school in the Rugby Union Express and for three years at the University of Queensland. In 1968, Chinchin was on the Queensland team that won the Australian University Rugby League championship.

Chinchin has been at UNL since 1974. He played rugby for one season. A cartilage injury, surgery and teaching commitments have kept him from playing since.

Chinchin said he probably will play a couple of games with the second team this season.

"I would like to play in a couple of games just to see if the old magic is still there," Chinchin said. "Besides, by running with the second team, I should be able to teach some players something on the field."

About 25 players showed up for the first practice. Fifteen players are needed to make a squad.

"We have one full team that has played before," Chinchin said. "Experience has helped to create enthusiasm. If enthusiasm were points on the board, we would have the championship in the bag."

Chinchin said he expects the club to be stronger this year, although it is playing a stronger schedule. UNL is behind some clubs because the other clubs have the chance to practice all summer, he said.

Chinchin said he wants to change practices this season by adding a scrimmage to every practice.

Chinchin said the club still is looking for players. All players will get a chance to play after they learn the basics, he added.

The club practices Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. at Mabel Lee Field.

Students — don't forget tickets

Students who purchased football tickets last spring can pick them up today through Friday at the athletic ticket office, 117 South Stadium. The office is open 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Students must show a student ID card with the new certificate of registration and a ticket receipt. Each stu-

dent must pick up and sign for his own ticket. Married students should be prepared to show proof of marriage.

Full refunds are permitted only until Friday. Students applying for refunds after the first game, but before the second game, will be refunded \$19.95. No refunds will be given after the second game, Sept. 17.