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New coach to improve rapport, morale

They loved her in Quincy, Calif., and she's hoping they'll feel the same way in Lincoln next year.

But Lorrie Gallagher, newly appointed women's basketball coach at UNL, admits there will have to be a lot of changes if that's going to happen. Women's basketball stumbled last year and Gallagher knows it.

"First, I want to add stability to the team," Gallagher, 34, said. "I want a winning team, which they didn't have last year and I want to beat UNO to qualify for regionals."

dance at UNL is needed.

"Last year, we outdrew the men's team five to one and they had a good season. The town (Quincy) was falling in love with us."

The change from Feather River, with an enrollment of 2,000, to UNL shouldn't pose any problems in basketball strategy, Gallagher said, adding that "basketball is basketball."

Gallagher went through a seven-hour interview last month in a two-day visit to UNL.

"Frankly, I was quite surprised I was appointed," Gallagher said. "I didn't think they would consider someone from a small school in California."

Ironically, Gallagher was the last person to interview for the job.

"After the interview, I went back to my motel room, the phone rang and I was told I had the job. Bob (Devaney) wasn't in town and of course he had to approve it along with the Board (of Regents)."

Gallagher insisted the appointment was not hasty.

"It wasn't a quick thing by any means," she added. "A lot of study went into the decision."

Gallagher will be making \$16,000 at UNL, \$2,000 less than newly hired wrestling coach Bob Fehrs and men's swim Coach Cal Bentz.

Gallagher, who has worked for women's equal rights in the Title IX amendment, said Title IX doesn't include "equal pay in that sense."

Correction

A typographical error in the April 24th issue of the Daily Nebraskan reported that Joe Cipriano received a raise of \$14,125. The head basketball coach's raise was \$4,125, bringing his coaching salary to \$30,000 a year.

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"I also want to develop a rapport with the high school athletes in Nebraska," Gallagher added. "There's a lot of talent here that's yet to be tapped."

Gallagher's team at Feather River College in Quincy posted a 51-5 mark the last two years while playing national powers. Impressive, but even more impressive when one considers Feather River offers no scholarships.

"I figure if I can get the athletes without scholarships, I can get them with scholarships (at UNL), Gallagher said.

Gallagher, who has a masters degree in psychology, said an increase in game atten-

Omaha South gym champion signs letter of intent to UNL

Two-time national high school gymnastics champion Jim Hartung of Omaha South High School is coming to UNL next fall.

Hartung signed a letter of intent with UNL head coach Francis Allen Monday.

Although there had been stories that Hartung might go to an Oklahoma school, Allen said Hartung had told him "a long time ago" that he would come to UNL.

"One time I asked him if he wanted me to go to Omaha and meet his parents and he said Nebraska was his favorite (choice)," Allen said.

Coaching Hartung, who has won 18 gold medals in state competition and is a three-

time high school All-American, will be something new to Allen.

"It is going to be a new experience for me," he said. "He is a world class gymnast and I don't have to worry about developing him. I have never had anyone like that before."

Allen said he will stress refining Hartung's routines and not on training him.

"He is the best high school gymnast ever," Allen said. "He is better than Bart Conner (was in high school). He is almost as good as Conner right now."

Oklahoma University sophomore Conner won the Big Eight and NCAA all-around titles this year.

Coliseum to be remodeled into class and office space

By Rick Huls

Imagine the almost ancient UNL Coliseum containing offices, classrooms and laboratories on the first level where basketball courts now are located.

Move the basketball courts to a new level, with an indoor track surrounding it.

It may be hard to believe these changes are included in the long-range planning for the Coliseum, according to the director of the physical plant.

Harley Schrader said the plans have not been approved yet by the Board of Regents. He said many other buildings on the UNL campus (Bancroft, Bessey and Nebraska Hall) also need work and would probably receive funds before the Coliseum would.

However, current construction to meet fire codes at the Coliseum almost is completed, Schrader said, and improvements for the physical education program are continuing.

"We want to make the building available to both sexes now that the athletic department has moved out," Schrader said. "The building can now be used exclusively for physical education."

In 1976, the Coliseum was deserted when the Sports Complex was completed. For the most part, varsity athletics moved to the new site.

However, Schrader said, the Nebraska Legislature passed a bill in 1977 to appropriate \$150,000 for remodeling purposes for the 1977-78 year.

Schrader said much of the money already has been used and many projects have been completed, including work on the basketball floor and the stage.

"We are enclosing the stairwells because fire can spread quickly up them, Schrader said. "We are partitioning off the inside and further developing an exitway. A fire alarm system has also been installed," he added.

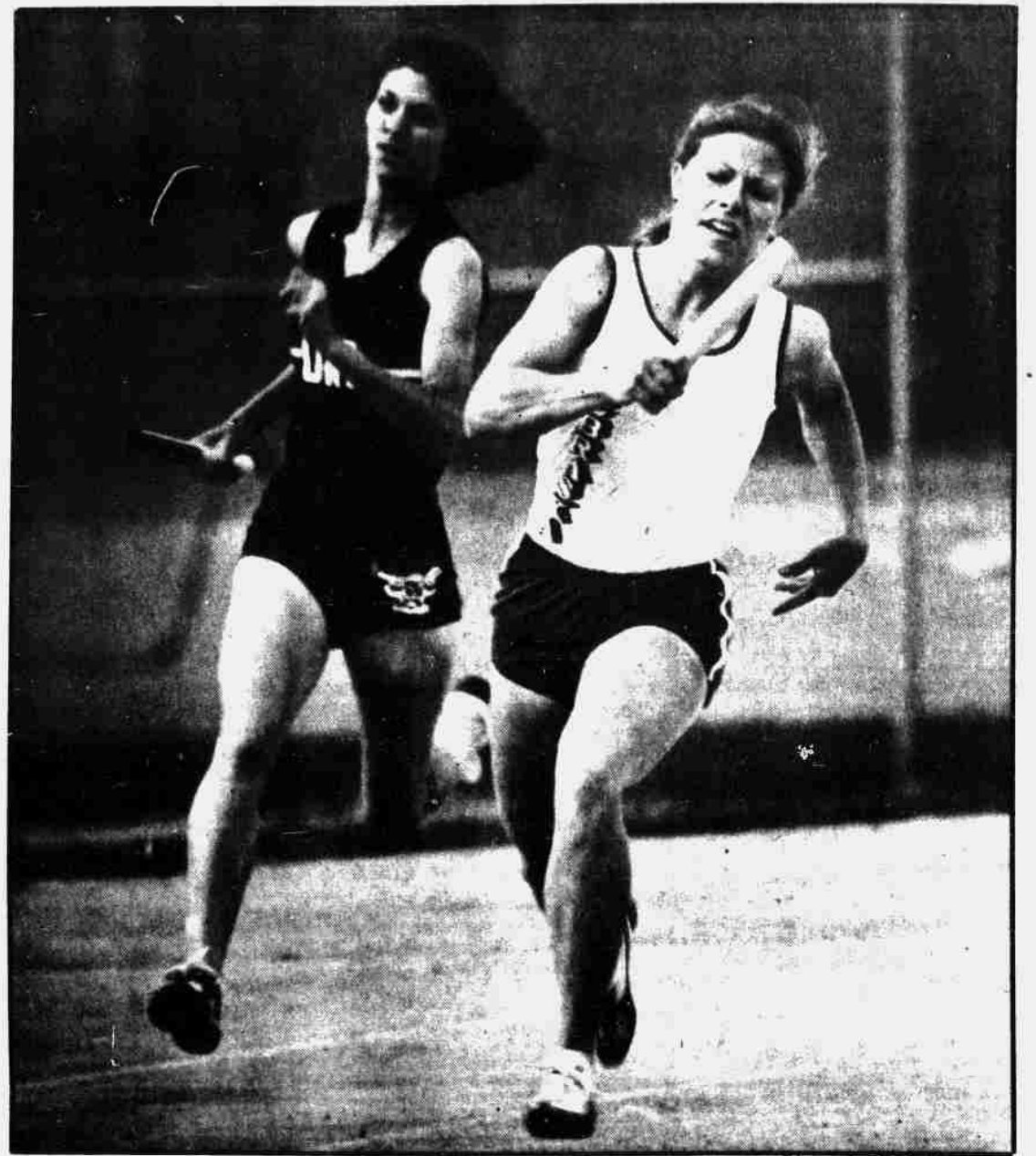


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Freshman Cindy Tatum takes the lead in the 880-relay for UNL at Tuesday's Nebraska State College Meet at Ed Weir Stadium.

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