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## Cotton Bowl also nice reward — Devaney

By Shelley Smith

If Nebraska had been behind Oklahoma 17-7 instead of 17-14 going into its last drives, there might have been a change in quarterbacks, Cornhusker Defensive End Coach George Darlington said Monday.

Although Nebraska lost to the Sooners 17-14, quarterback Jeff Quinn kept the Huskers moving, Darlington told a sparsely attended Extra Point Club Luncheon gathering Monday.

With less than four minutes to go in the game, Quinn, who has started four games this season, marched the Huskers to the Sooner 15 yard line, and guard Randy Schleusener ran a Quinn intentional fumble in to score.

However, Quinn was intercepted with 1:56 left and Nebraska's hopes for a victory were erased.

"Even up until two minutes to go I thought we were

going to win the game," Darlington said.

Nebraska coaches opted to keep Quinn in the game rather than replace him with second team quarterback Tim Hager, because "Quinn was moving the ball."

However, Darlington said the Huskers cannot afford to look back on their loss to Oklahoma.

"We're going to go out and do a great job preparing for the Cotton Bowl. We're going to play a great ball game, and give it a great effort," he said.

Nebraska will face either Arkansas or Houston in the Cotton Bowl Jan. 1. Admitting that it might have been nice for the Huskers to play in the Orange Bowl, Athletic Director Bob Devaney said the Cotton Bowl will be a "nice reward" for the players who have worked hard all season.

"Sure it's a disappointment to lose to Oklahoma," Darlington said.

"But, no matter how bad you feel, we wanted it worse. We spend the time working to accomplish our goals. We're going to keep trying and someday we're going to accomplish that goal," he said.

For now, Darlington said the Husker coaches will concentrate on national recruiting. Head Coach Tom Osborne missed his first Extra Point Club Luncheon because he was recruiting, Darlington said.

And the players will receive a well deserved rest, Darlington said.

"You know after a season you really look forward to a rest. But after two or three days, I'll bet you see 85 percent of our players in the weight room and on the racquetball courts. They get tired of resting," he said.

The Huskers will probably begin running Dec. 8, Darlington said, with full practice to begin soon after.



A UNL student gazes out over the canyons of the Sierra Madre mountain range during the recreation department's annual excursion to Mexico.

## Mexico and Copper Canyon sites for holiday trips

By Ed McClymont

The UNL recreation department is sponsoring its annual Mexico excursion during the Christmas holiday, Dec. 29 to Jan. 13. Two simultaneous trips are planned, a backpacking trip to La Barranca De Cobre (Copper Canyon) and a hiking trip to the three highest peaks in Mexico, all volcanoes.

Two openings are available for the backpacking trip and one for the hiking trip. Anyone interested should contact Mark Ebel at the recreation department.

Ebel said the trips have been successful because most students have free time during Christmas break and because

going south to a warmer Mexican climate appeals to anyone familiar with Nebraska winters.

The cost factor also is a plus for the people involved in the trip, Ebel said. "Our cost is ridiculously low," Ebel said. "\$200 covers all lodging costs, meals and transportation (for the backpacking trip). Going as a group we are able to cut costs that individuals going alone couldn't."

Backpackers will spend six days in the Sierra Madre Mountains of north central Mexico. An information sheet about the trip describes the backpacking as "strenuous hiking" which requires good physical condition.

While traveling through the mount-

ains backpackers will encounter weather extremes, with snow possible at the canyon rims and tropical conditions with 85-degree temperatures at the base of the canyons.

Two recreation department assistants will be leading the backpacking trip.

Ebel will be in charge of the hiking and climbing trip, which lists its objectives as climbing Pico de Orizaba, the third highest North American peak, and Ixtaccihuatl, the seventh highest. The peaks are near Mexico City.

The requirements for this trip are more specific, as one must have some background in basic rock climbing and snow and ice climbing. The recreation

department is planning an ice and snow seminar in Estes Park, Col. Dec. 5 to 9 for those without experience in that area.

Ebel said security and mobility are the reasons travellers need a mountaineering background.

The cost for the hiking and climbing trip is \$300 with the same items provided as in the backpacking trip, Ebel said.

An added bonus to the two trips is the possibility of spending two days on the coasts.

"If everything goes smoothly, there might be a couple of days at the end to go (to the coasts)," Ebel said. The backpackers would go to the Pacific coast and the hikers to the Gulf of Mexico.

## Kunz gets chance to throw discus again

By Shelley Smith

For some it never happens.  
And for some it happens twice.

Lee Kunz, a former Nebraska linebacker now playing with the Chicago Bears, said he never thought he would get another chance to pursue his childhood dream.

But, several weeks ago, eight people made that possible.

Kunz, who was drafted by the Bears in the seventh round last spring, has dreamed of throwing the discus in the Olympics.

A good spring track season his senior year would have inched him closer to that goal. But Kunz threw over 180 feet only once that spring, and he opted to play football with the Bears.

Because of a football injury his freshman year, Kunz still has one more track season of eligibility. Big Eight officials voted 8-0 to let Kunz remain an amateur—if he pays back any money he has received from the Bears—and finish his fourth season with the Husker harriers.

**CURRENTLY**, Kunz is living off of his \$15,000 bonus he received for trying out with Chicago. He said he will pay the \$15,000 back by December and won't touch the money negotiated in his three one-year \$60,000 contracts for making the team.

"Ever since I was a kid growing up in Colorado I wanted to throw the discus in the Olympics. Now I have another chance and if I start throwing over 200, I have a good chance of making the (Olympic) trials," he said.

Kunz, from Golden, Colo., came to UNL in 1975 on a full-ride football scholarship with the stipulation that

spring football would be waived for him so that he could participate in track.

"That's one of the reasons why I decided on Nebraska. They said I could do both," he said.

However, Kunz said the song was a little different after he got to UNL.

"If I was to retain my scholarship and have a chance play first or second team football, the coaches said I had to go through spring training my freshman year," he said.

**IT WAS THAT SPRING** that Kunz was injured during a drill and had to have surgery to repair a dislocated shoulder.

"In the long run I'm kind of glad I missed that track season because now, when I'm stronger, I have another chance," he said.

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