

Big 8's top four, increased intensity among goals of UNL women's tennis

By Kevin Warneke

To place fourth in the Big Eight and gain intensity in practices are the goals of the UNL women's tennis team, according to Coach Kathy Hawkins.

"Realistically, a fourth place finish in the conference would be an average season for us and a good

season would see us placing higher," Hawkins said.

To place higher, the team will have to finish ahead of defending conference champion Oklahoma State, Colorado or Oklahoma.

Daily practices began Aug. 24 for the nine-member team. A tenth member will join the team at the beginning of next semester.

The top singles players returning are juniors Cindi Reiman and Ann Swanson and sophomores Mimi Magiera and Kathy Fisher.

Other returning team members are senior Carrie Schmitz and sophomore Lynn Svoboda. Senior Sue Moore will join the team at semester break.

Three out-of-state freshmen — Susan Hayes, Jamie Pisarik and LeeAnn Givens — were given tennis scholarships. According to Hawkins, these three freshmen, along with Reiman, Swanson and Magiera, are presently the top six singles players.

"Reiman will be playing in the number one slot, but the other slots are up in the air because those five are so evenly matched," Hawkins said. "With the talent evenly matched, we should be able to pick up valuable team points in the lower matches."

Hawkins hopes structures practices and a fall weight program will help improve the team.

The team opens its season on Sept. 11 when they host Kansas State at 2 p.m. on the tennis courts at East Campus.

Karate teacher visits UNL, watches students perform

By Scott Ahlstrand

The UNL Kenkojuku Karate Association was recently visited by Master Shihan Tomosaburo Okano. Okano started the Kenkojuku Association in 1941 and is head of the Japan Kenkojuku Karate Association. Okano, from Japan, is visiting several of his schools throughout the United States.

Assistant Professor, and third degree black belt, Richard Schmidt was enthusiastic about Okano's presence.

"I consider it a very high honor to have one of the few remaining close students of Funokoshi visit us. It is also an honor because of the high position he holds in the Zen Ku Ren," Schmidt said.

"Mr. Okano was very impressed with our students. He thought they performed well technically and that they also had a fine attitude and good spirit," he added.

Master Okano arrived in Lincoln Aug. 24 and left for Florida Aug. 29. Workouts were held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights during Okano's stay and were open to club members and UNL students in karate classes.

Special day classes were also held for those who have the brown and black belts.

To help with the instructions, Okano brought three students with him from Japan.

The 59-year-old Okano, who is a seventh degree black belt in karate and iaido (samurai sword drawing), amazed the club with both his quickness and technique.

The club presented Okano with an honorary award which read "In appreciation for your continued devotion and dedication to the teaching of the true spirit of karate."

Okano holds many honors including being on the Board of Directors of the prestigious Federation of all Japanese Karate Organizations (Zen Ku Ren). He was also a student of Gichin Funokoshi. Funokoshi is considered the father of modern karate.

Two of Okano's former students were present for his visit. Larry Durst, the head instructor of UNL's Kenkojuku Karate Association and Ted Raitch, head of a Maryland Kenkojuku Association. Both trained under Okano in Japan.

It was the first time they had seen Okano since 1964.

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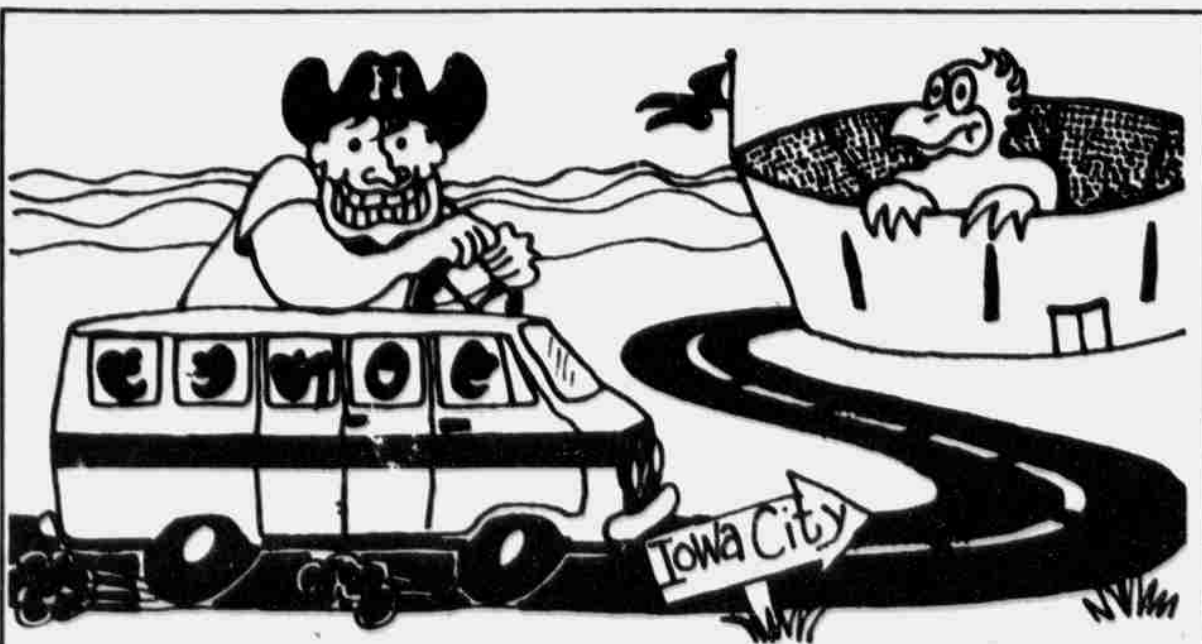
The UNL women's track team will be holding open tryouts next week. Interested students should contact Mark Kostek or Linda Zech at the Bob Devaney Sports Center 125 or call 472-6468.

The UNL rowing crew will hold a meeting Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the boathouse, 1000 N. 16th St. All men and women interested in joining crew are invited to attend.

The Nebraska volleyball team will begin its season Saturday at 10 a.m. against Kansas State. The season opener will be held at the Coliseum.

Nebraska cornerback Rodney Lewis and Husker defensive tackle Henry Waechter have been named first team all-Americans in the current issue of *The Sporting News*.

The 24-man team was selected by pro football scouts.



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