

# UNL bowling club changes format, raises funds

By Scott Ahlstrand

The UNL bowling club this week changed its qualification format by increasing the number of qualifying games from six to 19 and keeping the games at one student union bowling alley.

The club consists of participants in the Thursday night Big Eight Classic League. Tryouts are required in order to be a club member. Members bowl a 12-game block before each tournament to determine who will make up the men's and women's teams for the tournaments.

Junior Denise Steyer said the new format is better than the previous method of bowling three game sets at both the Nebraska Union lanes and the East Union lanes.

"Before we had to run around all the time," Steyer said. "Now it's more of a tournament-style approach." Steyer is typical of the club members. A "rookie" this year, she also competes in two other city leagues.

"Bowling keeps me busy, but it's a lot of fun," Steyer said. "I do it for myself. I thought about doing it as a freshman, but I worked too much. I chickened out last year, but this summer I decided to try out."

The additional leagues qualify Steyer for city tournaments.

The UNL team has completed in only one tournament so far this semester, the Midwest Intercollegiate Bowling Tournament in Edina, Minn. The women's team finished second in a field of 10. The men's team placed sixth among 11 teams. The women were paced by the bowling of Kim Podraza. Podraza had the highest series (570) and finished second in the "all events" competition. Steve Vlach led the men by rolling the highest game (248) and by placing second in the "all events".

## NETV presents sports show

The second season of *Sports America* will begin Nov. 8 on the Nebraska Educational Television Network.

Denver, Colo., news reporter and sportscaster Gary Cruz will be the host for the 39-hour interregional sports program, which are coordinated through the Pacific Mountain Network.

To open the season, *Sports America* presents "International Stars on Ice," figure skating exhibition featuring top skaters from the United States and Canadian Olympic teams.

The series can be seen on all stations of the NETV network.

Coach Rollie Hughes said the team is just beginning to tap its potential.

"This team has more talent and potential than any team we've had in the last three or four years," Hughes said. "They're also more fun to work with. They've got great personalities and they all get along with each other. We only have one senior on this year's team so we should be able to crank up the program for the future."

The club also receives instruction from assistant Coaches Steve Mears and Bill Straub. Mears bowled on the team from 1976 to 1978, while Straub is an acting pro who recently recorded a 300 game and a 772 series. Local

bowler Gerry Keslar has also aided in the instruction.

The next tournament for the club is the Kansas Classic in Lawrence, Kan. The club will then send a team to St. Louis, Mo. to compete in the Thanksgiving Collegiate Invitational. Steyer said the New Year's Collegiate Invitational in Las Vegas, Nev. is probably the biggest tournament the club will compete in.

The club hopes to raise money for these tournaments through fund raisers such as the upcoming Bowlathon, Nov. 6 through 7.

"We're trying to raise as much money as we can," Hughes said. "We're working harder than ever before to do it right."

# Wrestling coach hopes for third place

By Tom Golden

Assistant Husker wrestling Coach Kelly Ward is a realist. The second-year aide under Coach Bob Fehrs has no illusions about the Huskers' chance in the Big Eight this season.

"We're not idealists," he said. "We're not going to win the Big Eight tournament by no means because we would have to be a contender for the national title, and there's no way we're contenders for the national title."

Ward's analysis, however, is not pessimistic. In fact, he thinks the Huskers may have one of their best teams ever. He just said the competition in the conference is too stiff for the Huskers to be thinking about the Big Eight Championship right now.

"We feel we have a very good team, but we just happen to be in a conference that's the strongest in the nation. This is unfortunate for us as far as getting honors at the Big Eight tournament, although we may be able to get a couple of winners."

Ward said Oklahoma, with 10 all-Americans, should finish far ahead of the pack, followed by Iowa State and Oklahoma State. He said the Husker's goal this season will be to surpass Oklahoma State as the third place finisher.

"Last year we jumped out of the bottom of the Big Eight and overtook Missouri as the fourth place team. With a very good year we could come in third, and that would be excellent," Ward said.

Ward said the team is slightly discouraged entering the season knowing the Big Eight crown is virtually out of reach, but added that the national tournament provides the most incentive for the team all season.

"Actually the Big Eight is just a steppingstone to the national tournament which is the big tournament. Most people think the Big Eight is it, and it would be nice to win, but I'd rather see our guys go to the national tournament and place high there."

Ward said the Huskers most likely to place high in the national tournament are senior Johnnie Selmon, last year's Big Eight 134-pound class champion who is expected to wrestle at 142 pounds this season; Judd Norman, a redshirt last year, wrestling in the 158-pound category, and Bill Scherr, a sophomore wrestling in the 177-pound class.

Ward stressed that team depth is much improved over last year, thanks to seven returning lettermen and a host of incoming recruits, including 126-pound Chris Marisette, 134-pound Lance Milsap, 142-pound David Goldman, 150-pound Roy Cahoj, 190-pound Ted Keys, and heavy-weight Gary Albright.

"Having more quality wrestlers will help because it will push everyone and make them compete harder," Ward said.

"We have the ability to get into the top 15 nationally and we could have two or three all-Americans, and if luck holds out we could have a national champion in Johnnie Selmon."

Ward said the Huskers' non-conference schedule is very tough, with opponents such as UNO, Indiana, Brigham Young, Army, Syracuse and Northern Iowa. However, he said, the team has a realistic chance to beat all of them.

"If the team does as well as I think they can do, and lady luck is with us, we can win all the non-conference matches," he said.

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