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Photo by Jodie Fields

Jim Hartung congratulates Steve Elliott after Elliott's 9.9 score in the vault tied him for first place in Saturday night's individual event finals. More photos on Page 6 and 7.

UNL gymnasts capture national title

By Patty Pryor

The UNL men's gymnastics team set an NCAA scoring record enroute to capturing its fourth straight national title Saturday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

The Huskers posted an all-time high of 286.45 to beat the second ranked UCLA Bruins at 281.8 and the Penn State Nittany Lions at 275.65.

"We couldn't be any more elated than we are right now," Husker Coach Francis Allen said Saturday afternoon.

"We jumped off to a good start and we were up a point before the first event was even over," he said. "We could feel the momentum and we just ran away with it."

UCLA Coach Art Shurlock said he, too, was more than satisfied with his team's performance.

"This is definitely our best meet ever," he said. "This is the highest we've ever placed."

With a third-place finish for UCLA in last year's championships and this year's second place finish, Shurlock was optimistic about next year's outlook.

"That's the way to do it," he said. "One step at a time."

The Huskers were led by the scoring of senior Jim Hartung, who set an all-around record in the team finals with a 58.15.

"I wasn't conscious of any record," Hartung said. "When you start thinking records, then you start missing routines."

Hartung said the scoring record was important only in its contribution to the team championship.

"The record just doesn't mean as much," he said. "The team championship stays on the books forever."

Hartung edged out UCLA's Peter Vidmar Saturday afternoon after losing the all-around title to him in Friday night's competition.

Allen called Hartung's comeback "the mark of a true gymnast - the most consistent gymnast in the country."

Had Hartung won the all-around, he would have added yet another record to his credit as the first to capture four straight all-around crowns.

"Sure, I'm disappointed," Hartung said. "But Peter beat me because, apparently, Peter worked harder than I did."

Vidmar won the all-around competition with a record of his own, a 116.30.

The team competition, however, was all Nebraska's as the Huskers either tied or posted the highest scores in every event but the parallel bars.

UCLA had the highest score in the parallel bars with Vidmar's 9.7. Scott Johnson had UNL's highest score in the event, with a 9.6.

Hartung took the lead or tied in four of the six events. His only major break came on the parallel bars, which earned him a 9.4, but even that was after considerable disagreement among the judges. The decision on a 9.4 was booed loudly by the crowd of 8,715.

Hartung, too, was a little perplexed about the decision.

"I asked one judge why I got that score and he said he didn't have to tell me," Hartung said.

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College Republicans may face student court suit

By Ward W. Triplett III

A flier allegedly distributed by the president of the College Republicans at an International Relations Club-sponsored speech Tuesday could result in a UNL Student Court suit.

Howard Dickerson, former president and current member of the International Relations Club, said a suit was "a conceivable" alternative in response to College Republican President Steve Grasz's actions during a speech by Italian Parliament member Giancarlo Codrignani.

Grasz allegedly distributed copies of a Feb. 28, 1981, issue of the "CR Report," the bi-weekly publication of the College Republican National Committee. In the publication, Lincoln and Omaha are listed among 150 cities that will be visited by eight Europeans, representative of

different leftist organizations.

The publication refers to the speakers as "well-trained propagandists" supporting unilateral nuclear disarmament. Before Codrignani's speech, Grasz sponsored a press conference to respond to the presence of peace movement members in Lincoln. Grasz referred to the peace movement members as being manipulated by Soviet sympathizers.

John Sunnnygard, president of the International Relations Club and moderator for the Codrignani speech, said Grasz violated a Nebraska Union rule by distributing the fliers inside the building.

"The rule is very clearly spelled out that people do not solicit inside the building," Sunnnygard said. "Even at our own function, we can not physically hand out leaflets. We can leave them sitting on a table for people to take, but we cannot give them out."

Sunnnygard and Dickerson were informed of the rule by Union Customer Service Manager Mary Binger, who is also in charge of room reservations for the union, Dickerson said.

Dickerson said he intended to meet with the ASUN Senate director of development Marlene Beyke to find out if the senate has any policies regarding the behavior of student organizations. There is senate legislation from the 1980-81 session that deals with the constitutional review of an organization, Dickerson said.

"If there are any violations, we would next make a complaint to a (senate) constitutional committee, which does not exist," Dickerson said.

According to Sunnnygard there was an opportunity for both sides of the nuclear disarmament issue to be given.

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Former astronaut Glenn blasts Reagan's policies

By Pat Higgins

The time has come to speak out against Ronald Reagan's policies, Sen. John Glenn said to an enthusiastic crowd of Nebraska Democrats Saturday night at Pershing Auditorium.

Glenn compared the current economic situation to the Great Depression and contrasted Reagan's leadership to Franklin Roosevelt's.

"We've got to do better than just trade the bread lines of the Great Depression for the cheese lines of the Great Recession," the Ohio Democrat said.

Glenn spoke at the annual Jefferson-Jackson fund-raising dinner that attracted about 1,000 people who paid \$60 a plate. The theme was hard economic times as Glenn decried high interest rates, high unemployment and budget deficits. The president's economic plan is leading the country on "the road to ruin," Glenn said.

"The time has come for this administration to take responsibility for its own policies and stop trying to blame everyone else for the mess that they are creating," Glenn said.

Glenn said he was "keeping his options open" about running for the presidency in 1984.

"The only chance that I would run for president is if this administration's policies are absolutely wrong," Glenn said.

The current foreign policy has made the United States a "gun-runner," Glenn said. The United States should have a consistent,



Photo by D. Eric Kircher

John Glenn

articulate foreign policy, he said. He also said that the president is overstating the military growth of the Soviet Union.

Theatrical training

"The way the president overstated his

case may have something to do with his training in the theatrical field," Glenn said.

The situation in Central America has been mishandled by the administration, he said. Glenn said that he was worried about talk concerning a possible blockade of Cuba.

"If this administration spent as much time making consistent foreign policy as it has trying to cut social security, maybe we'd be frightening our enemies instead of our senior citizens," Glenn said.

Glenn said the president's economic plan was fatally flawed from the start. He said there is no possible way to cut taxes, balance the budget, raise the defense budget and suffer a major recession all at the same time.

"These 'voodoo' policies are bringing us 'no do results,'" Glenn said.

Glenn endorsed Edward Zorinsky, Democratic Nebraska senator who is running for re-election this year. Zorinsky defended his role in U.S. policy in Central America. He said the Soviets have been able to exploit the situation in Central America because of the lack of U.S. foreign policy.

"I'm concerned about intervening in other countries when there are issues involved that we know virtually nothing about," Zorinsky said.

Politics policy

The current administration is making policy decisions based on politics rather

than technical expertise, Zorinsky said. He cited the MX missile program as an example.

"Some top level generals in the Pentagon told me that they weren't consulted until three hours before the decision was made public," Zorinsky said.

Nebraska Gov. Charles Thone was the target of Zorinsky and other speakers at the dinner. Thone frequently was linked to the Reagan administration.

"Just as I said in 1978, Charley Thone is a nice guy. So is my uncle. My uncle shouldn't be governor and neither should Charley Thone," Zorinsky said.

State Sen. Bill Burrows of Adams, a Democrat who is running for governor, was unhappy with the budget balance for the state which has declined by more than \$100 million in the last year.

"The Thone/Reagan economic theory is working. The rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer," Burrows said.

Bob Kerrey of Lincoln, another Democratic gubernatorial candidate, said Thone is a poor leader and indecisive. He said that the Democrats would do a better job in the governor's office.

Sen. J. James Exon, the leader of the state Democratic party, blasted both Thone and Reagan. Exon received the most enthusiastic reception of the speakers. Exon called the president's economic policies "Bonzonomics." Exon was referring to the chimp who co-starred with Reagan in the movie *Bedtime for Bonzo*.