

Sports

Columnist has answer to library closing

There really wasn't just one single item that I could write a whole column on this week. Many people say that's true every week. Actually, I'd be a great humor columnist except for one thing... I'm not funny.

However, I did take the time to jot down a few observations on some of the more interesting things going on in sports.

Love Library being closed on the days of home football games has caused quite a controversy. The problem is budget cuts, not football, but I do plan on going to the NU Board of Regents with my simple



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compromise solution that should satisfy everyone concerned.

The library will stay closed on home football Saturdays, and on days of away games, Memorial Stadium will be closed. There. Simple.

Athletes are trained to hold back their personal problems while playing, but no one demonstrated this more than Jimmy Connors, who won the U.S. Open while holding back diarrhea. Everything came out all right for Connors, as he won the title.

I don't question Connors' courage, but I do have to wonder about his intelligence. Would a smart man with diarrhea play tennis in white shorts?

The intramural season is upon us again and Nebraska can once again boast that "we have the largest intramural program in the Big Eight with the worst facilities."

Those are the words of Rick Sedgwick, former intramural coordinator for the recreation department. He said those words to me during an interview a couple of weeks ago. I also heard him say them during a presentation about a month ago. Last year, during a rec department information meeting, he used those same words.

You know, it's a good thing Sedgwick wasn't intramural chairman when he proposed to his girlfriend.

"Honey, even though we have the largest intramural program in the Big Eight with the worst facilities, will you marry me?"

This frustration finally got to Sedgwick, who was doing a great job considering what he had to work with. He resigned Monday. I hope they can find someone to replace him who is as diligent in their efforts as he was.

Which reminds me of another thing Sedgwick said at the start of this year. The recreation department is looking for people interested in being intramural referees.

So, if you're blind, deaf, biased, incompetent and don't know the rules to any sport, yes, even you can get a job.

Could Gov. Bob Kerrey be going through an identity crisis? Since being elected he has been the topic of state and national news on everything from his politics to his relationship with Deb Winger. But all of a sudden nobody cares what Gov. Kerrey does. Why?

The football season has started. Speaking of football, new at Memorial Stadium this year is the advent of camera surveillance. And of course, those cameras are mostly trained on the student sections, hangout of known drinkers, orange throwers and maybe even a few "hoodlum" bicyclists. All of us who read "1984" knew this was going to happen. By New Year's, those camera will be in every residence hall room, every classroom and (curses!) every bar. Big Brother comes to Lincoln.

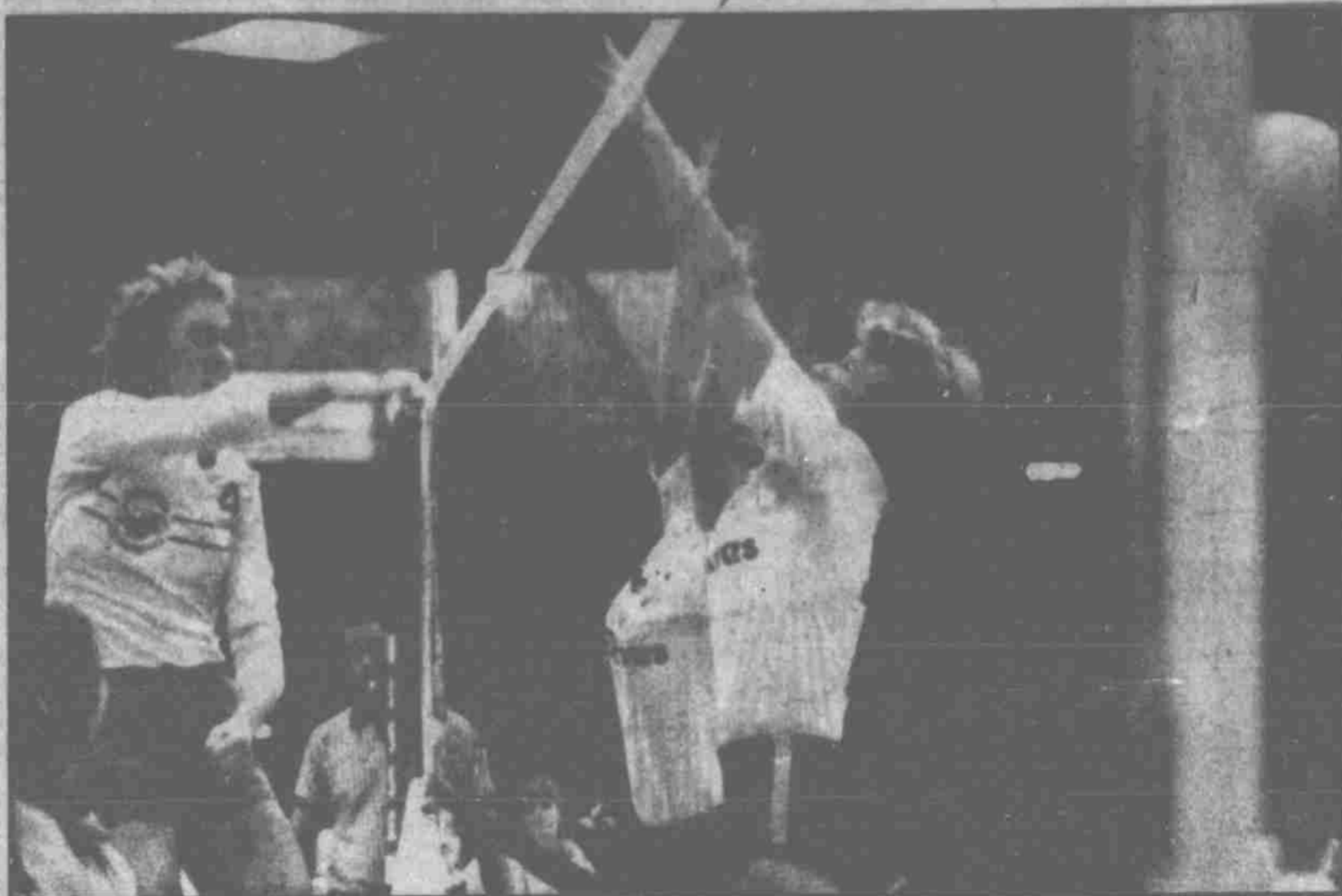
And finally, everything is looking good for those Cornhuskers. They're ranked number one, 2-0, and their next opponent is a team that beat perennial bottom ten heavyweight Rice last week by only four points.

Yet, as usual, we hear Tom Osborne — coach, father figure, American hero and a nice person — say things like, "We can't look past Minnesota."

Let's examine just what Osborne is really saying.

We can't look past Minnesota. We can't because if we don't go to Minnesota, we forfeit and that would go down as a loss. If we don't play the Gophers, Mike Rosier can't add 200 yards rushing to his total yardage and it would hurt his chances to win the Heisman Trophy. If we look past Minnesota, a lot of inexperienced Huskers will lose the chance to play the entire second half. And the Huskers can't lead the nation in total offense if they miss a whole game.

So, I guess Osborne is right. We can't look past Minnesota. He just doesn't tell us why.



Staff photo by Dave Creamer

Sharon Kramer slams a spike past two Iowa defenders in earlier action this season. The Huskers will meet four other rated teams in the San Diego State Invitational this weekend.

Spikers head west to face rated foes

By Jeff Browne

Going to Southern California to catch a few waves and see some Gulls, Redbirds and Aztecs seems like an enjoyable way to spend a weekend.

For UNL coach Terry Pettit and his undefeated volleyball team, the trip could be dangerous, as they play in the San Diego State Invitational tonight through Saturday.

"There's not a mediocre team in the field," Pettit said, adding that four of the teams currently are ranked in the Top 20.

The San Diego State Aztecs are currently rated among the top five teams in the country, and in one poll they are rated second.

"San Diego State has the potential to win the national championship," Pettit said.

UNL also will face Arizona, currently rated eighth, the Illinois State Redbirds, another rated team, and West Coast powers such as the Oregon State Beavers, Pepperdine Waves, Utah State Aggies and U.S. International Gulls.

Nebraska has been rated 16th in the latest Collegiate Volleyball Coaches Association poll.

"Any West Coast team is going to be tough," Pettit said, adding that the best collegiate volleyball is usually played in that area.

He said that the Huskers opponents so far haven't been close to the caliber of the teams they will play in San Diego.

"These teams are all physically and fundamentally as good or better than we are," Pettit said. "They are also bigger and better at the net than any teams we've played."

Pettit wasn't worried, though, that his team might not make the adjustment to the caliber of play at San Diego.

"We've had some problems and made some errors in our first games," Pettit said, "but we've played with good intensity."

"We've made enough improvement with each match," he added, "but we're still working to become a better passing and more consistent team."

Sophomore outside hitter Lynae Loseke and freshman middle-blocker Enid Schonewise will miss the tournament because of lingering pre-season injuries.

Pettit said junior setter Teresa Bohn will also be questionable because of a sprained knee she suffered in practice.

Nebraska will begin play tonight against Utah State, then finish pool play with games Friday against Arizona and U.S. International. The teams with the two best records from each pool group will play for the championship Saturday.

UNL REC BEAT SCOREBOARD

The following scores are from flag football and softball action Wednesday night, from games starting from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. games were rained out.

If you are involved in an intramural event sponsored by campus recreation other than flag football or softball and want your scores to be included in the scoreboard, please call 472-1765 between 9 a.m. and noon the day following the event.

CO-REC FOOTBALL

Division A
Tau Kappa Epsilon-Kappa Alpha Theta 21, Sud Soakors 0
Harvey Swathers 20, Harper Nine 0
Sigma Alpha Epsilon-Pi Beta Phi 12, Sigma Phi Epsilon-Alpha Phi 12
Gamma Phi Beta 12, Schramm Six-Six Three 0
Sigma Alpha Epsilon-Delta Gamma 27, Abet Eight-Sixteen 12
Sigma Nu-Alpha Chi Omega 25, Cather Ten-Pound Nine 0

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

Division A
Delta Delta Delta 25, Fodds 0
Sander Seven Pounds by forfeit over Abet Two

SOFTBALL

Residence Hall League A
Cather Three 5, Abet Twelve 1
Cather Eleven 15, Sells 2129 0

Independent B
A Team 10, Crisis Connection 5
Buller's 7, Knox Knockers 2
Mickey D 11, Tyee Team 1
Honor's 7, Financial Aid 3
Lazers 10, War Eagles 2
Master Buller's 14, Boys in the Sand 3
Beal Crew 10, Old Furs 5

LATE TUESDAY SCORES CO-REC FOOTBALL

Division A
Phi Mu-Alpha Gamma Sigma 16, Panthers 12
Abet Two 15, Cather Twelve-Pound Eight 14
Pi Beta Phi-Delta Tau Delta 30, Abet Ten 31
Phi Psi Express 20, Tau Kappa Epsilon-Gamma Phi Beta 0
Tau Kappa Epsilon-Lambda Sigma 32, Don Ho's 14
Sander Six-Abet Eleven 10, Abet Twelve 0
Triangle by forfeit over Theta Chi
Abet Ten by forfeit over the Quarters
Cather Four-Pound Seven 25, Beta Theta Pi-Delta Delta Delta 0
Team America 20, Fodds 10

SOFTBALL

Division B
Sigma Alpha Epsilon 10, Triangle 0
Beta Sigma Phi 15, Sigma Nu 14
Phi Delta Theta 10, Phi Kappa Phi 4
Alpha Tau Omega by forfeit over Farmhouse

Division C
Beta Sigma Phi 22, Alpha Gamma Rho 4
Delta Upsilon-Farmhouse, double forfeit
Triangle-Sigma Chi, double forfeit

The following scores are corrections from yesterday's scoreboard:
Sigma Alpha Epsilon 20, Kappa Kappa Gamma-Delta Tau Delta 0
Lambda Chi Alpha 0, Alpha Gamma Rho 0
Kappa Sigma 10, Alpha Tau Omega 0
Theta Xi 4, Beta Theta Pi 1