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The bowling lanes are expendable partly because of their financial condition. The equipment is old, but the major factor is the loss of health and physical education classes.

Those classes had been offered for several years. They gave the bowling alley a regular income and potential for league bowlers. But when the department started programming for cardiovascular activities, it began eliminating the bowling classes, Hughes said. The classes dropped from 12, to eight,

to four, to finally none by the fall of 1984.

"We aren't blaming them for this, but that really hurt our operation," Hughes said. "We understand their reasoning. But when those classes left, our leagues dropped off with it and so did the open bowling."

Without the classes, the lanes would likely die out because of the lack of income, Hughes said.

"The bowling alley is dying an honorable death," he said. "This way (with the bookstore) it's like dying of a



heart attack instead of suffering with cancer for two years."

There are slim hopes for the re-establishment of bowling on City Campus. Bowling lanes might be included in any new recreation building. Or, the Union might reconsider the bowling lanes in future expansions, Hughes said.

In the meantime, the RecRoom is selling old bowling pins at 50 cents

each. The lanes themselves, as well as bowling balls and other equipment, will be available for the public this month after it goes through the university sales channels.

Before that, the lanes are holding a "we came in this way, we're going out this way" special, with bowling 25 cents a lane and 10-cent shoe rental.

The Nebraska Union Lanes opened in September of 1959 under those prices. Hughes said he hasn't had an avalanche of questions about the proposed closing yet but expects to hear more questions when league signup time comes around next week.

"Some of the bowling contingent has started to ask questions," Hughes said. "I did have a couple of billiard players who were almost violent. All they could say is 'where are we supposed to go?'"

"It's not fair to the students because the people who use it will be deprived of

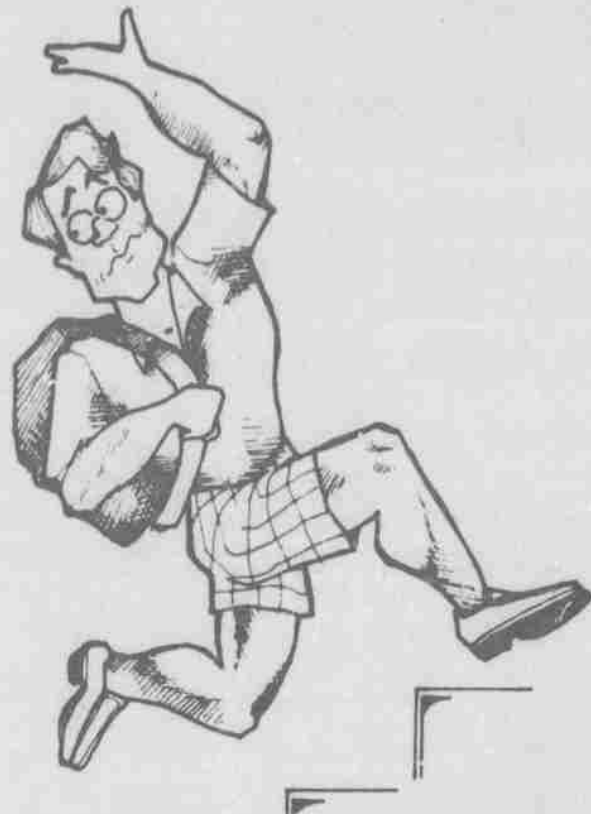
it," said John Hochstein, a junior from Hartington. Hochstein said most students will not make the trip to East Campus, which has fewer lanes.

"I don't think it's a good idea at all," said Laura Hoppes, a senior from Scottsbluff. "I think it's (the RecRoom) is a good place for students to go and get together. I don't think it should be taken away."

Hughes said he suggests that students go to ASUN meetings, such as the one tonight at 6:30 p.m. Unfortunately, he said, most don't have all the facts and won't be able to argue against the bookstore.

"The bowling alley is currently an uncaring area," Hughes said. "If students could prove that this means so much to them they are willing to allocate student fees for it, then people may sit up and take notice. But, I don't know how you do that in such a short time."

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Kansas State Wildcat anticipates close race for Big Eight crown

By Bob Asmussen
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Any Nebraskan who planned a trip last year to see the Husker basketball team in the Big Eight Tourney semifinals in Kansas City, probably remembers the name Tom Alfaro.

Nebraska was playing Kansas State in a first-round tourney game in Lincoln. The Cornhuskers led by as



Photo Courtesy of K-State Sports Information
Tom Alfaro

many as 12 points on the way to a 24-16 half-time lead. The Wildcats clawed back into the game in the second half and tied the game with less than one minute remaining.

Kansas State got the ball back with the score still tied at 39. Alfaro hit a shot at the buzzer that sent the Wildcats to Kansas City and the Huskers packing for the National Invitation Tournament.

The 6-6 senior and the Wildcats will open the Big Eight season tonight against Nebraska. Alfaro is the second leading scorer for Kansas State this season behind Eddie Elder. The Fresno, Calif. native has scored 11.8 points a game, despite suffering from tonsillitis and the flu. Alfaro said he enjoys playing in Lincoln.

"The Sports Center is a good place to shoot," Alfaro said. "Everytime we play Nebraska it's a low scoring game. I like playing Nebraska. It's fun."

Kansas State will be without Coach Jack Hartman for Wednesday night's game. Hartman, the Big Eight's senior coach, complained of chest pains Saturday night and then underwent quadruple bypass surgery. The team will be coached by assistant Darryl Winston.

"The only thing that will be different will be that Coach Hartman won't be there," Alfaro said.

Alfaro said Hartman will recover

and may be back as Wildcat coach before the end of the season. Alfaro said practice went well, despite the concern for Hartman.

"I think we're going to go in there and fight," Alfaro said. "He's not there but that doesn't mean anything. We'll be ready. I guarantee it."

Kansas State enters the game with a 9-4 record. The team is coming off a 56-55 loss at home Saturday to 11th-ranked Oregon State. Alfaro said he thinks the team's record could be better.

"We're kind of disappointed with some of the games," Alfaro said. "We didn't come out and play against Oral Roberts (86-71 Wildcat loss) and we didn't know how to finish off Oregon State. We had a lead against them but couldn't put it away."

Alfaro said the two games he is most happy about were the Wildcats' 55-54 victory against Marquette and 67-58 win against Mississippi State.

"We should have beat Marquette by more than one point," Alfaro said. "Both of those were tough games and both were big wins for us."

Alfaro said he thinks the Big Eight will be a race between Oklahoma, Kansas and the Wildcats. He said he thinks every team in the conference is improved over last season.

"We're really looking forward to the Big Eight," Alfaro said.

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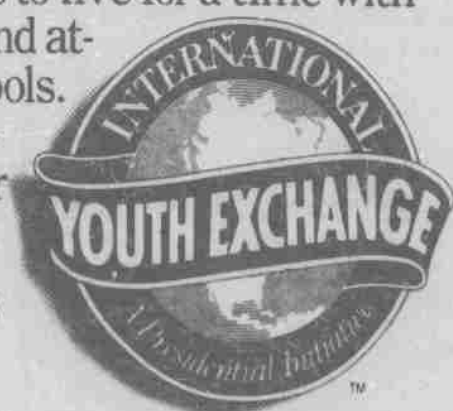


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