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Nebraska shot putter Deb Smith strains during an attempt at the Husker Invitational Saturday.

Norgas to defend intramural title

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Once again it's that time of year when the UNL gymnasiums are filled with the sound of basketball.

This year, according to Kendra Scheele of Campus Recreation, 329 men's and women's teams are entered in the 1985 intramural league. The defending champion in the independent league from last year is Norgas.

Norgas features former Nebraska basketball player, Andrea Smith. Smith is the all-time leading scorer in Nebraska basketball history with 600 points.

The one team that challenged Norgas last year for the intramural all-university basketball championship was Return of the Shrooms.

Team manager Bill Szalawiga said his team features several former high school players from the Lincoln area including Greg Iba, son of Nebraska basketball coach Moe Iba, and Terry Young, both from Northeast High School.

Szalawiga said his team relies on

the fast break and the outside shooting of Young to score points.

Szalawiga said the team never practices unless the players decide to meet on the playground. The team only has three members returning from last year, and the average height on the team is 6-3. The Return of the Shrooms team has not lost a game this year.

Szalawiga said his team wants to win the championship, but to do that they know they have to beat Norgas.

"We don't think there is much of a rivalry between us and Norgas," Szalawiga said. "But we would like another shot at them because last year we lost by only two points."

Scott Kolb of Norgas said his team wants to have a good time and win.

Last week, for the first time in two years, Norgas lost a game. It might have been different if the team had had enough players to start the game.

It is an intramural rule that if a team does not have at least four players, it is penalized points.

By the time Norgas had enough players on Wednesday, it was behind by 18 points. The team lost only by a score of 51-45. Scheele said if Norgas would have had more time, it would have won the game.

Kolb said the team relies on quickness and size to score points. He said the team feels no pressure about defending its intramural title because this league is just for fun.

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