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NU wrestling coach Fehrs resigns

By Chuck Green
Staff Reporter

Nebraska wrestling coach Bob Fehrs, who two years ago led the Cornhuskers to a sixth-place finish in the NCAA meet, announced his resignation Thursday to accept a job with a national management corporation.

Fehrs said assistant Tim Neumann will become the new Husker wrestling coach.

"I feel especially bad about the timing," Fehrs said. "Ten days ago, when the opportunity presented itself, I just didn't anticipate. But if I didn't feel quite confident that Tim Neumann could continue the success we've had here, I wouldn't be leaving."

Nebraska Athletic Director Bob Devaney said he "had no idea" of Fehrs' intention to resign.

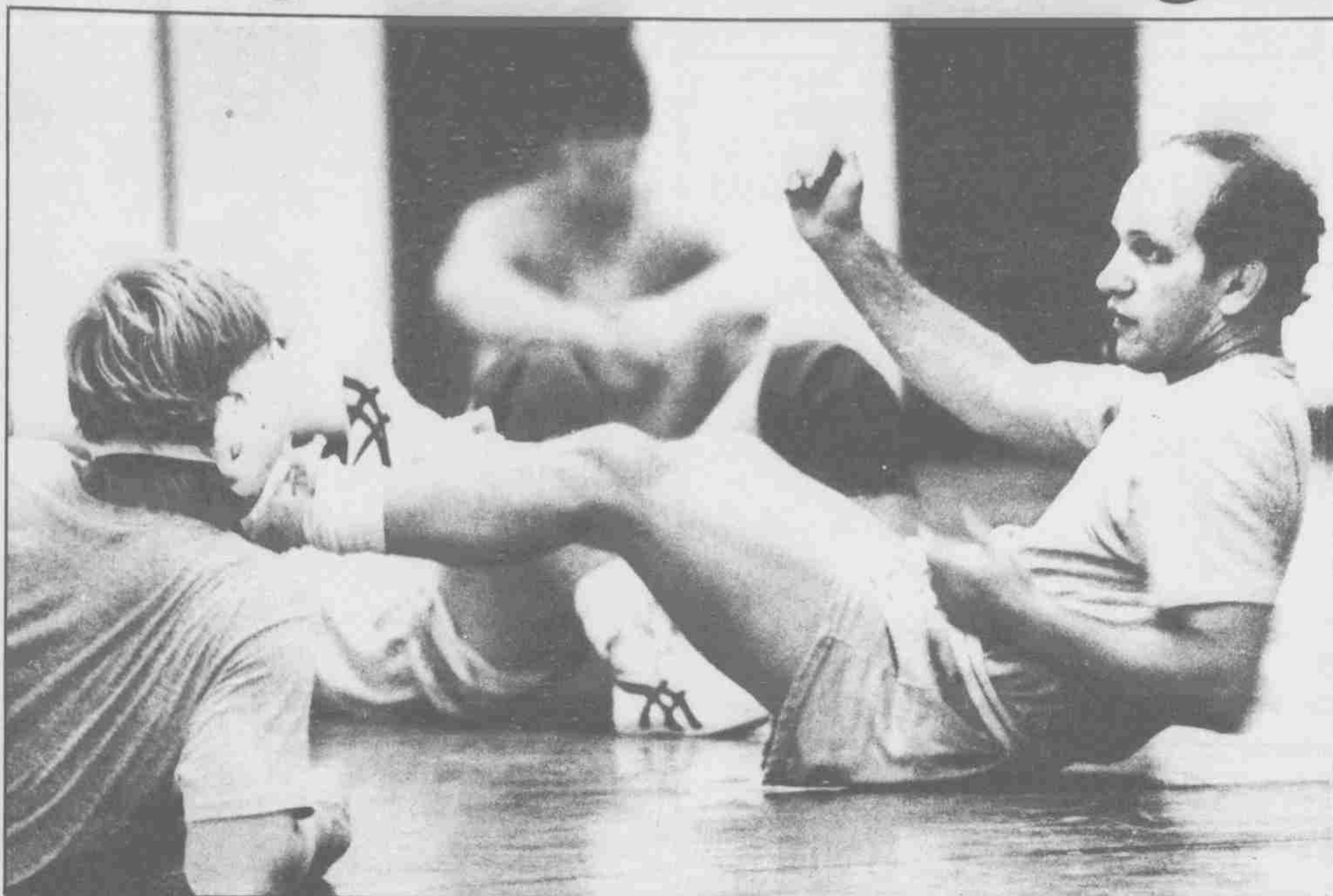
"It really caught me by surprise," Devaney said. "I hate to see Bob go. He's an excellent coach, and he really turned our wrestling program around. But I don't want anyone coaching around here that doesn't want to be coaching. He seems to have made up his mind, and if that's what he wants to do, then that's what he should do. I wish him the best of luck."

Fehrs is accepting a position with Management Recruiters Corporation, a national organization with offices in Lincoln. The organization recruits for companies in need of employees with data processing experience.

"Both myself and the people I'll be working for saw a direct correlation between coaching and the job," Fehrs said. "I've been recruiting wrestlers for 19 years, so there's obviously a carry-over from that to recruiting office personnel."

Fehrs' resignation will take effect Nov. 15, Devaney said. At that time, assistant coach Tim Neumann will take over the coaching duties for the Huskers.

"I know Bob's decision was a tough one," Neumann said. "I've known him



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Nebraska wrestling Coach Bob Fehrs demonstrates wrestling moves for his wrestlers. Fehrs resigned as coach Thursday.

for 10 years and I know how much he loves to coach. Obviously, it's a good situation for Bob, but it's also a good break for me. I think the team has to perform well to make this situation work, but I think we have a team that can challenge on the national level."

Fehrs, a 1967 Michigan graduate, has been coaching on the college level for 19 years, the last eight of which have been spent at Nebraska. Prior to coming to Nebraska, he coached at

Northern Michigan from 1974 to 1978, compiling a 36-8 record in dual meets. Fehrs coached eight Division II All-Americans while at Northern Michigan and earned conference coach of the year honors during his final season.

During his second year at Nebraska (1979-80), Fehrs compiled a 17-9-2 record, the 15th winning record in the first 50 years of Cornhusker wrestling. He was named Big Eight Coach of the Year in 1981 and 1982.

Fehrs said there are "many reasons" other than the job offer for leaving Nebraska.

"I was in an airplane accident four years ago," he said. "I broke my back in that accident, so I haven't been able to coach the way I'd like to. Also, every coaching job I've ever had was open to me because the school's team wasn't doing too well. Reversing a trend at a school is a lot harder than trying to keep a good program going. I've just

burned myself out.

"Myself, I'm just not motivated," Fehrs continued, "and if I'm not motivated, how am I supposed to motivate my team? Again, I'm really disappointed with my timing on this matter, but I just felt it was time for a change. I think the timing is probably the most disadvantageous thing about this. But I have no bad feelings toward Nebraska. I know Tim (Neumann) and the team will do well."

Strong Huskers challenge OU, KSU

By Lisa Henkel
Staff Reporter

The fifth-rated Nebraska volleyball team comes off a 10-day rest to compete against Oklahoma and Kansas State on the road in Big Eight play this week.

The layoff may create some problems as the Cornhuskers try to build on their 9-0 conference record, said Jay Potter, Nebraska assistant coach.

"Game experience is something you can't replace," Potter said, "but practice allows us to make more specific improvements."

"We've been working hard in practice on improving our overall level of play," he said.

On Saturday, the Huskers play at Oklahoma. The two teams met previously in Nebraska's tournament with the Huskers winning three straight games.

"I think we're stronger, we're playing pretty well," Oklahoma coach Miles Pabst said. "We've settled down. We won our last eight matches."

The Sooners will be without center blocker Ternell Carter. She sprained her ankle. Pabst said she probably won't play unless she's recovered completely.

Oklahoma, which is 10-11, 4-1 in Big Eight play, has improved defense and blocking, Pabst said.

"It was our defense that won our matches this past weekend," he said.

"Experience is the major factor between the two teams," Pabst said. "They're a couple of years further along in their program than we are."

Nebraska has only lost two matches in the Big Eight conference in the last 10 years. Potter said the other Big Eight teams gun for the Huskers.

"We've developed a tradition," said Potter. "We're the fire that keeps them going. They play their hearts out to beat us," he said.

On Tuesday Nebraska will play at Kansas State. Mike Denardo, Wildcat assistant coach, said the team is working on serving and passing while preparing to play "the game of their life."

"Nebraska's record speaks for itself. When we play Nebraska we have more

intensity in practice," he said.

With only two seniors starting on their 16-9 team, Kansas State is depending on freshman Shawnee Call.

"We think she's the best athlete in the conference," Denardo said. "Maybe not the best volleyball player, but the best pure physical athlete. She's played very well against the better teams."

Denardo said the competition is better toward the end of the year, which helps the younger team members to improve.

"We're getting a little better, they're playing more cohesively," he said.

Kansas State is hoping to control the game a little more than the last time the two teams played.

"The serving game hurt us most,"

Denardo said. "They kept the pressure on us, and we only briefly put it on them. You don't take advantage of weaknesses, but gear toward their lower percentages, like serving toward specific areas of the court."

Kansas State has been having some trouble serving, Potter said.

"It's not where we want to be. We've spent more time in practice on it, and there's been some improvement, but we need the whole team to improve," he said.

Although Denardo said Nebraska has never been challenged by anybody in the conference, Kansas State is going to try to change that.

"It's the best Nebraska team we've ever seen, the best midwestern team in the last five to 10 years. They're ranked fifth in the nation and we think they're even better than that," he said.

Nebraska's next home game will be against Iowa State Nov. 9 at 4:30 p.m.

Poole accepts Astros position

By the Associated Press

LINCOLN — Chuck Poole, publications coordinator and sports information assistant at UNL has been named assistant director of public relations for the Houston Astros.

Poole, 27, has been in charge of all media and public relations responsibilities for baseball, swimming and men's gymnastics since January 1981. He also assisted with football and basketball information.

Poole will start work with the Astros on Nov. 13.

Schonewise says team unity brings success

By Jim Ballard
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For Enid Schonewise, playing on Nebraska's volleyball team is fun.

"We're a close-knit group, and playing together we expect a lot from each other," she said. "But we have a lot of fun and we all enjoy the game."

So far the junior from Beatrice is not only having fun, but she and her teammates have led the Cornhuskers to an 18-2 record and a number-five ranking in the country.

"Our season's been great so far, and we've been improving," she said. "And if we keep improving we'll be at our peak for tournaments."

Schonewise said that she thinks the Huskers have the potential to win a national championship if they peak at the right time.

"Our goal is to make it to the final four. Then if we get there, we'll think about a national championship," she said.

Schonewise started the final third of last season.

After the Big Eight Tournament last year, she was named to the all-tournament team. So far this year, she has qualified for all-tournament teams in the four meets Nebraska has competed in.

According to Head Coach Terry Pettit, Schonewise is second or third in serving aces, one of the top two in kills and one of the top two passers.

"She's had a real good year, and she's been real consistent," he said. "She's much stronger than last year. She's more committed and her intensity is higher."

Because she stands 6'1", Pettit said, she gets high on her attack, and is capable of hitting and killing even over strong blocks.

"Enid is a very valuable part of the team," he said. "She doesn't make many errors, and when hitting she keeps the ball in play."

This past summer Schonewise picked up experience in the United States Sports Festival. She started for the North Team, which won a bronze medal.

"It was fun and a great experience, not only playing but getting to meet people from different places," she said.

Schonewise said the festival prepared her for the season.

"It kept me in shape, and I got to touch the ball. It really made me ready for two-a-days," she said. "Plus I played with other players that we've played this season, or are going to play. So I know some of their tendencies, what they can and can't do."

Schonewise said team balance has contributed to the Huskers' success so far.

"All the starters are pretty equal. We have six talented players, and if somebody doesn't play as good, the others are there to pull her up," she said.

Pettit said the Schonewise proves that patience and hard work can pay off.

"It shows that good athletes that come here and put in their time, that they're going to do good, and that's what happened with Enid," he said.