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May 1, 1987 Nebraska Union, 14th & R Streets
7:00-9:00 pm Session I: American Presidents and the Presidency

"Andrew Jackson and the Judiciary"
Robert V. Remini, University of Illinois at Chicago
"Lincoln and Johnson: A Comparison"
Hans L. Trejousse, Brooklyn College
Commentary: Joel Silbey, Cornell University

May 2, 1987 Nebraska Union, 14th & R Streets
9:30-11:30 am Session II: Political Parties in American Politics

"Harbingers of the Collapse of the Second Two-Party System: The Free-Soil Party of 1848"
Thomas B. Alexander, University of Missouri-Columbia
"Salmon P. Chase and the Republican Presidential Nominating Conventions of 1856 and 1860: Bolingbroke or Radical Reformer?"
John Niven, Claremont Graduate School
Commentary: Michael Holt, University of Virginia

2:00-4:00 pm Session III: Law and Religion in Abraham Lincoln's Career

"Lincoln and Other Yuppie Lawyers: Abolitionism as a Professional and Political Problem"
Harold M. Hyman, Rice University
"Lincoln and the Rhetoric of Politics"
Phillip Paludan, University of Kansas
Commentary: Richard N. Current, emeritus, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

All sessions are open to the general public free of charge. Major funding for this program was provided by the Nebraska Committee for the Humanities, and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Huskers on the road to Florida, but thinking of conference meet

By Mark Derowitsch
Staff Reporter

When the Nebraska track teams compete in the Florida Triangular Saturday in Gainesville, Fla., coach Gary Pepin hopes that it will become a stepping stone for the Big Eight Conference Championships May 14 through 16.

"We're more concerned about the conference championships right now because the NCAA meet (outdoor championships) will take care of itself," Pepin said. "We're putting an emphasis on the conference meet. And although there will be team scoring in Florida, we're not concerned about it."

Competing with the Cornhuskers will be the host Florida Gators and Arizona State.

Last weekend, the Huskers competed in the Drake Relays, one of the top meets in the country. Pepin said that the relays helped the Huskers.

"The Drake Relays is always a great meet," Pepin said. "You get an idea of where you are nationally. It indicates where a team is at this

point of the year.

"I think that we're in pretty good shape. We have a few people injured, but if we can get those people back for the conference, we'll be in good shape."

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This season, several Husker women have qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

Sophomores Linetta Wilson and Michelle Milling have already qualified in the 400-meter dash.

Karen Kruger qualified in the long jump and is looking to improve her third-place finish in that event

in the Big Eight Outdoor Championship.

Team captains Renita Robinson and Karyn Szarkowski also qualified in the triple jump and the javelin. Szarkowski earned All-American honors last year after her 185-8-foot javelin toss at the outdoor championships.

Tammy Thurman has qualified in the high jump after qualifying for the same event in the indoor meet this season.

So far, the men's team has failed to qualify any members for the outdoor meet, but assistant coach Mark Devenney said some should qualify in the next meets. With several people already qualified, Devenney said he thinks the Huskers could do very well at the national meet.

"We could score a lot of points, but there is no way of knowing if you will," Devenney said. "We went to the indoor meet thinking we wouldn't score very many points, but we almost ended up in third place. Once you get down there it's like a bit crap-shoot. You don't really know how you will do."

Hitting will be key to regional tourney

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This season Richins' batting average has slipped to .279 with four home runs and 19 runs batted in.

But last season was perhaps her best year as a Husker. The senior from Chico, Calif., hit .297 with six home runs and drove in 31 runs. She had the top batting average in Big Eight Conference competition, hitting .379.

"I've wanted to have more hits than last season and more RBIs," Richins said. "I think I've put more pressure on myself to do that. But we're still winning ball games, and that's the most important thing."

Richins said she's changed her batting stance.

"Coach (Ron) Wolforth has been working with me on using my lower half more," she said. "It's the combination of getting rid of old habits and putting in new ones."

But Richins has led Nebraska to a 32-9 overall record and an 8-2 mark in the Big Eight. If the Huskers win the Big Eight Tournament at St. Joseph, Mo., this weekend, they will automatically qualify for a regional bid.

Hitting will be the key for the Huskers, Richins said.

"If we don't win games, it's because we don't hit the ball," she said. "When we have lost we've been hitless or haven't scored any runs. That makes a difference since we've had solid pitching all year."

The game hasn't been easy for Richins at Nebraska. During her freshman year she only hit .188 and she was about to leave school.

"Looking back over the years, I've done better than I thought I would," Richins said. "During the first spring, I was about ready to pack up and go home. It was tough at first, but I'm glad I stuck it out."

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Caspian top team in rec soccer

For the second straight season, the Caspian team has won the Nebraska intramural outdoor soccer championship.

Caspian defeated the Chi Phi team 5-0 Saturday to claim the title. In late April, the Caspian team also won the all-university indoor soccer title at Mabel Lee Hall.

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