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ation. Even though I was fighting on a lark, the instinctual rules of winning and losing still applied. I was going to lose a test of manhood on a spot-lit stage. Pershing Auditorium holds a

lot of people.

Real fighters must fear humiliation more than anything else. I had journalism to blame if I fought and lost badly. I could claim I wasn't taking it seriously, and that I was going to get \$50 anyway.

Real fighters, including the other light heavyweights and heavyweights,

had only their pride. The "killer instinct," "the desire to win," seemed not like the desire to be first, but the instinct not to be last.

Most people simply avoid con-frontation and laugh at the philistine notion of competition.

And some people must prove to themselves they are not last. These people are the lifeblood of the Toughman Contest.

Also, I was beginning to believe that participatory journalism should have boundaries, both of good taste and of good sense. Journalists should not be allowed to stop their hearts to experience and then write about what it's like to be dead, nor should they be allowed to enter a Toughman Contest for a story

Tuesday and Wednesday passed with routine training, intensified somewhat by fear. I did pushups and situps until I was exhausted, and shadowboxed with two-pound ankle

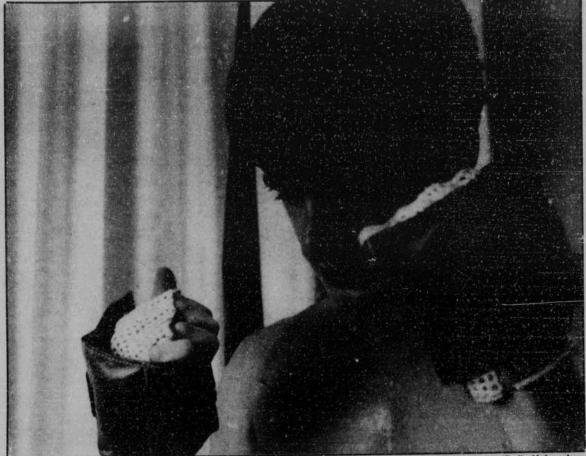
At 2:30 p.m. Thursday, my mother called:

"You got yourself into it," she said. "Be careful. Just get slammed down real fast. It's a dumb thing to do, but you'll get a kick out of it . . .

'Wait, that's the wrong thing to

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"Canvasback" Bob Nelson

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women - have not yet qualified for the NCAAs.

"We have athletes who haven't qualified yet, but that's pretty much the way it is all across the country this year," he said. "The standards are so meet is good to the Huskers. high, you usually don't get qualifying marks until the end of the year.'

But because the end of the season is quickly approaching, Pepin said, the Huskers need to concentrate on start making things happen."

turning in qualifying times.

But Pepin is optimistic, he said, because Nebraska is traditionally one of the winningest schools at the Drake Relays

Last year at the Relays, the Nebraska men captured one title and finished second in three events. The Husker women had two champions.

Pepin said he is hoping this year's

"We need more qualifying times for the NCAA meet," he said. "It's getting down to the last few weeks. We have some people who need to



Michelle Paulman/Daily Nebraskan

Frank Alonso

Student wins pool championship

By Chris Hopfensperger

Frank Alonso dropped down to

eight ball and won big.

Alonso, a Spanish-French major from London who first used a cue to play snooker, picked up pool when he came to Nebraska 18 months ago. Last week, he won the Association of College Unions International's na-

tional championship. After playing snooker for 12 years on 12-foot by 6-foot tables, Alonso said he had to make a few adjustments in his game. Pool tables are good chance in the regional."

The winners of the 16

said. Snooker's a much more defen- burgh University

sive game. And the shots are longer.
"But it helped me out getting posi-

Alonso said he advanced to the national tournament by winning the University of Nebraska-Lincoln intramural competition and advancing to a regional of players from Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Iowa.

"I didn't think I would win nationals," he said. "But I felt I had a pretty

The winners of the 16 regions "There's a huge difference," Alonso advanced to the finals held at Pitts-

The first rounds of the tournament, Alonso said, were a "race to four." The first player to win four games advanced. In the final rounds, a player had to win seven games to stay alive.

Alonso said he was surprised that he won it all.

"I played good, but I didn't play

The tournament will be broadcast on ESPN, Alonso said.

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Bruins 13, Triangle 10; Beta Sigma Psi 12, AgMen 1; The Trashcans 8, Pii Delta Theta 7; Demon Bunnies by forfeit over Magnum PR; Jagers 12, Chi Phi 11; Ace in the Hole 17, Harper 5 6.

Lambda Chi Alpha/and friends 19, Sphinctoids II 5; Pritchard's Dry Riders 10, Sigma Alpha Epsilon & Theta 9.



Co-rec Softball

Chicks & Sticks (4-0) Gamma Phi Beta (6-0)

Alpha Tau Omega/Alpha Phi

Sigma Phi Epsilon/Alpha

Omicron Pi (5-1) 5. Schramm 3&8 (3-0)

Law 44 (3-1) ASGSA (4-0)

Bad Habit (3-1)

Mustangs (4-0)

10. St. Andrews Slicers (2-1) From the Office of Campus Recreation