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Eye (not hands) on the ball

Shawn Rediger, a junior pre-law major, pitches the ball off to a teammate before being tackled. The team is headed for Okoboji this weekend to compete in a tournament.

Campus Recreation offers fun-in-the-sun activities

By David Moyer
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The Campus Recreation department has several fun-in-the-sun activities planned for students stuck in Lincoln this summer.

The second of two men's and women's tennis tournaments will begin July 22. It will be an open tournament with no entry fee; players will be responsible for setting up match times and playing on their own. Entries for the tournament will be accepted from June 26 to July 16.

The rec center also will offer several fitness and instructional classes this summer. Students can take low-impact, water, progressive or extended aerobics along with classes for a firmer body.

The second session for these activities runs from June 17 to July 12, and session three goes from July 22 to Aug. 17. Fees for these classes range from \$8 to \$20 for members and from \$12 to \$30 for non-members, depending on the number of days of class taken.

Instructional classes still available include weight training starting July 13, adult cardiologists resuscitation starting June 15 and Aug. 24, and children's swim lessons starting July 15. For the nature person, several trips are still open, according to Jim Fullerton, coordinator of outdoor recreation.

For students who would like to get away for the Fourth of July weekend, there is still room for a backpacking trip at Indian Cave State Park from July 5 to 7. A bicycling trip in the San Juan Mountains of Colorado is scheduled for July 26 to August 3.

A canoeing trip on the Dismal River in

Nebraska is scheduled for Aug. 2-4, and a basic rock-climbing adventure begins Aug. 14. Mountain backpacking in the Tetons of Wyoming is also still open. The trip will be from Aug. 17 to 25.

"Canoeing and rock climbing are the most popular activities," Fullerton said. "People really like those western rafting trips, too."

The only people eligible for the trips are current students and alumni. The alumni rate is 25 percent more than the student rate. Each activity has a different member cost.

Because of the popularity of the trips, only immediate family members can sign up with the students. Friends are considered ineligible.

"We usually fill the trips up with students so we have to limit who can go," Fullerton said.

More information on all the activities, deadlines and fees can be obtained at the Lee & Helene Sapp Recreation Facility.

Beginning June 17, summer intramural activities bounce into full swing with the start of 3 on 3 basketball, sand volleyball and men's and women's tennis. The entry deadline for all three is June 11 at 5:30 P.M.

The basketball and volleyball leagues will both be outdoors, on campus, and will consist of round robin league play with a post-season tournament held at the end of the session. Upon signing up, there will be entry fees for both events. Basketball is \$10 with a \$15 forfeit fee, and volleyball is \$15 with a \$15 forfeit fee also.

The forfeit fee is charged to ensure that teams will not forfeit games after signing up. If a team does not forfeit a game, the \$15 will be refunded. If there is one forfeit, \$7.50 will be refunded, but with two or more forfeits, the money is lost.

Two former Nebraska gymnasts advance to World Championships

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Two former University of Nebraska men's gymnasts and several current Huskers placed in the all-around competition at the U.S. Gymnastics Championships, held from June 6-9 in Cincinnati.

Former Husker Patrick Kirksey finished tied for second behind champion Chris Waller of

UCLA, 114.62 to 114.58 and former team member Tom Schlesinger finished fourth with a score of 114.42.

Current Huskers competing last weekend included Dennis Harrison, Che Bowers and Sumner Darling. Harrison finished 23rd and at the top for his age. Bowers finished 33rd and Darling finished 35th. All were freshmen last

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Magic vs. Michael contest misses the mark

Magic vs. Michael.

This year's NBA championship between the Los Angeles Lakers and Chicago Bulls has given fans a showcase of two of the greatest pro basketball players of all time — Magic Johnson and Michael Jordan.

There has been much debate over the past week of just who is the best player ever. But it's impossible to say who is the best without first looking at the possible applicants.

Michael Jordan, Chicago Bulls. In five or six years, we may be able to look back and say he is the best. Right now, there are others more qualified. Jordan is a great scorer, passer and defensive player, and has proven to be solid in the fourth quarter of games. But it is also easy to get wrapped up in

Jordan's acrobatics and marketing image. It has been said there will never be another player with his high-flying capabilities, but that is what was said about Julius Erving, and along came Jordan.

Bill Russell, Boston Celtics. Russell was an incredibly imposing defensive force and made his teammates better by his passing and screen setting. But what he did best was rebound and block shots. When the Celtics drafted him in 1956, they were in desperate need of defensive rebounding and Russell was one of the best ever. He helped guide the Celtics to eight straight championships, an accomplishment that will probably never be matched.

But his scoring ability was suspect

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throughout his career. He never was a good shooter, and fortunately for him, never had to score much thanks to the players he had around him.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Los Angeles Lakers. The NBA's all-time scoring leader has to be considered. Jabbar was a great scorer. His famed sky-hook shot was possibly the most innovative shot in the history of the game.

But Jabbar was criticized throughout his career for his lack of rebounding intensity. Standing 7'2", Jabbar

could have been and should have been a better rebounder. He was decent on the defensive boards, but definitely needed to be more aggressive on the offensive boards, where he was basically non-existent.

Larry Bird, Boston Celtics. Bird is probably the greatest clutch player ever. Throughout his career, he has helped add to the Celtic mystique by continually hitting big shots and making big plays when it counts.

His court sense is amazing, and he can rebound, pass, and score as well as anyone. But injuries during his career, especially towards the end, have been detrimental.

Magic Johnson, Los Angeles Lakers. Johnson is many people's choice as the best, and he very well deserves

that title. He is the NBA's all-time assist leader, and has run the floor better than anyone ever.

His ability to make his teammates better is unmatched, something Jordan doesn't do that well, and he is a consummate worker. In a day and age when many pro sports players are just collecting big paychecks for minimal work, Johnson continually works hard and practices extra.

There are only two question marks regarding Johnson. First, his outside shot has always been mediocre. And second, would he be the assist leader, had he not had great scorers and shooters like Jabbar, James Worthy, Michael Cooper, and Byron Scott around

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