

# Fitness centers contend for students' business

By Nicole Sheets  
Staff Reporter

Competition inside a gym is natural. But some Lincoln fitness centers have been competing outside the gym for student members.

Stan Campbell, director of the Campus Recreation Center, said high quality and low membership costs kept students coming to the rec center.

But other fitness center managers say their facilities still draw UNL students' business.

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“Facility-wise, the campus facilities offer as much as any other facility in town with a variety of classes and options for the students,” Campbell said.

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Each semester, students pay \$39.98 in nonrefundable fees to fund the rec center.

Other club memberships can cost hundreds of dollars for the same membership period. For example, the YMCA, 1039 P St., charges \$26 per month, and Jazzercise, 6802 P St., costs \$25 for 12 classes.

Prairie Life Center, 1305 S. 70th St., has a \$250 to \$300 initiation fee in addition to its monthly membership fee.

Membership fees for one month at Gold's Gym, 4760 Leighton Ave., cost \$25; three-month memberships cost \$69.95. There is no initiation fee.

Campbell said the high costs of other gyms led 80 percent of UNL students to use the rec center. More than 3,300 students and faculty members work out at the rec center each day, he said.

Ladd Lake, a senior biology and psychology major, said he used the rec center because his student fees already paid for it.

Lake said he also liked the convenient location and quality equipment.

“I think the rec center is one of the nicest facilities in Lincoln,” Lake said.

Angie Deming, a sophomore physical therapy major and member of Gold's Gym said she preferred the rec center to off-campus gyms.

“It's so big and there are so many fun activities,” Deming said. “It's all people my own age so it's easier to exercise.”

Kim Bourn, a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences, said knowledgeable instructors and the wide range of workout times attracted her to Jazzercise.

“Jazzercise has lots of classes to choose from. I can go almost every hour between 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.,” she said. “When you've gone to a class like Jazzercise for so long, the campus classes just don't compare.”

LeeAnn Robb, manager of New Lady Fitness, 121 Cherry Hill Blvd., said her all-women club attracted female students who didn't like the social aspect of the rec center.

“Since it's only open to women, it's not a meat market here, and the girls don't have to worry about what they look like or who they might see,” Robb said.

Robb said 40 percent of her clientele were UNL students.

Despite the \$199 initiation fee and monthly fee of \$19.93, Robb said she believed it was worth the extra money.

New Lady Fitness members often use the club to get away from the college atmosphere.

“Plus, we have plenty of parking

## FITNESS FEES



UNL - \$39.98/mo.

YMCA - \$26.00/mo.

Prairie Life - \$250-\$300 initiation fee + monthly charge

Gold's Gym - \$25.00/mo. or \$69.95/3 mos.

New Lady Fitness - \$199.00 initiation fee + \$19.93/mo.

David Badders/DN

spaces for our members, unlike campus facilities,” Robb said.

But some local recreation centers don't even consider students as prospective clients.

Terry Seymour, manager at Prairie Life Center, said his facility was aimed at families.

Even though Prairie Life Center offers many of the same equipment and activities as the rec center, Seymour said he didn't view the rec center as a competitor.

A recently opened club doesn't look to attract students, either.

Jean Gerlach, director at Belmont Recreation Center, 3425 N. 14th St., said her club would try to attract other members.

“Belmont has enough nonstudents and older adults that we don't feel any competition from the campus rec,” Gerlach said.

## President

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Members are making reference calls this week about the candidates, he said.

The questions being asked are not on behalf of any particular groups' interests, Thew said.

“There hasn't been a student interest, a faculty interest. It's been a university interest,” he said. “Instead of being divisive, we've thought of the university first instead of this group and that group.”

The job title for president, as described in the advertisement, says: “The President is the Chief Executive Officer of the University, responsible for developing, articulating, and implementing the long-range goals and strategies for the University.”

Ueda said a president provided direction, focus, emphasis and overall management of the university system.

Many universities have no president, he said, but most universities have some sort of leader.

The titles may vary from school to

## Presidents of the University of Nebraska:

- Allen R. Benton — 1871-76
- Edmund B. Fairfield — 1876-82
- Henry Hitchcock — 1882-83
- Irving J. Manatt — 1884-88
- Charles E. Bessey — 1881-91
- James H. Canfield — 1891-95
- George E. MacLean — 1895-99
- Charles E. Bessey — 1899-1900
- Benjamin Andrews — 1900-08
- Samuel Avery — 1909-27
- Edgar A. Burnett — 1927-38
- Chauncey Boucher — 1938-46
- Reuben Gustavson — 1946-53
- John R. Selleck — 1953-54
- Clifford R. Hardin — 1954-68
- Mark Hobson — 1968-69
- Durward B. Varner — 1969-77
- Ronald Roskens — 1977-89
- Martin Massengale — 1989-present

school, Ueda said, but such universities do have chancellors or deans who assume the responsibilities an NU president assumes. “Somewhere in the system there is going to be a primary leader,” he said.

## Otey

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would wait 14 days before making a decision on a new execution date. The execution date probably would then be set at least 30 days later, she said.

Attorneys working on Otey's case said another appeal would be filed. James Mowbray, one of Otey's lawyers, said he was encouraged by the circuit court split vote, which indicated to him that Otey's appeal had some merit.

“Within a week or so we might know which direction we are going” with an appeal strategy, Mowbray said.

Otey could ask the appeals tribunal to rehear the case, ask the full circuit court to review it or seek immediate review by the U.S. Supreme Court, Stenberg said.

Stenberg said that once an execution date was set, the remaining flurry of appeals probably could be handled within a few days.

Nelson Potter, a University of Ne-

braska-Lincoln professor who regularly works with Otey as a volunteer teacher, said he regretted the decision.

“What it means is that the court refuses to consider issues of basic fairness,” he said, referring to Stenberg's role on the pardons board.

“There's a question whether due process rights extend beyond the trial, but basic fairness standards should apply to such a hearing.”

Fran Kaye, a UNL English professor and member of Nebraskans Against the Death Penalty, said executing Otey would not be a good move.

“I've heard Stenberg's line about how people are tired of waiting for justice,” she said. “Well, executing someone isn't justice.”

Kaye said executions were just a way of diverting attention from the real causes of crime, such as poverty.

“Justice is not strapping somebody down who is helpless and killing them with a bolt of electricity,” she said.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.



## NEWS BRIEFS

### Green space plan to be discussed at open forum

From Staff Reports

An open forum about Chancellor Graham Spanier's green space proposal will be held at noon Wednesday in the Nebraska Union main lobby.

Association of Students of the University of Nebraska senators Doug Oxley and Deb Silhacek said Paul Carlson, UNL director of Operations Analysis, would answer ques-

tions about the plan.

The green space — a flat, grassy area — would replace the parking lot north of the union. ASUN members have passed a resolution against the proposal.

Oxley said the cost of the proposed project was a student concern.

“We need to know what projects we're giving up to have this aesthetic change,” he said.

### Contest winner will be first to register by phone

From Staff Reports

UNL sophomore Brandy Schmitt was named as the winner of the Voice Response Registration Naming Contest Monday.

Earl Hawkey, director of Registration Records, and Donna Liss, project manager for Student Information System, named Schmitt after her entry, called “N”Roll, was chosen from 159 entries by a Voice Response Advisory Group.

As winner of the contest, Schmitt will be the first student to register on the system in early March. She also received a backpack

with school supplies, a cordless telephone and \$50 worth of long distance calls.

Second-place winner Judy Nienkamp will be the second person to register on the system and will receive a \$50 gift certificate for the University Bookstore.

The Student Information System will allow students to register for classes by telephone starting March 14.

The system also will allow students to drop and add classes, change the grading option of their classes, and access their schedules.

### Involvement Fair promotes groups on, off campus

From Staff Reports

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's first Involvement Fair will be Wednesday in the Centennial Ballroom of the Nebraska Union.

Kim Hobson, student organization consultant, said the fair, which runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., would feature a variety of student organizations, volunteer agencies and university departments.

The fair is designed to encourage student involvement in activities on and off campus.

Hobson said students sometimes had a hard time joining organizations because they

didn't know what activities were available. The fair will help students find out how to participate in a variety of organizations, she said.

But the fair will not benefit only students, Hobson said.

The fair will help organizations advertise and gain recruits, she said.

“There's a whole philosophy that states: ‘Students outside the classroom and outside the campus, using extra-curricular activities as a co-curriculum, have an enhancement for academic pursuits as a student,’” Hobson said. “This Involvement Fair will hopefully help them link with an organization.”

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