



SENIOR PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR Maria Hedbeck takes notes in her health class. Hedbeck is a defensive specialist for the Tornadoes. MATT MILLEN/DN

Volleyball storms Nebraska

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1,720 respectively. Attendance was down, he said, because of conflicting sporting events at the same time: the Nebraska-Kansas men's basketball game and the boy's state high school basketball tournament.

Ron Hoffman, the team's general manager, said the franchise moved from San Diego because it hadn't received much media coverage or fan attention. Nebraska is a market that has proven its support for volleyball and has local teams of talent pools, he said.

Hoffman said most of the 13 players, who were chosen at tryouts in December, are from Nebraska.

The team consists of seven members from the last three Cornhusker volleyball teams, including All-Americans Allison Weston, Christy Johnson and Kelly Aspegren.

Two of them are from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and one each played for Kansas' Concordia College, Bellevue University, Central Missouri State and Kentucky's Union College.

All the players have finished their terms of collegiate eligibility.

The Tornadoes will play 10 matches this season, two against each of their opponents.

The league is beginning its fourth year. It now consists of five other teams in Colorado, Arizona, Utah, Iowa and Missouri.

McCartney, a former professional volleyball player in Sweden and current volleyball coach at Bellevue University, said the Tornadoes practice as a team only once or twice a week.

"What we do is just get together and work out some systems so they compete pretty fluently," he said.

Weston, a senior fisheries and wildlife major, said it is "kind of hard to get any type of continuity" on the team because the Tornadoes play only twice a month. But the competition was still better than college, she said.

"It is a step higher, a little bit more intense," Weston said. "The rallying is better."

The Tornadoes' next match will be a rematch in Missouri against St. Louis. On March 29, Nebraska will play host to the Iowa Blizzards at 7:30 p.m. at Lincoln Northeast High School. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

McCartney said the team was excited because turnout had been better than expected.

Weston agreed. "The market is there for women's professional sports," Weston said. "Volleyball in Nebraska is pretty good. Everybody is pretty intense."

Applications for RHA election available

By **SARAH BAKER**
Staff Reporter

Students interested in applying for 1997-98 Residence Hall Association election must meet requirements and turn applications in by March 31. The election is April 9.

RHA Election Commissioner Becky Carlson said students interested in running for RHA office must:

- Be living in the halls next year during the time they fulfill their term.
- Have at least a 2.0 GPA.
- Be in good standing with the Department of Housing.

For a student's name to appear on the final RHA ballot, he or she must get a certain amount of signatures from the residents they are going to represent. The number of signatures required varies depending on the office.

The RHA officers also are required to attend all RHA meetings, as well as the RHA executive board meetings. Other responsibilities vary from office to office.

Anyone interested in running for RHA office can pick up an application at any of the residence hall front desks, or at the RHA office, Room 237 in the Nebraska Union. All forms are due in the RHA office by 8 p.m. March 31.

Law enforcement opposes bill

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they are granted a license, said Richard Boucher, legal counsel for the Nebraska Sheriff's Association.

Broken Bow Police Chief Dennis Patrick, who spoke for the Nebraska Police Officers' Association, gave an example. One portion of the bill, Patrick said, states that licenses cannot be issued to habitual drinkers. If a law enforcement official was unaware of someone's drinking problem, issued him a license, and he later was drunk and shot someone, the officer could

be held liable, Patrick said.

Under the new bill, people would submit an application to their county sheriff, who would review the application and pass it along to the highway patrol, which would issue licenses. Applicants eligible for a license must be 21 and have no felony convictions, recent violent misdemeanor convictions, stalking convictions or protection orders.

Local law enforcement officials can recommend that licenses be denied if a person does not fall into one

of these categories, but has had repeated run-ins with the police. Applicants with a history of mental problems or drinking problems could also be denied a license.

The bill has been advanced out of Judiciary Committee and is scheduled for floor debate on Tuesday.

Gutschenritter said Nebraskans should not let their state turn into a place where everyone is secretly carrying handguns.

Proliferation of handguns is a big mistake, he said.

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