

College quiz game makes UNL debut

Campus tournament on Saturday

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The first floor of the Nebraska Union will seem like an episode of "Jeopardy!" to anyone who enters it on Saturday - only with UNL students for contestants and no Alex Trebek.

The College Quiz Bowl will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday and continue throughout the day as teams of University of Nebraska-Lincoln students compete for the chance to be in the final round.

The Quiz Bowl - now in its 22nd year nationwide - is taking place at UNL for the first time. Although more than 300 higher education institutions participate every year, UNL is joining in for the first time.

UNL began its participation after two students - freshman Andy Warta and junior Lucas Sabalka - took their idea to hold a College Quiz Bowl to Student Involvement last fall. Both had been in quiz bowls in high school.

With the help of Student Involvement Director Marilyn Bugenhagen and Project Assistant Mary Beth Carstens, Warta and Sabalka wrote a proposal and a budget to run the bowl.

Because both students planned on participating as contestants, they stopped their planning involvement in January.

The Quiz Bowl will consist of five rounds. Each round will have seven-minute halves with a three-minute break in the middle. Twenty teams of four players will compete for

the chance to move on to the next round.

Teams score points by answering toss-up and bonus questions on topics such as history, literature, sports and current events.

Carstens said the Quiz Bowl is academically focused but has an out-of-classroom atmosphere.

"It's kind of the college experience all rolled into one," Carstens said.

The bowl will run in a single-elimination format until two teams are left for the final round.

Four students not on the winning team will be chosen to join the victors in preparing for the regional competition. Five of those eight will be chosen to go to the competition at Wichita State University in Kansas on Feb. 19 and 20.

The winning team at the regional competition - which includes schools from Nebraska, Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas - will go to the national competition at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Fla., in April.

Norman Simon, one of three varsity squad coaches and a UNL physics professor, participated in the original College Bowl series on CBS in 1959.

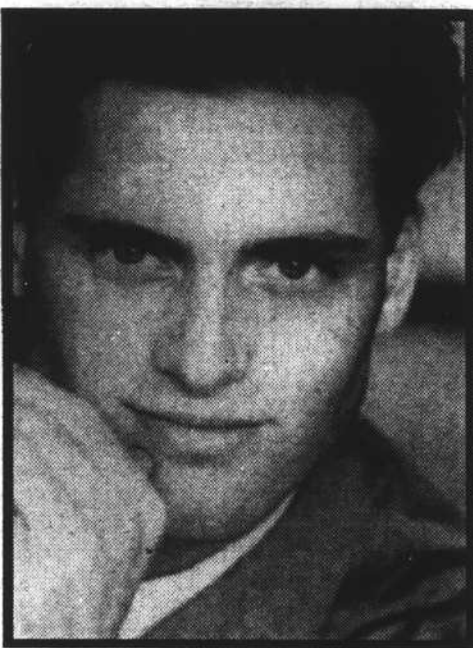
When he heard UNL was starting its own team, he immediately called to offer himself as a coach.

"It's fun to play," he said. "I like the intellectual stimulation it offers."

All rounds will be open to spectators. The final round - which will receive television coverage from KLKN-TV (Channel 8) - begins at 3 p.m. in the Crib.

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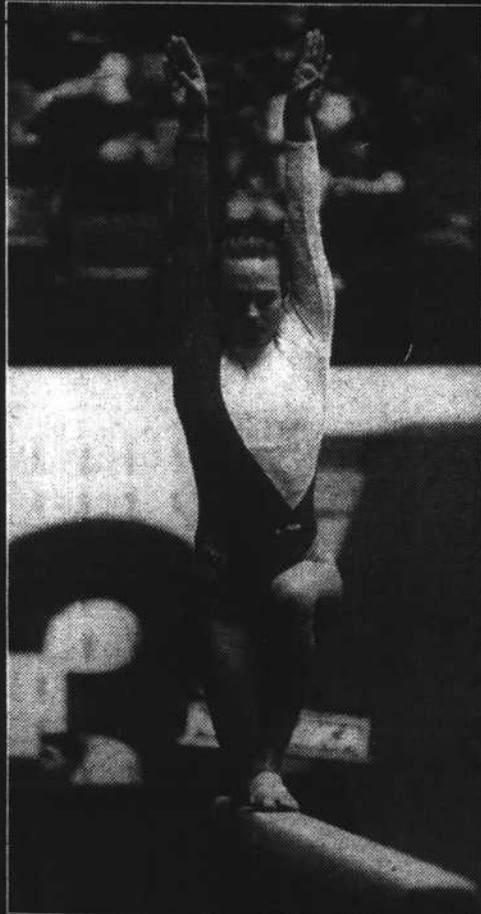
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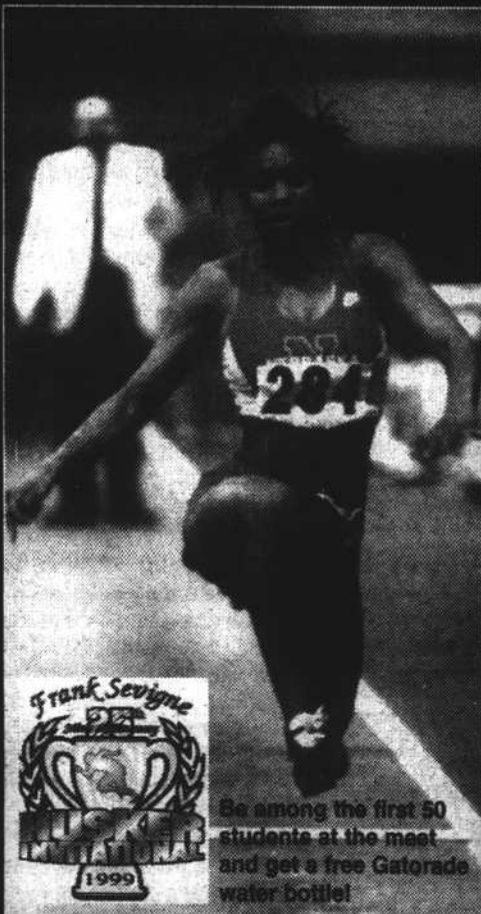
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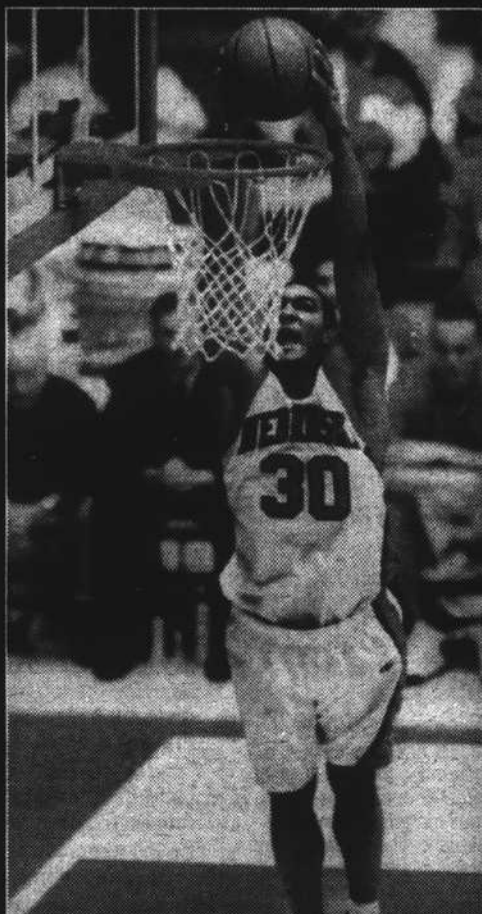
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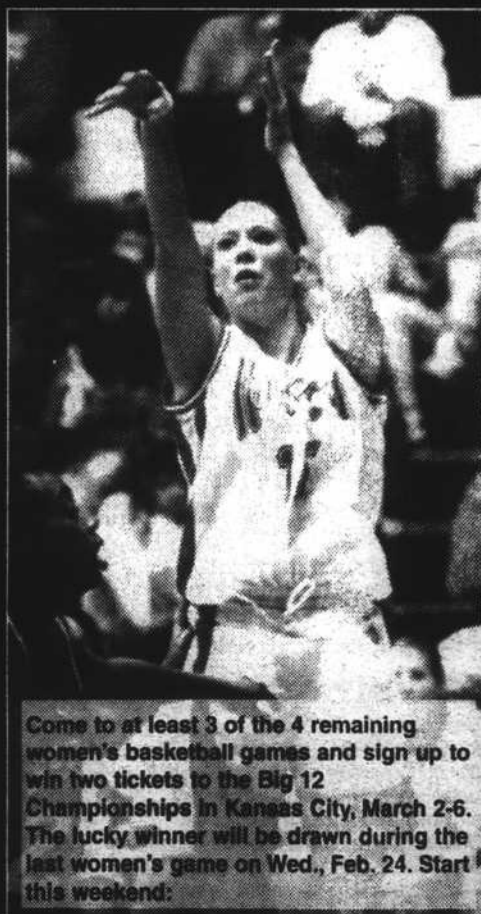
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