Students enjoy a breathtaking view from Yuma Point in the Grand Canyon during an Outdoor Adventures backpacking & camping trip in May 2007. Read more about Outdoor Adventures inside this issue.
DEAR FRIENDS AND ALUMNI,

Second semester here at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln is off to a great start with lots of exciting things in the works. We would like to share with you the happenings around Campus Rec and as always we welcome your comments, questions, and concerns.

The University is in the process of undergoing a feasibility study for the potential expansion and renovation of the City Campus Rec Center and a completely new facility for East Campus. While we are in the very beginning stages of this multi-step project, it is a very exciting time for UNL Campus Recreation. We will keep you informed with any new information related to these projects as they are sure to take a major focus in the coming months.

Other exciting news on a national level: Vicki Highstreet is the current president-elect for the National Intramural Rec Sports Association (NIRSA) and will be taking over at the end of this year’s national conference in Austin, TX, April 2–5; Grad student Diane Sylofski will be completing her term as a National Student Representative; Zac Brost is serving his first year of a two-year term as NIRSA Nebraska State Director; and Kurt Frederick is a member of the Board of Directors for the Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education (AORE). We are proud to have all these individuals representing UNL Campus Recreation.

While new students enter our facilities every day, we haven’t forgotten about all the alumni who have played such a major part in upholding recreation at UNL. We hope this newsletter finds you happy and healthy; we’d enjoy hearing from you!

Best Regards,

STAN CAMPBELL
Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
Director of Campus Recreation
University of Nebraska–Lincoln
CAMPUS REC CENTERS NOW OFFERING ALUMNI MEMBERSHIPS

Need a place to workout in Lincoln? Do you miss meeting your friends for a quick game of hoops? Want a place that you’re familiar with? Good news! UNL Campus Recreation is now offering alumni memberships to use the Campus Rec Center and East Campus Activities Building.

For $40 a month, members have access to weight rooms, treadmills, ellipticals, cycles, swimming, racquetball/handball/squash courts, basketball and volleyball, an indoor track, and an indoor synthetic turf field. Fitness/yoga/pilates classes, the indoor climbing wall, and lockers are also available at an additional cost.

The Campus Rec alumni membership offer is open to members of the Nebraska Alumni Association (NAA) only. Individuals must show their current NAA membership card in order to purchase a Campus Rec membership or you can register for both memberships together at the Campus Rec Center. The Campus Rec membership is an annual commitment beginning September 1 through August 31 and must be paid in total at the time of registration ($480 annually); Alums can sign up at any time during the year – membership rates will be pro-rated on the first day of each month past the September 1 start date. For more info, call 402.472.3467 or visit online http://crec.unl.edu.

NOVEMBER SOCIAL BRINGS FRIENDS TOGETHER

The November 17th Alumni Dinner and Social at Brewsky’s in the Haymarket was a great opportunity to catch up with old friends, teammates, and employees. With busy schedules it’s sometimes tough to make time for much of anything outside of work or family. The Annual Alumni Social provides a chance for UNL Campus Rec alums to mingle, catch up, and reminisce. On top of a successful social gathering, this year’s Alumni Social raised over $600 for the Pat Shartz Memorial Fund. A special thanks goes to Nick Tasich for his help in securing donations.

Couldn’t make it last year? Save the date for this year!
The ACIS Flag Football Regional Tournament is scheduled for the weekend before Thanksgiving, November 21-23, 2008. This will also be the weekend for the Annual Alumni Dinner and Social. The social will take place on Saturday, November 22, 2008 at a restaurant in Lincoln’s Haymarket district. Please mark your calendars as we hope to see you there!

NEBRASKA STATE SOCIAL

NIRSA NATIONAL CONFERENCE, AUSTIN, TEXAS
FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2008

The NIRSA Annual Conference will be held in Austin, Texas this year. The conference is sure to provide an opportunity for professionals in the recreational sports industry to join together with students for educational and networking possibilities. The University of Nebraska–Lincoln will be hosting an alumni social during the conference to catch up with friends from across the states. The social will be on Friday, April 4, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at Austin’s Hilton Hotel. The social will be held in the Nebraska Suite with light food and beverages provided. We will see you in Austin!
MABEL LEE FIELDS RENOVATION PROJECT IS FULL STEAM AHEAD

The Mabel Lee athletic fields located on the corner of 14th and W Streets are scheduled to start renovations on March 3, 2008. Funding for the $1.6 million project will be paid for by PepsiCo via the UNL Pouring Rights Contract, the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Office, and student fees. The renovation will include the installation of artificial turf similar to the 17th and Vine Street fields, new energy efficient lights, restrooms, and additional storage. The space is large enough to house two flag football fields and various other activities. The use of the fields will be greatly extended due to the all-weather condition of the turf. This project will benefit student recreation in many ways, including: intramural sports, open recreation, and sport clubs. The project is scheduled to be complete by June 20, 2008.

NEW BRESLOW ICE CENTER TO HIT LINCOLN

UNL Campus Recreation and the City of Lincoln are partnering up to build an ice center to be located in the west Haymarket district of downtown Lincoln. The funding for the center includes a $7 million donation from John Breslow, a UNL graduate who is the former State Auditor of Nebraska and former owner of Linweld; $1 million from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln; and $1 million from the City of Lincoln, as well as other fundraising efforts. The center will include two NHL-size sheets of ice, locker rooms, and seating for up to 1200 people. The UNL hockey, broomball, and curling sport clubs, broomball intramural sports, local youth hockey and figure skating leagues in addition to open recreation activities for the university and greater community will utilize the center. The Breslow Ice Center is scheduled to open late 2009.

RECORD YEAR FOR INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Basketball, broomball, and flag football were very popular in the Fall 2007 academic semester as these intramural sports hit their highest enrollment in years. Men’s basketball had 216 registered teams in the 2007-2008 school year, which is their highest enrollment since 1997. Men’s broomball registered 93 teams, which is the highest enrollment in this sport since its introduction at UNL in 1993. Men’s flag football hit their highest enrollment numbers ever this year with 236 teams. The total number of Flag Football teams including men’s, women’s, and co-rec was 317 teams, which is the largest number of registered teams in flag football history at UNL. The trend has continued with the many spring intramural sports offered.

TRANSITIONS

• CHRIS (OELLING) GARNER and husband Bernard gave birth to son Christopher Bernard Garner Jr. in January 2008.

• ANGIE (HAGSTROM) FREDERICK returned to UNL in July 2007 to become the Assistant Director for Fitness and Wellness Services. She was previously with Campus Recreation & Intramurals at Georgia Southern University. Her husband KURT FREDERICK has also joined UNL Campus Recreation as the Assistant Director for Outdoor Adventures.

• ZAC BROST, former graduate assistant for Intramural Sports, is now the Intramural Sports Coordinator at UNL.

• KRISTIN LARSEN has been hired as Youth Activities Coordinator to oversee Jr. Blackshirts, Summer Camps, and youth programming.

• UNL Campus Recreation also welcomed four new graduate assistants for 2007/08:
  – ASHLEE BARTEK Fitness and Wellness
  – JASON GANT Intramural Sports
  – HOLLY KOOPMANS Marketing & Development
  – BRETT ROSEN Instructional Programs

WHAT’S NEW WITH YOU?

Do you have any exciting news you’d like to share with your fellow alums? A new address? New job? Perhaps the birth of child? We would love to hear from you!

Please send your news (and photos!) to Holly Koopmans at hkoopmans2@unl.edu
OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

Whether you are interested in backpacking in the Grand Canyon, you need to rent a tent for a few days, or you want to involve your friends & family in a personalized adventure program, Outdoor Adventures has numerous opportunities available for alumni.

This past year, the Adventure Trips program included a backpacking excursion to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks, a bike ride in the prairie (an intro course to off-road bike riding), a trip down the Elkhorn River in a canoe, a rock climbing and camping excursion to Blue Mounds, and a weekend get-a-way to Indian Cave. This spring, our Elkhorn River canoeing trips continue as well as backpacking trips to Big Sur, California, the Canyonlands of Utah, and Grand Canyon National Park. Alumni and other members of the general public are welcome to participate in any of the Outdoor Adventures Trips.

Other popular services that Outdoor Adventures provides are the UNL Challenge Course and rental services. The Challenge Course programming is made to highlight a number of specific areas including team building, time management, and self-confidence. The rental service provides members and the general public the ability to rent outdoor gear at a low price. If there is gear you need, but aren’t ready to buy yet, Outdoor Recreation is a good place to start. If you would like more information on any of these services please visit http://crec.unl.edu or call 402.472.4777.

A participant scales the rock cliffs of Blue Mounds State Park in southwest Minnesota during an autumn Outdoor Adventures trip.
2008 ALUMNI GOLF OUTING
Iron Horse Golf Course, Ashland, Nebraska
Monday, June 16, 2008

The Annual Alumni Golf Outing is scheduled for Monday, June 16, 2008. This year’s tournament will take place at the Iron Horse Golf Course in Ashland, Nebraska and will begin at 12:00p with a shotgun start. The cost is $55 per player; lunch is provided. To register for the golf outing e-mail or call and let us know you want to play. If you would like to be a part of a specific foursome please indicate so, otherwise we will match up groups. Please register by June 9 to Mark Powell at mpowell1@uni.edu or by phone at 402.472.4772.

The Annual Alumni Golf Outing proves to be a great day of fun, fellowship, and golf year after year, we hope you can join us!