

NU Teams Burdened By Double Load Now

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While students are frantically trying to salvage a little academic glory from the waning semester, athletes have several games and meets over finals and during the break between semesters. The basketball team meets Missouri there February 1, Kansas State here February 3, and Oklahoma here February 8, but the swimming team will be even busier with five meets.

Nebraska tangles with highly-regarded Southern Illinois here at 3 p.m. tomorrow afternoon. Southern Illinois has consistently finished high in national collegiate competition, and coach Ralph Casey has turned out several All-American swimmers. Casey was chosen to coach an American AAU swimming team which went to Japan last summer and defeated Japan.

An example of Southern Illinois prowess is the fact that they have defeated perennial swimming champion Oklahoma, which beat Nebraska for last year's conference championship, the last two years.

Dick Klaas says he anticipates several new pool records as Southern Illinois has posted several times this season that better Coliseum pool records.

The University of Colorado journeys to Lincoln for a swimming meet a week from today at 3 p.m. Last year Colorado had only a 5 and 10 record but broke all but two school records with only three seniors on the squad.

Men to watch are co-captains Dave Bailey (freestyle sprints) and Keith Shaw (breast stroke), plus Chuck Bush, a sprinter and diver, Jim Thompson, a sprinter, Barry Carlson, who swims backstroke, and Jim Waggoner, who swims the butterfly and individual medley. Carlson set the Colorado

100-yard and 200-yard backstroke records last season, and Shaw set the record in the 200-yard breast stroke. Waggoner holds the records in the 200-yard butterfly and in the 200-yard individual medley.

Maclester College of St. Paul swims Nebraska here on February 6, for the first of three Husker meets in three days. The meet begins at 1:30 p.m.

Coach Klaas calls Maclester "very strong for a small school" and comparable to Washington University of St. Louis, which lost to Nebraska 52 to 43. (Undefeated Nebraska's other victories are over the University of Iowa and the Nebraska freshman team.)

Wyoming, which edged Nebraska in a very close meet at Laramie last year, does battle with the Husker swimmers at 4 p.m. on February 7. Friday, Wyoming also beat Nebraska two years ago, and Coach Klaas said: "We will not lack for competition in that particular meet."

Nebraska goes to Ames on Saturday, February 8, for a triangular with Iowa State and the Air Force Academy. Coach Klaas calls Air Force weaker than when they beat us two years ago. They beat Colorado by 30 points this year but lost to Kansas.

The Nebraska gymnastics team, which lost its first meet last Saturday to Denver University 63 to 49, faces Iowa State here tomorrow at 2 p.m.

Iowa State is now in its third year of gymnastics, and coach Ed Gagnier has some seniors for the first time. The Cyclones fell to Nebraska 80½ to 31 last season but still finished third in the conference.

The Husker gymnasts will grapple with Mankato State (Minnesota) two weeks from today at Mankato.

Tomorrow's wrestling meet with Kansas has been cancelled due to conflicts with the KU finals schedule, which leaves the wrestlers free until second semester.

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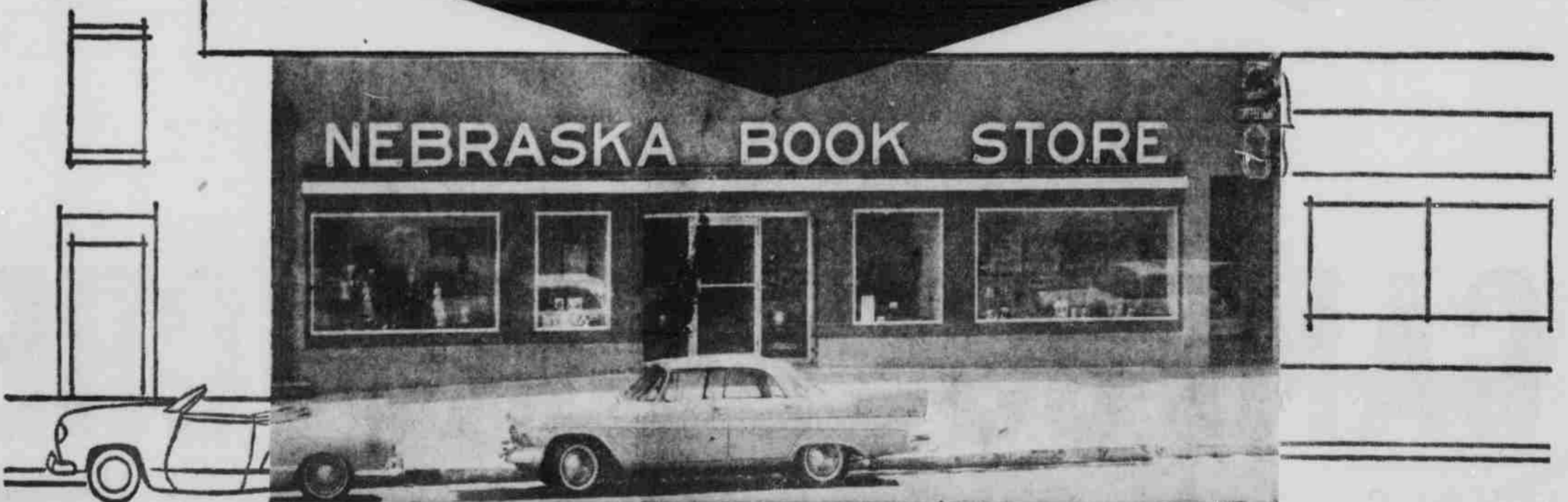
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