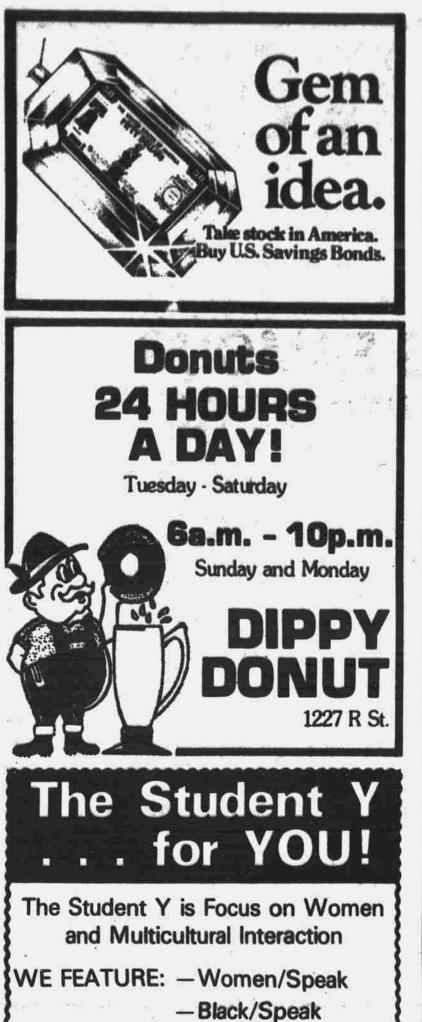
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Lincoln freshman to dive for NU

By Frank Hassler

For UNL freshman Stacy Porter, the opportunity to work with teammates will be a new experience in women's diving.

And it is one she is looking forward to, she said. "All through high school (at Lincoln High) I was the only girl diver on the team," Porter said. "I had swimming teammates, but not diving ones."

Porter took second in the Nebraska High School Girls' Swimming and Diving Championships her senior year, but a lot of fans didn't know about her until this month when, at the AAU Junior Olympics in Lincoln, she took third in a nationwide field of one-meter diving competitors.

After the preliminary round, the field was narrowed to eight divers, who came back for three final tries.

"i was in second going into the last three (dives), but I felt like I dropped about eight places," Porter said with a giggle.

After the meet, she said, life went on as usual. "Nothing much happened. I went out to eat, went home and went to bed.

Stacy was also a swimmer at Lincoln High, but it's a subject she prefers not to talk about.

"I swam, but some people wouldn't call it swimming," she said, laughing. "I was terrible."

Porter said she had contact with Kansas and Iowa State, but Nebraska was foremost in her mind.

"I knew I'd come here. It's coming up in swimming, and I've heard it really has a good journalism school," she said.

Stacy plans to major in journalism.

Her father is James Porter, UNL men's tennis coach, but he didn't push her into coming to UNL, Miss Porter said.

"He hasn't pushed me at all," she said. "He just told me that if I went away, it'd be a big step."

Kansas, Stacy said, wanted her to participate in gymnastics as well as diving. She was fifth in the state high school all-around competition her junior and senior years, and fourth as a sophomore.

She said she will not go out for gymnastics at UNL.

"Maybe I'll work out a little bit, but that's about it."

Stacy said her first semester of classes is planned to fit around her meet schedule.

"I think about all I'm going to miss is one Friday in the middle of November," she said. "I might be missing a lot more next semester, though. I'll find some way to get by. I suppose I'll do a lot of studying on the trips."

Jeff Huber, Nebraska's diving coach for both men and women, said he is "looking forward" to having Stacy on the team.

"She's a hard worker," Huber said.



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Freshman-to-be Stacy Porter.

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