

# sports

## 'But gee whiz, Coach, it's Christmas!'

Life in the Big Eight ends for students next week—temporarily. But, while most of UNL's 22,000 students trek home for a month-long nap, some will be confined to sweaty gymnasiums and musty tracks.

Life in the Big Eight goes on for a lot of UNL athletes.

shelley smith

The Husker football team began full pad practice last week in preparation for the Jan. 1 Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Texas. The Huskers take on the Houston Cougars in what should be one of the more exciting bowl games.

The Huskers will practice until Christmas Eve, but are allowed to go home Christmas Day.

Senior guard John Havekost said if the Huskers would

have beaten Oklahoma last month and were going to the Orange Bowl, they probably wouldn't get Christmas off.

"It's kind of nice. I'm looking forward to spending Christmas at home for once," he said.

The UNL men's basketball team will play seven games and travel to Honolulu for three days to play in the Rainbow classic during winter break.

Saturday, Jan. 12, the Huskers take on Missouri in an annual Big Eight rival match up. Right now, Missouri is 5-0 for the season, including a win over USC last week.

The Huskers then launch heavily into their Big Eight schedule, playing Kansas Jan. 18.

The UNL women's basketball team is scheduled to play eight games during the semester break, including UNO and Oklahoma.

Head Coach Lorrie Gallagher has said she is pleased with the Huskers performance this year.

"Diane DeVigna has really come on strong for us," she

said.

The Husker wrestling team also will see sports action during vacation. The Huskers take on Colorado St., Northwest Missouri and Northern Illinois in a home triangular Jan. 12.

The next week, Jan. 19, they face Oklahoma State at home. The Cowboys finished second in the Big Eight last year.

The men's swimming team will spend two weeks training and competing in Texas, and the women's team will host the AAU Christmas Classic Dec. 14-16.

The women's gymnastics team will meet Iowa Saturday, Dec. 15 but the men's team won't begin its regular season until Jan. 19 facing Colorado at home.

Both the men's and women's track teams have been working out this fall, and will continue to train during vacation. Meets for the two teams will begin in the middle of January.



### Don't slip!

UNL student Steve Turner climbs Emerald Lake icefall last Friday during a Recreation Department snow and ice climbing trip to the Rocky Mountains near Estes Park, Colo. Eight students went on the trip which included three days of actual climbing.

## OU bowl tickets not selling

Although the UNL athletic ticket office is close to selling out its total allotment of tickets for the NU-Houston Cotton Bowl clash, apparently the Oklahoma ticket office is having difficulty selling out its allotment for the Orange Bowl.

According to Helen Ruth Wagner, ticket manager, the university has sold about 14,000 tickets for the Husker's New Year's Day clash.

Wagner said that some remaining orders may still be filled because more tickets recently came to the department.

But according to the Associated Press, the Oklahoma University athletic department has turned over approximately 2,500 Orange Bowl tickets to Florida State, the Sooner's New Year's opponent.

There hasn't been this little interest in an OU Orange Bowl battle since 1962 when 8,500 Oklahoma fans pur-

chased tickets to see their Sooners lose to Alabama 17-0.

Only 350 student tickets were sold for this year's game, compared to the 950 sold for last year's OU-Nebraska rematch.

OU ticket manager John Cherry said that last year, Oklahoma sold its entire 12,500 allotment and had to deny some requests. Cherry added that this year's lack of enthusiasm isn't surprising.

"This is the third year in a row we've been there," he said. "It costs so much to go down there, this is not a national championship game and there's no big rivalry between the two schools. It's just a lot of ingredients combined."

Florida State also was allotted 12,500 tickets, but according to their ticket manager Claude Thigpen, "We could have sold 30,000 to 35,000 tickets if I'd have had them."

## intramurals

The Phi Kappa Psi "A" team defeated the Stooze Boys, 8-15, 15-6, and 15-11 in the finals of the All-University volleyball championships. The Phi Psis ended the season undefeated, as they took the title away from the Stooze Boys who were defending champs. To get to the finals, the Phi Psis defeated the Falcons, 6-4, 4-10, and 12-0 while the Stooze Boys beat the Phi Delta Theta "B" team, 15-3, 8-6.

Members of the winning team are: Clark Rasmussen, Bill Goa, Dan Guenther, Wayne Reinwald, Tim Meyers, Steve Hovendick, and Kirk Hovendick.

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The co-rec All-University basketball championship

was played Wednesday night with the team of Sigma Nu and DILLWRGAD defeating Cather 6 by the score of 48-39 to claim the title.

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Drop in and express your opinions of the Student Recreation Buildings site design display on Friday, Dec. 14, 12:30 to 4:30 in the Centennial Room of the Union.

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Intramural entries are due Friday, Dec. 14 by 5 p.m. in the Recreation Office for men's and faculty/staff basketball and women's and co-rec volleyball.

## Dallas . . .

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She advised stopping by any one of the seven city museums. All are no-cost operations except the wax museum. The museums, including health and science, garden, fine arts, natural arts, and "Age of Steam," are located in State Fair Park, which Tex said is near the Cotton Bowl.

Neiman Marcus, "the largest specialty store in the world" was another not-to-miss on Tex's list. She said if she were a tourist to Dallas, this stop would prove expensive, but entertaining.

The Cotton Bowl Parade is a highlight Cornhuskers can catch—gratis—in downtown Dallas, on the morning of the game.

Tex forewarned Nebraskans traveling to Dallas of the room shortage.

"People who don't have rooms won't get them downtown," she said, but accommodations further from the Cotton Bowl still are available.

SEVERAL TRAVEL agencies in Lincoln are offering excursions to Dallas to see the Cornhuskers battle the University of Houston Cougars. Packages vary in price from \$596 for single rooms to \$89 per person—four to a room.

Lincoln Tour and Travel was by far the most expensive agency offering Cotton Bowl charters, with the "Air Fare" package running \$596 per person per room; \$489 for two per room.

This air package entails a four-night stay at the "top-notch deluxe" Fairmont Hotel in downtown Dallas, according to tour coordinator Leslie Stauffer. A pre-game brunch with cocktails, inflight meals, game tickets, in-Dallas transit, and taxes round out the fare, Stauffer said.

Lincoln Tour and Travel also offers two coach packages, with slightly less services offered, and accordingly lower prices. The \$299 package includes three nights at the Holiday Inn; the Ramada Inn being the home for the \$275 buyers.

The agency offers two "land packages" according to Stauffer. You provide the transportation—they provide game tickets and a place to stay.

Travel Unlimited of Lincoln offers similar packages, according to manager Tom Cebuhar. With their land package at \$89 per person—four per room—they offer the lowest price of travel agencies contacted.

ACCORDING TO CEBUHAR, Travel Unlimited kept their package low-key because the main ever of the trip is the game.

Most people will "go down, see the game, rest a few days, and come home," he said.

The agency has had about 100 people apply for their various trips.

Via Van Bloom of Lincoln has medium-range prices for their package deals to Dallas, but has the extra incentive of hotel accommodations with the football team at the Mariot Market Center.

Sherri Case, travel consultant of Via Van Bloom, said that in addition to air-fare, hotel, game tickets, in-city transit, taxes and tips, their package offers optional New Year's Eve festivities at the Marriott.

The Misty III restaurant of Havelock is again sponsoring their annual bowl-game charter, according to manager Steve Stutzman.

Four days with the Misty at the DuPont Plaza Hotel runs \$249 per person for double accommodations, with bus transportation, luggage, tips, taxes and "a victory cocktail party," Stutzman said.