

# Swim teams, coaches look forward confidently to meet-filled weekend

By Mark Quandahl

Nebraska's men's and women's swimming teams will have a busy weekend, as they travel to Omaha Friday to battle UNO and Northern Iowa, and then return to the Bob Devaney Sports Center pool for a 1:30 p.m. meet against Oklahoma Saturday.

Junior Kevin Weires didn't seem to be too concerned with the UNO-UNI meet.

"We should win that one pretty well," he said.

Weires said team members would use the meet to get their swims set for the Big Eight Meet March 3 through 5 in Ames, Iowa.

Coach Cal Bentz said although the seniors will not make the trip to Omaha, "Each of the swims are going to make a contribution as far as the goals and objectives of the team."

Bentz said he was especially pleased with the fact that the men were coming together more as a team.

"We've brought the individuals in to being more of a group," he said. "We feel we're right where we want to be, right where we planned to be."

Weires agreed, saying "We're right on schedule."

He said the Huskers were planning on beating the Sooners on Saturday.

"We've got the upper hand, anyway," Weires said.

Nebraska women's swim coach Ray Huppert said he felt reasonably confident that the team could run its Big Eight string of victories to three in a row - that is, if Oklahoma cooperates on Saturday.

"The team members feel confident in themselves," Huppert said. "They're showing improvement, and

swimming feaster as we get closer to the Big Eights."

He said he thought that Friday's UNL-UNI meets will serve a good purpose because it will give the athletes an opportunity to swim in their fourth or fifth events.

He said that was especially important because the women's next event after Oklahoma will be the Big Eight championships in Norman, Okla., Feb. 24 to 26.

The coach said the whole team wants to do well on Saturday in order to send seniors Stacia Porter, Rene Sullivan and Sherri Hayward out on a dual winning note.

"We're swimming really well," Huppert said, "but there's still a long way to go."

Diving coach Jeff Huber said this Saturday's meet is going to be a good match up, "especially for the women."

He said he thought Oklahoma's former Big Eight one-meter champion, Mary Kay Gerhardt, would give the Husker women the most problems.

On the men's side, Huber said he is going with Husker Mike Heaton. Due to their commitments, teammates Eric Ognibene, Dave Goodwin and Reynaldo Castro will be out of town during Saturday's meet. But Huber wasn't worried.

"Mike's diving really well," he said. "He's always responded well under pressure."

Coach Bentz said that, overall, Oklahoma has good people.

"But they haven't been as tough as they have been in the past," Bentz said.

He said only one thing is certain about Saturday's contest.

"They didn't come up here to get beat."

## Sports Shorts

The Lincoln All-Stars basketball team will compete in an AAU tournament at Pershing Auditorium Saturday and Sunday. The team includes former Nebraska players Ray Collins, Bob Moore, Jack Moore and Jerry Shoecraft. Several other former Big Eight players will participate, including Kansas State's Chuckie Williams and Jari Wills.

The Nebraska wrestling team, ranked fifth in the nation by the Amateur Wrestling News, will compete against two Big Ten teams this weekend as they take on Purdue tonight in West Lafayette, Ind., and Michigan State in East Lansing, Mich., Sunday. They will wrestle against Central Michigan at Mt. Pleasant, Mich., on Monday.

The Nebraska men's gymnastics team will compete in a dual Saturday against Penn State at University Park, Pa., the sight of the 1983 NCAA Championships.

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"I hope we do a few things different from last week," Sevigne said referring to Nebraska's loss to Southern Illinois. "We will give Kansas a run for the money as we are hitting on all cylinders."

"We have made some adjustments in what people are going to do this weekend," he said. "But the changes are not really traumatic."

Sevigne explained that the mental mistakes made in last week's meet are bound to happen in any meet.

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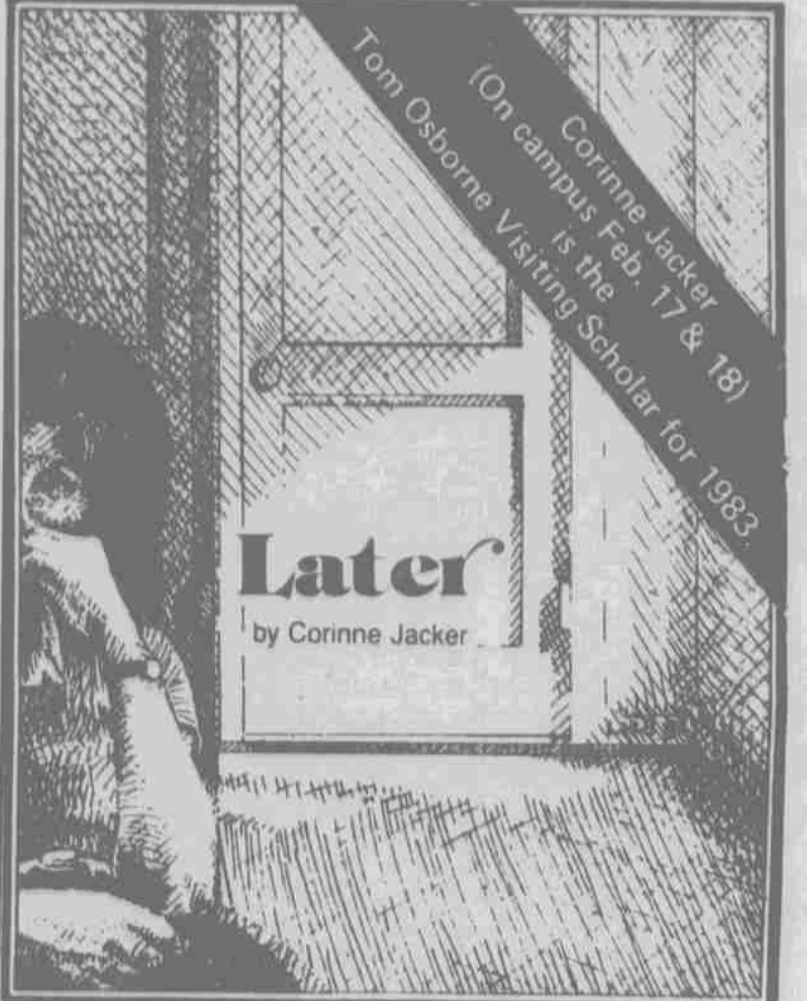
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