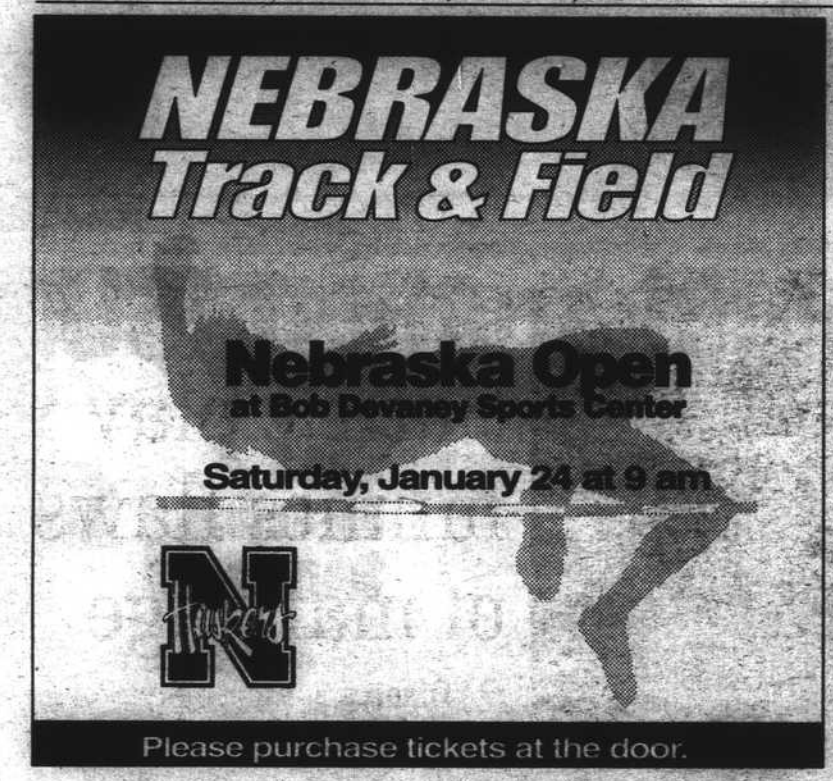

DeAnda travels home for meet

BY SARAH DOSE
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska wrestling team will travel to South Sioux City this weekend, but Jose DeAnda is going home.

DeAnda

The Huskers will meet Oklahoma Sunday in a 2 p.m. dual in the Mini Dome.

DeAnda, originally from South Sioux City, said he doesn't feel any added pressure wrestling in his high school gym.

"I'm pretty excited actually," DeAnda said. "I thought after my last high school dual there I'd never be back, but it should be fun."

NU Coach Tim Neumann said the Huskers try to travel to a high school once every year, and he's excited about the trip to South Sioux City, too.

"The meet is sold out," Neumann said. "There will be about 3,500 people there, and they'll get a treat. Those people who don't live in Lincoln have been missing out."

Fifth-ranked Nebraska will finally wrestle with a healthy lineup against Oklahoma, Neumann said.

"This should be our second-best dual meet," Neumann said. "We've got some good matches with our ranked guys wrestling their ranked guys. We and Oklahoma will both actually have a full lineup. It should be really great."

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> NU wrestler

At last weekend's National Duals, Nebraska finished fifth, defeating Oklahoma 32-9. But Neumann said the Sooners will present a challenge this weekend.

"We wrestled each other in our fourth matches of the day," Neumann said of last week's meet. "We just managed to come back healthier than they did."

DeAnda will face Oklahoma's fifth-ranked David Kjeldgaard at 142 pounds – assuming both are healthy. Kjeldgaard will also wrestle in Oklahoma's dual with Iowa State Friday night.

"I'm not nervous, really," DeAnda said. "It's just like wrestling anybody else."

But Neumann said it's not just another meet for DeAnda.

"I think it's really neat that the team respects him enough to go to his hometown to compete," Neumann said. "I can tell he's happy, too. He's a quiet guy. He lets his actions speak louder than what he says."

Swimmers look to snap two-loss skid

BY JAY SAUNDERS
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Two straight losses might seem damaging to a championship run for any team in any sport.

Bentz

But the 16th-ranked Nebraska men's swimming and diving teams' losses have focused the Cornhuskers on their goal of conference and national titles. NU is coming off consecutive losses to Purdue and Iowa State.

This weekend, both the men's and women's teams host Minnesota and Texas A&M. The triangular, which starts at 6:30 tonight and 10:30 a.m. Saturday, will be held at the Bob Devaney Sports Center Pool.

"We are in a good spot moving on from last week," NU Swimming Coach Cal Bentz said. "Everyone is looking good for a final run to the Big 12 and NCAA championships."

The Aggies and Gophers might be exactly what the Huskers need to find out where they are for the stretch run. The A&M men's team is ranked 20th in the nation, and the Aggie women's team is 25th.

The Minnesota women's team, which is ranked 10th, is the highest-ranked team the Husker women have faced since competing against third-ranked Southern Methodist on Nov. 22.

Bentz said facing high-ranked teams at this point in the season will help as the taper process begins.

"It is a great opportunity to go head-to-head against top-flight competition," Bentz said. "We need to compete at the highest level, as some people are starting to prepare for the taper."

Four of Nebraska's top swimmers didn't compete against Iowa State last weekend. Women's team members Lenka Manhalova and Anna Windsor competed at the World Championships in Perth, Australia. Adam Pine and Valerjis Kalmikovs missed the men's dual for the World Championships. All four swimmers will be back this weekend.

But the absence of those four allowed other swimmers to compete against Iowa State.

Freshman Shandra Johnson and diver Amanda Zins each won two events against the Cyclones.

This weekend's meet marks the last time the Huskers will compete in Lincoln this season.

"It is nice to be home, especially at the beginning of the semester," Bentz said. "We need to work on how to change so we can win."

Huskers hope to rebound against ISU Saturday

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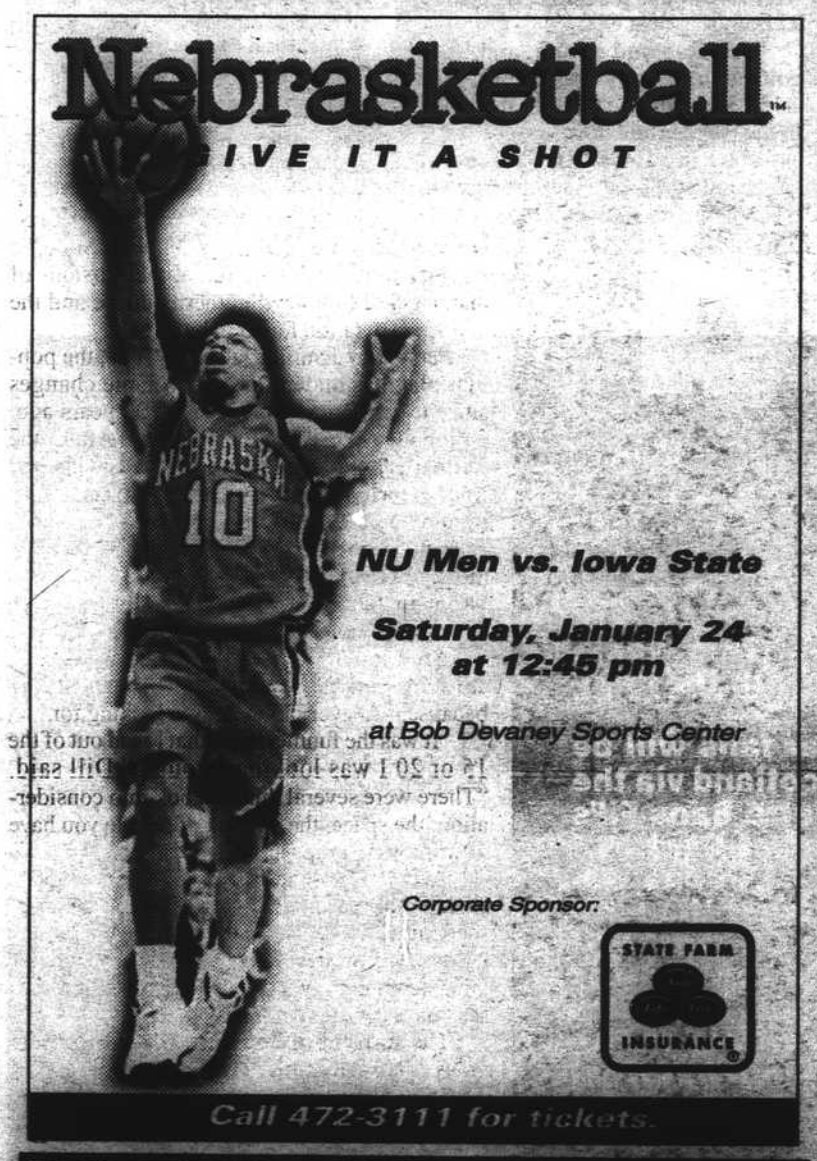
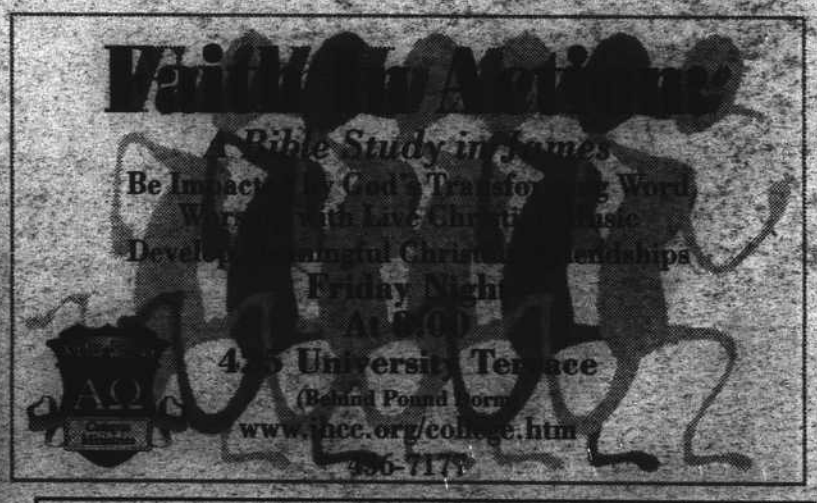
"They are young, but if their 3- [illegible] a [illegible] s ability to play hard the whole game. In a 105-91 loss to Texas, Nee said, the Huskers played about 25 solid minutes.

Although NU lost, it didn't lose any ground to first-place Baylor, which lost to Colorado Wednesday.

For Florence and the rest of the Huskers, getting back on the Devaney Center floor is just what the doctor ordered.

"We are going to come out and hopefully make up for the loss we had."





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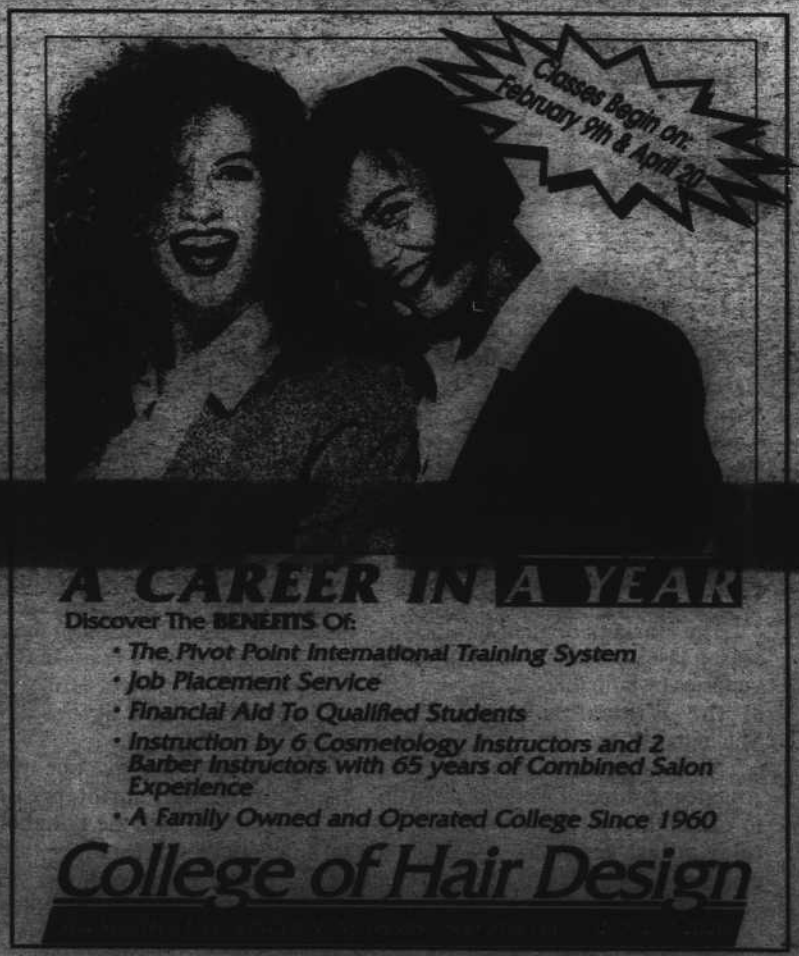
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