

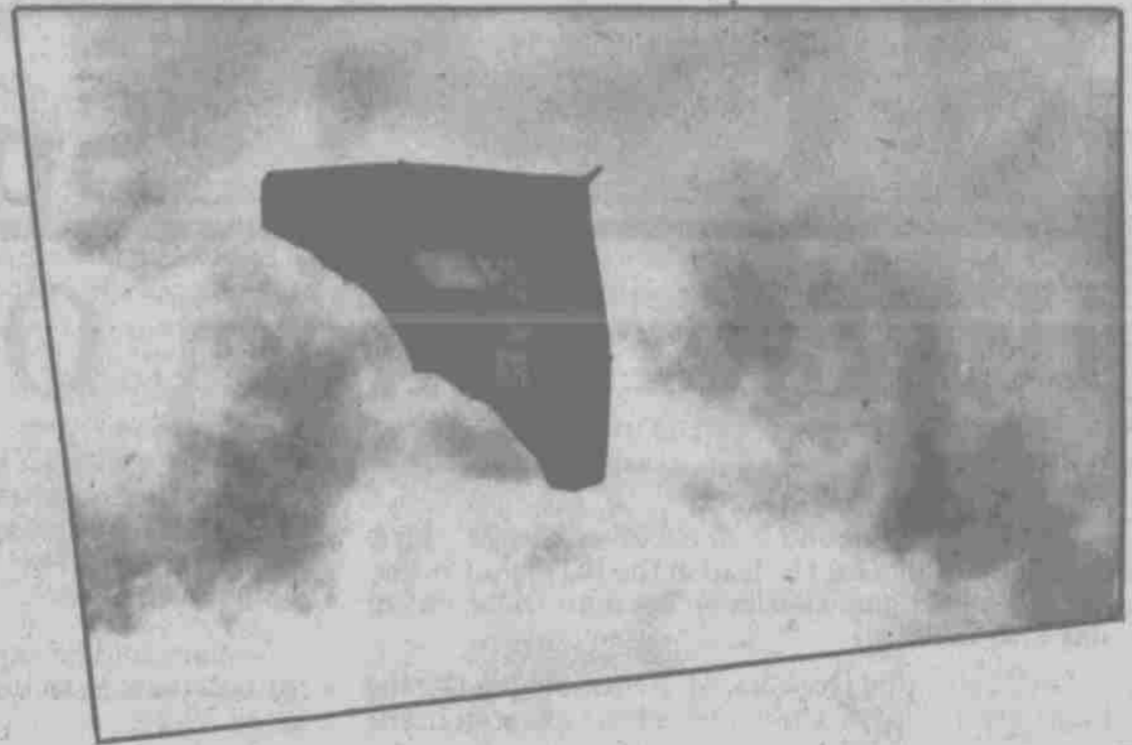
Dean Wally Kirschenman and Tom Beal get their 150-foot kite airborne. Theirs won the steadiest kite award.



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Sun shining, wind blowing and kites flying at Holmes Lake

The sun came out, the wind blew and the kites took off.

Last Sunday was a perfect day to go fly a kite and for the annual kite flying contest sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Kites of all shapes, colors and sizes flew, or did temporary imitations of that, in the skies over Holmes Lake. About 87 kites flew in the event, with materials ranging from standard commercial paper to parachute material and plastic.

One kite, owned by Dean Wally Kirschenman, was a one-of-a-kind 150-foot kite that won the Steadiest Kite award. Another unusual kite was

entered by Fred Ullrich and Jerry Johnston, both UNL graduate students. Their kite measured an impressive 10 feet by 10 feet.

The strong wind was ideal for flying, but it also caused problems as some contestants' strings snapped. Others found their kites tangled with other kites or in trees, and still others found themselves under attack by low-flying kites. One particularly mean kite knocked a young girl down and had other contestants running for cover.

Most of the kites, however, were of the peaceful variety and caused little havoc. The contest, which was postponed for a week because of rain, drew spectators as well as contestants.



Barb Genrich and her daughter Mikala work to keep their kite in the air.