

UNL engineering professor will receive national award for manufacturing research

By Scott Nyffeler
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Professor K.P. Rajurkar will receive the 1995 Blackall Tool and Gage Award of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Rajurkar is the Mohr Professor of Engineering and director of the Nontraditional Manufacturing Research Center.

The award is given for the best paper about the design or application of machine tools, gages or dimensional instruments.

Rajurkar and two others will receive the award for their two years of research on a process which creates stress-free and crack-free surfaces for aircraft engine blades more efficiently and economically than conventional methods.

"We are very much delighted having this recognition from our peers," Rajurkar said. "This is the ultimate award that we can get for the research we do."

The award will be presented at the International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition, Nov. 12-17 in San Francisco.

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"I believe the young man has been falsely accused," Byrne said in a statement, "and that the courts will eventually justify our confidence in Riley."

Osborne said in the release that he could no longer allow Washington to practice without making a decision on his playing status.

"Riley's trial will not take place until sometime after the first of the year," Osborne said. "Therefore, it is necessary to make a decision regarding his playing status at this time."

"Once the preliminary hearing was over and once he entered a plea of not guilty, nothing more will happen as far as the legal system is concerned until his trial."

"Should information come forward that would lead me to the conclusion that he is guilty prior to the trial, he will no longer be allowed to play."

"Also, should he be found guilty once the trial occurs, he would no longer be allowed to play on the football team for the remainder of his career."

Washington spent 13 days in jail before being released on \$10,000 bond. He began practicing with the team Aug. 28.

"We believe that Riley's character is sound," he said. "At this point, given the facts that we have, we have to believe what he says. This has not been a snap decision, we have tried to weigh all the facts and have done considerable investigation prior to arriving at this conclusion."

"This is not intended to interfere with the criminal justice system."

Washington, who played in every game last season, was listed as the No. 3 wingback going into this season. Clester Johnson is this season's starter, and Jon Vedral is in the No. 2 spot.



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Though many people refer to their allergies as "hay fever," most fall allergies have nothing to do with hay or fevers.

Killing freeze may help allergy victims

By Erin Schulte
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Shawn Drapal is waiting for the end. The junior art major is hoping this week's cold weather will end his battle with allergies — at least for awhile.

"It consumes my life," Drapal said. "I can't walk anywhere without a hankie."

Forecasts Thursday called for near-freezing temperatures, which might end rampant ragweed allergies like Drapal's.

A "killing freeze" stops weed allergies, said Dr. Martin B. Trotsky, a licensed allergist and associate professor of otolaryngology — ear, nose and throat specialty.

If the weather does not cool down, Trotsky said, allergies will be in peak season for up to another month.

Dry, warm and windy weather creates prime conditions for allergic reaction to weeds, he said. Students with allergies should hope for cold and rain, he said, to dampen the conditions.

Of course, that won't help students like sophomore civil engineering major Amy Henderson, who is allergic to mold spores, which increase during damp weather.

"The cold weather has actually made it worse," Henderson said, "but freezing might make it a little better."

Junior biology major Amy Schuurmans said her allergies were especially bad this fall. Schuurmans said her Spanish professor even brought facial tissues for his entire class because he noticed so much sniffing and sneezing going on.

Drapal, Henderson and Schuurmans all said their allergies seemed worse than usual this year, though this year's mold and pollen count are average, Trotsky said.

Allergies of various types affect around 45 million Americans, he said.

Dr. Melvin Hoffman, a board certified allergist who sees students at the Health Center, said prescription drugs were available to students whose allergies made them

uncomfortable.

People with more chronic or extremely debilitating symptoms may require allergy tests and shots, which build up the immune system to allergens, Trotsky said.

Many people complain of "hay fever," Hoffman said, but that term comes from England, where the primary allergy season is spring, when hay is harvested.

Hay fever has nothing to do with hay, Hoffman said — or a fever; it's just a common term for pollen allergies. About 10 percent of the U.S. population suffers from pollen allergies, he said.

There are three main types of pollen allergies, he said. Spring allergies are usually caused by trees. In May and June, grass allergies hit. And weeds, usually ragweed, cause allergies in August and September.

Most people have weed allergies, Hoffman said, so fall is aptly called allergy season.

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Blown circuit breaker shuts off electricity, darkens stadium area

By Doug Kerns
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A water line in the South Stadium office building broke early Thursday morning, blowing a circuit breaker in the electrical room of the building and plunging the southwest quadrant of City Campus into darkness.

John Ingram, athletic facilities operations manager, said electricity was shut off for about 10 hours in the southwest quadrant of campus. The quadrant includes the South Stadium office building, Memorial Stadium and several other buildings.

"It affected game prep because coaches couldn't view film and administrative offices were all dark," Ingram said. "The ticket office was dark."

A chilled water line may have caused the break, he said.

Ingram said temporary lights were used in the office building until about 2 p.m., when power returned.

The water line had not yet been repaired Thursday afternoon.

"It will be fixed probably by this time tomorrow. It was a big problem for a while," Ingram said.

