

## University bonfire enthusiasm prompts 17 arrests

By Val Swinton

While most of the UNL campus will be celebrating Saturday's victory over Oklahoma, at least 17 students will be spending part of the day in court Monday answering to charges filed following a bonfire early Friday morning.

The students were charged after police and firemen moved in to stop two bonfires on 16th Street between R and S after the persons in attendance began feeding the fires with a candy machine, pop machine, a

piano, sofa and barricades.

Police estimated there were 500 to 600 persons watching the two fires, but only about 100 were actually throwing items into the blaze.

### Second fire

Another fire was started at 16 and S streets Friday night, and again police responded, but rather than trying to stop the fire, officers blocked off the street and waited for the fire to burn itself out. Capt. John Miller, Lincoln Police Team Captain for the downtown area, said officers did

not try to clear the street Friday night because students were allowing the fire to burn itself out, rather than continuing to feed it.

One UNL student said he was struck in the face with a club by a Lincoln Police officer during the disturbance early Friday morning and is contemplating legal action. Mike Phillips, a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity, said the injury required six stitches above the eyebrow.

### Move to curb

Phillips said he was standing on a curb

watching one of the fires when an officer walked up and ordered everyone to step back. Phillips said he moved back as far as everyone else did, but the officer walked by again and told him "all the way back to the curb. That's c-u-r-b."

Phillips said he replied, "Yeah, I know, I took English."

He said the next thing he knew, the officer had grabbed him by the back of the hair, and when he tried to break free, he was hit in the face with the club. Phillips said with the aid of a second officer, his arms were twisted behind his back, and he was taken to a police cruiser.

### Night in detention

Phillips was charged with felony assault on a police officer, resisting arrest and disturbing the peace. He said he was taken to the police department before he was taken to the hospital for treatment. Phillips said he was then returned to the police department where he spent the remainder of the night in the city detention center.

Miller said Sunday he was not aware of the incident.

"I know a couple of people were getting hurt, including one police officer." But, he added, "I also won't deny anything."

Miller said if anyone has complaints over the way they were treated by police, they should file a complaint with the internal affairs division. Miller promised a thorough investigation if such a complaint were filed. The police captain said he had read all of the reports concerning the two fires and there was nothing to indicate anyone had been clubbed.

### 30 officers

Some 30 police officers, as well as firemen, responded to the fires early Friday, and spent over two hours on the scene. Police watched over the Friday night fire for about 45 minutes.

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Photo by Bob Pearson

Nebraska fans do their part to block an Oklahoma field goal by tearing down a goal post.

## Regents OK Bob Devaney Sports Center

By Brenda Moskovits

The UNL Sports Center at 16th and Military streets will soon have a new name: The Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Backed by an attorney general's opinion, the NU Board of Regents Friday approved the naming as an emergency measure.

The regents also decided at their monthly meeting not to publicize names of high schools which graduated 174 students who later attended UNO, needing remedial courses adn set aside for legal evaluation a proposal to put \$40,000 in Student Activities money into the ASUN Credit Union.

NU Regent Robert Koefoot's proposal to name the sports center was approved 6-0 after brief discussion, with Regent Kermit Hansen of Omaha absent and Regent Robert Simmons of Scottsbluff abstaining.

Simmons said he abstained because there was no emergency in bringing it to the board.

"We come up here and do this in 30 seconds notice with no debate," Simmons said.

### Ratification needed

As an emergency item, the naming will need ratification at the regents' December meeting.

Assistant Attorney General Patrick O'Brien's opinion responded to a request from State Sen. Frank Lewis of Bellevue which asked under whose authority the building could be named: the regents, the

State Department of Administrative Services, the State Building Advisory Commission, the State Building Administrator or the Nebraska Legislature.

His opinion read: "... the Board of Regents may lawfully adopt a name for the athletic facility under consideration under their general powers of government over the University of Nebraska ..."

It stipulated that the name would be valid as long as the regents hold a lease for the center.

### Ends 3 year debate

The opinion ends about three years of debate by the Legislature and by the regents over the Sports Center's name.

An amendment by NU Regent Robert Prokop of Wilbur to name the center the Robert S. Devaney Sports Center rather than the Bob Devaney Sports Center was defeated.

Passage of a motion to confidentially release to the regents the high schools graduating 174 UNO students needing remedial help followed discussion by the board's academic affairs subcommittee meeting and by the entire board.

The emergency item passed unanimously after the regents debated whether to publically release the names.

### Singular support

Simmons was the only regent supporting public announcement of the high schools but when an amendment to release

them to the board alone passed 7 to 1 he voted for the amended version.

An amendment to release the information to high schools requesting it was withdrawn after discussion by regent Robert Raun of Minden.

Simmons said he opposed hiding the names from the public. "There should be an opportunity for response, even correction," he said.

"Why should we keep anything secret? If anybody goofed up on the job of education, we shouldn't be hiding it."

His stand was contested by UNO Chancellor Del Weber.

### Function of high schools

"The function of high school is not to prepare every student for college," Weber said, citing vocational functions and other types of minimum competencies as high school functions.

"I think to lay this out to the public is not fair to those schools," he said.

NU President Ronald Roskens cautioned the board that by releasing the names "you are in effect declaring a kind of war on the educational community."

Roskens asked the board to be careful because releasing the names might put the university in a difficult situation.

UNL student regent Ken Marienau's proposal to transfer \$40,000 of UNL Student Activities money to the ASUN Credit Union was sent to counsel at the suggestion of regent Kermit Wagner of Schuyler.

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## Bus fares raised, effective today

Bus fare price increases become effective today. Adult prices will increase from 30 to 40 cents. Adult tokens, sold in a roll of twenty, will be increased to 30 cents each, a five-cent increase.

Other increases include the Handivan, a service for senior citizens and handicapped persons, which will be 40 cents instead of 30. The downtown Mini-line will go from a 10 to 20 cent fare.

Senior citizens, over 65 years old, will still pay 10 cents for regular bus service.

High-school student tokens will change from 15 to 20 cents. Children 5 to 12 years old will pay 20 cents rather than 15 cents a ride, while children under 5 will ride free.

Regular transfers and stop-over transfers will continue to be free.

The increases are the first since the city took over Lincoln's public transportation system in 1971. Currently fares generate funds for about one-third of the system's expenses with the balance made up by federal, state and local subsidies.

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