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Bob Gebler belly-slides into third base in the first game of Nebraska's double-header sweep of Missouri Western Tuesday.

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UNL is hot despite wind; Artic Parka Day is next

By Jack Shockley

Arctic-like conditions prevailed at Buck Beltzer Field Tuesday afternoon, but the numbing weather did not stop Nebraska's baseball team from sweeping its third doubleheader from Western Missouri in as many days.

The Huskers won the first game, 5-1, behind Catcher Val Primante's five RBIs, and pushed all their runs across in the first three innings to take the nightcap, 9-5. Both games were shortened to five innings because of the weather.

A frigid north wind gusted throughout the afternoon. The official attendance was listed at 100 for the first game, but the blustery conditions caused it to dwindle to little more than a handful by the end of the second.

However, about 15 diehard fans endured the icy blasts to watch the Huskers run their record to 6-0.

In the first game, Primante broke a scoreless tie with a three-run shot in the third inning, and added a two-run double in the fourth.

Nebraska starter Jim McManus, 1-0, walked six, but overcame his own wildness by limiting Missouri Western to four hits.

Although Beltzer Field resembled an Arctic tundra more than a baseball diamond, the Husker bats heated up to propel NU to a win in the second game.

Joe Scherger went three-for-three to knock in four runs and Jeff Hunter and Stan Haas each contributed a pair of RBIs.

Nebraska scored three runs in the first inning and four in the second to stake starter Mike Harlander to a 7-2 lead. But Harlander had to leave the game after being struck on the shin by a line drive at the start of the third inning. Reliever Pete O'Brien finished up, and was credited with the win.

Primante also left with an injury after he was hit by a first inning foul tip.

The Huskers will play host to Buena Vista College today in a twin bill beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Today's games have officially been designated "Arctic Parka Day," by Coach John Sanders. Persons wearing arctic parkas will receive free admission to both games, he said.

After the Buena Vista doubleheader, Nebraska will take on the University of South Dakota in a pair of games Thursday afternoon at Beltzer Field to conclude a 10-game home stand.

Look out Lincoln! Tourneyfans preparing for rampage

Brace yourself for the onslaught, because the hordes are pouring in.

Charlemagne had to contend with the Huns, ancient Britons with the plundering Vikings and, now, UNL students with a wave of juvenile invaders, many of whom could pass for walking, talking (an drinking) advertisement for Clearasil.

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The annual state high school basketball tournament is here once again, that notorious time of the year that causes hotel managers to shudder, university students to pray for Monday and bar owners to fear for their liquor licenses.

Throngs of high school students, hailing from such thriving metropolises as Sumner and Axtell, now are arriving in Lincoln, supposedly to cheer their teams on to victory.

But anyone who has been around here for long knows that this is not entirely the case.

They will fill on-campus housing to the point of overflowing, attempt to raze local hotels and will consume vast quantities of alcohol, the effects of which will become painfully obvious to dormitory custodians. This weekend, it will appear as if the campus and downtown are under a state of siege.

Easily recognizable

The high schoolers are easily recognizable by any number of telltale signs. Scores of medals dangling from brightly colored letter jackets, awestruck expressions when gazing at Oldfather Hall and an obsessive

desire to indulge in various forms of hedonism all are dead giveaways.

And their arrival usually is met with undisguised contempt from many of the college students, whose displeasure manifests itself in a variety of ways, not the least of which is name-calling. Throughout the weekend, unflattering terms such as "teenybopper," "Ankle-biter" and—as a friend of mine so lucidly put it—"jailbait" frequently will be uttered.

Maybe it is some sort of sociological phenomenon, but it seems that whenever many people in that age group get away from the restraining influence of mom and dad, they go berserk.

"Fans" hell-bent

It surely must be nail-biting time for hotel managers because, for some reason, the "basketball fans" always come to Lincoln hell-bent on destruction. This is especially true for the hotels and motels located near the airport, an area of the city dubbed the "combat zone" during state tournaments.

Parties there will rage wildly, and you can be certain that by weekend's end, innumerable walls will have been kicked in, once-empty swimming pools filled with debris, and parking lots transformed into something not unlike mine fields by the shower of glass bottles hurled from hotel windows.

Last year's highlights included reports of broken elevators, ceilings filled with water from fire extinguishers and smashed windows.

But while state tournament time might be a bane for hotel managers and residence hall inhabitants, it is a Godsend for the makers of Annie Green Springs and Mad Dog 20/20.

One of my more memorable experiences of state tournament time happened a couple of years ago. My roommate and I were just getting back to the dorm one night, and while we walked from the parking lot, we observed two guys carrying an intoxicated buddy towards the dormitory. As they did, a girl—who was in an only slightly less inebriated state herself—noticed the fellow's limp form and, throwing her hands to her head, screamed, "Oh, my God, he's dead!"

A few time-tested tips to help you survive this upcoming weekend of bedlam:

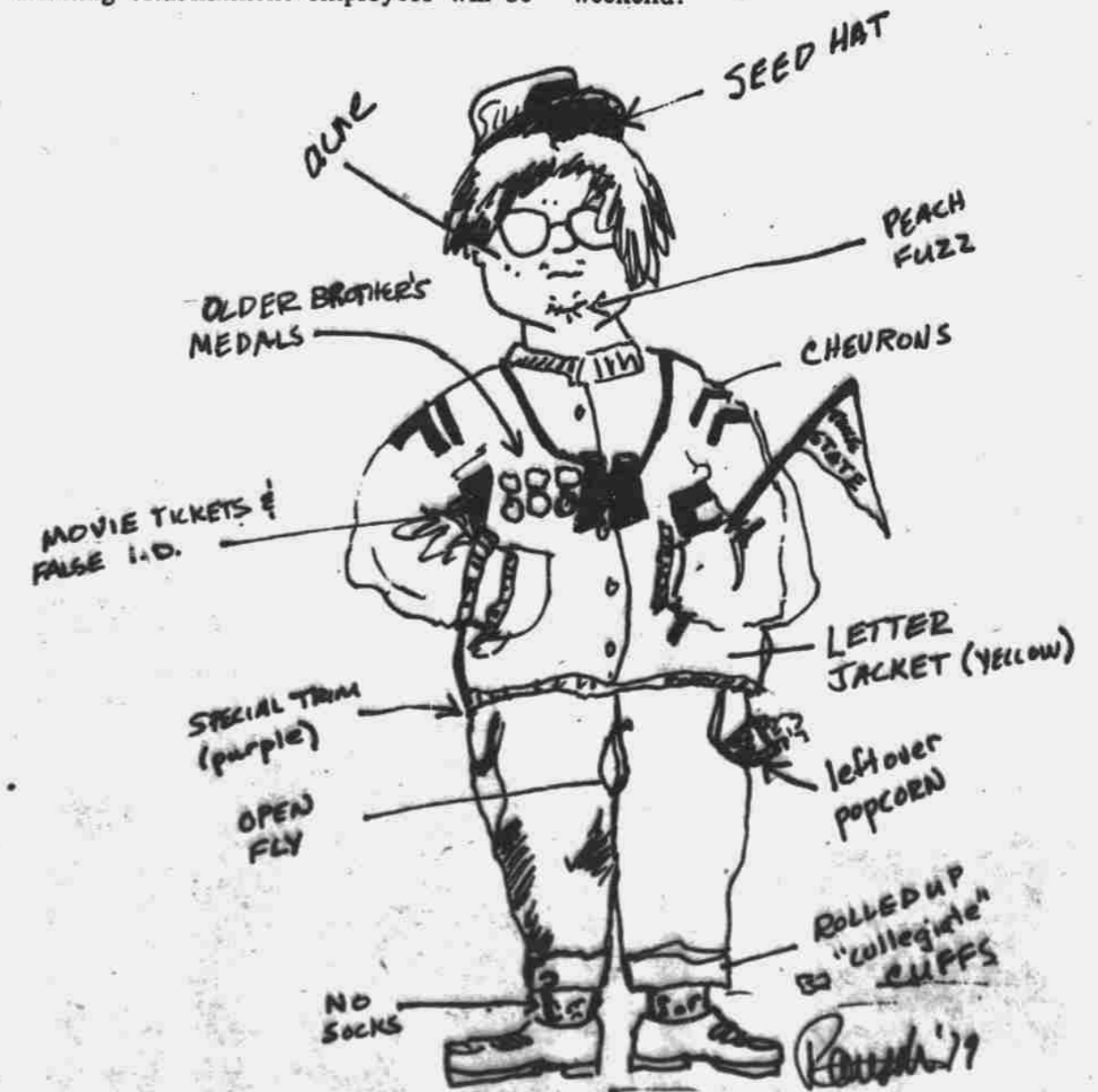
—Avoid the downtown section of Lincoln. The stores, bars, movies and restaurants all will be jammed, and cautious drinking establishment employees will be

checking IDs thoroughly, causing lines to snake around the corner.

—Carefully guard—or better yet, tie down—anything you own bearing the marker "University of Nebraska." The emblem automatically qualifies it for souvenir status, thus making it fair game.

—If you were thinking of throwing a party, forget it, especially if you are not overly fond of strangers. Odds are a crush of childish entertainment-seekers, guided by a sort of sixth sense, will get wind of it and show up minus invitation. This weekend might be better spent catching up on that studying you have been putting off all semester.

If you thought high school state wrestling was bad, you are in for a real treat this weekend.



Tankers send 3 to nationals

Three Nebraska women's swimmers are participating in the national swim which will be held Thursday through Saturday at Pittsburgh University.

Cary Backhaus, a senior, qualified in the 50-yard freestyle; senior Kristi Wells will compete in the one- and three-meter diving events, and sophomore JoDea Eckstrom qualified for three events, the 50- and 100-yard backstrokes, and the 100-yard individual medley. Eckstrom placed 20th at last year's nationals in the medley and 28th in the 100-yard backstroke.

Coach Ray Huppert said the girls are in good spirits for the meet, adding that they have been to the national meet before.

"We want to be recognized at nationals," Huppert said. "We've had a very successful season."

The women did not qualify a relay team this year, something they had done for the last two years. The Huskers were close however, since three of their five relays they were .25 seconds off of the qualifying standard. All of their relay times were the fastest in the Big Eight.

"We had a very young team this year," Huppert said. "And with girls such as JoDea, Cindy Agee, Melanie Jakob, and Anne Watland coming back we should have an even more successful season next year."

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