

# Independence Day found many forms, faces



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Women find way to beat heat taking part in powder-puff water fight during July Fourth festivities at Hildreth.

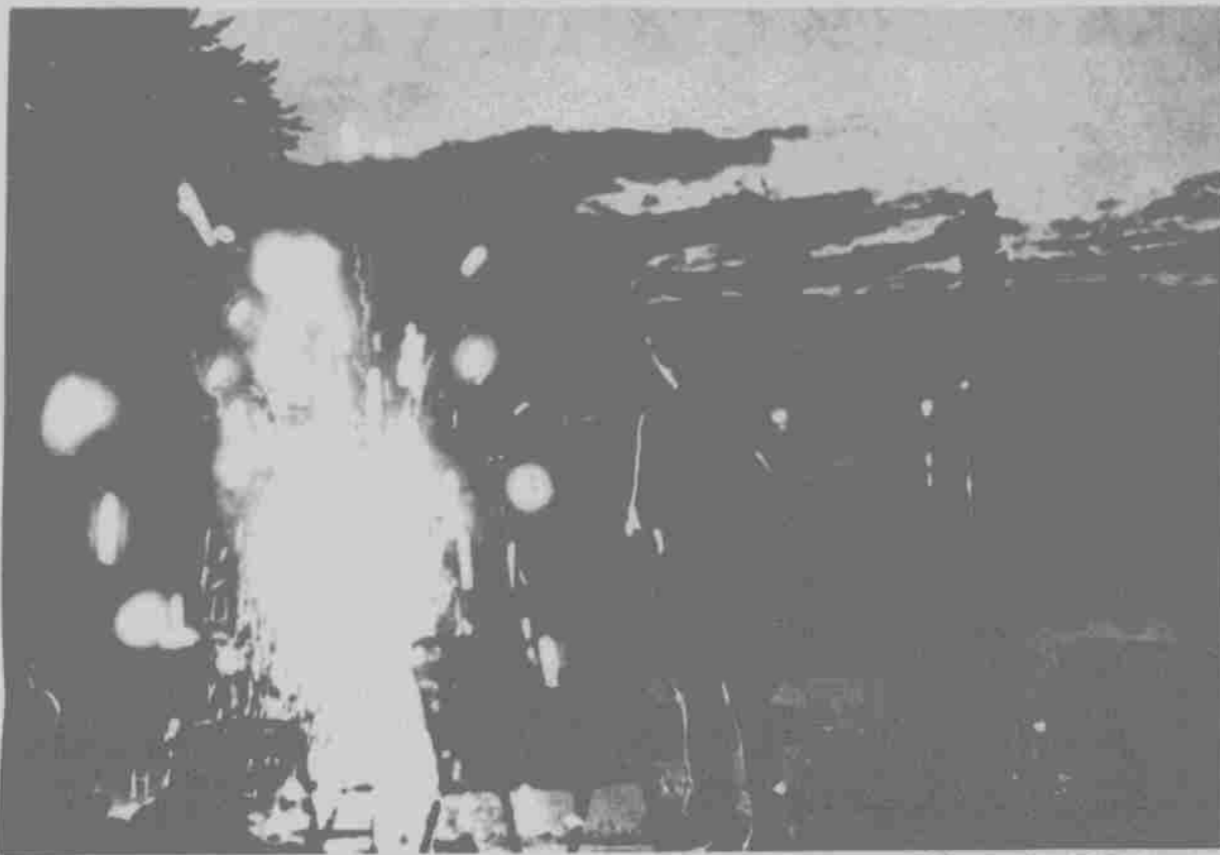


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Lincoln family has July 4 celebration at Holmes Lake.

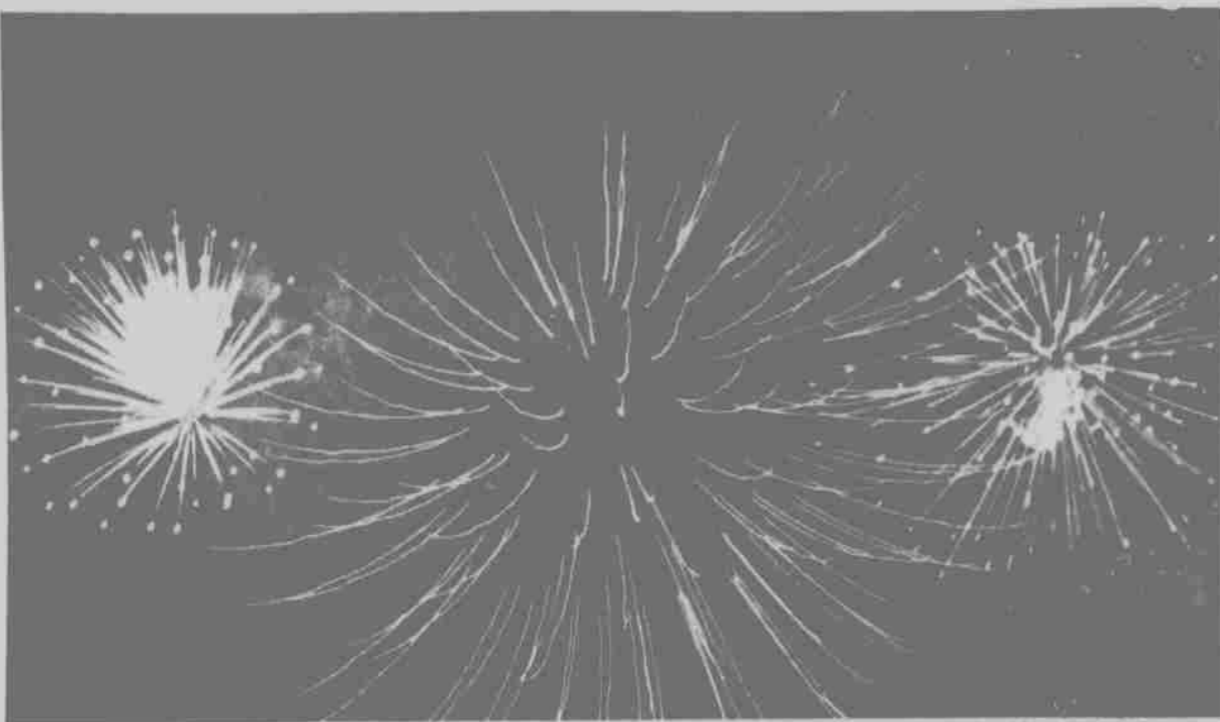


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Fireworks display at Holmes Park.

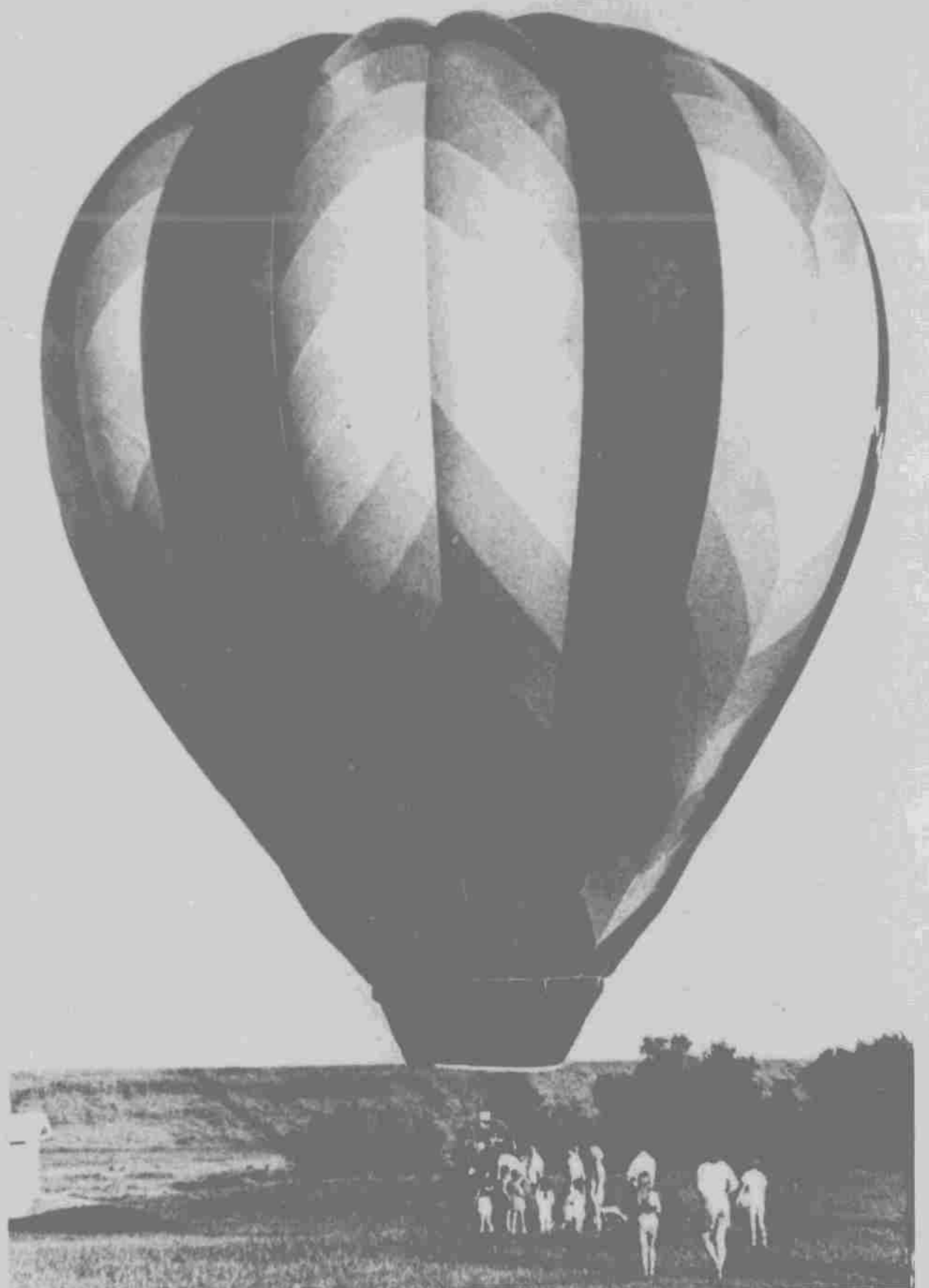


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Crowd watches as hot air balloon is filled west of Holmes Lake, Tuesday.



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Winners of beard growing contest during Cortland centennial, Sunday. From left: Randy Huls, overall best; Virgil Remmer, fullest; Harvey Zimmerman, tried hardest, failed the worst.

## Pro-life mourns failure of anti-abortion legislation

BY JOANNE YOUNG

A recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling and the failure to get the U.S. Senate to pass any anti-abortion legislation have caused disappointment among campus and community pro-life supporters.

Jean Foral, the president of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Students for Life, said some pro-life backers may be losing interest in the cause because there have been no large victories, only small ones.

"But there are still people fighting to protect human rights," the junior nursing student said.

Students for Life had about 20 members during the 1982-83 school year, she said, but weren't "very active." She said she sees the organization as an information group, because "education of the public is the key right now" on the abortion issue.

Shelia Cahill, past president of the group, said she thought the recently defeated con-

stitutional amendment had a good chance of passing in the Senate.

The amendment said: "A right to abortion is not secured by this constitution." The amendment needed a two-thirds majority in the Senate to become law, but failed 50-49.

The junior pre-law and business administration major said she will continue to support a constitutional amendment banning abortion.

Ms. Cahill said she doesn't think pro-life groups are on the decline as Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., leader of the opposition, has claimed.

"The movement has had a couple of rough spots, unity problems," she said, "but all that has been taken care of."

Pro-life people weren't sure which type of amendment to support, and some were frustrated by a lack of progress by the movement, Ms. Cahill said. As many as 50 votes have been taken on abortion amend-

ments in the Senate, most of those attached to unrelated bills.

The Supreme Court recently declared state and local limits on abortion unconstitutional, regulations such as a 24-hour waiting period between the time a woman signs an abortion consent form and the time the abortion is performed. Also declared void is a regulation requiring hospital abortions for women more than three months pregnant rather than in abortion clinics.

Dorothy Brady, public relations director for Lincoln's Right to Life, declared the 24-hour waiting period ruling a tragedy. She said some women don't even know they're pregnant when they walk into the clinic, and need time to think about alternatives.

"The Lincoln group did not support or oppose the proposed amendment, Ms. Brady said. Calling it a "nothing amendment," she said the amendment failed because the grassroots pro-life movement was not behind it.

She said pro-life people were not united on the amendment.

"We are completely united on every other issue in the movement," she said. "We believe in the absolute right to life for the unborn baby, unless the mother's life is in danger, which is extremely rare."

Jan Kauffman, the coordinator for the Nebraska Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights, said she believes pro-choice forces are growing, and somewhat off-setting the pro-life movement.

Ms. Kauffman said she was pleased with the Supreme Court ruling because most regulations were aimed at "harassing the women and their physicians."

UN-L has a pro-choice group called Students for Reproductive Freedom, but the group has been relatively inactive during the past year, according to Jan Deeds, past-president.