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Weather: Cloudy and windy with a good chance of morning showers, high about 49. Thursday night, clearing and cooler with a low about 34. Friday will be a little warmer with mostly sunny skies and a high of about 55.

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Rozier admits violation; investigation 'dead issue'

By Daily Nebraskan Staff Reporters

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne denied Wednesday that the UNL football office knew anything of former 1-back Mike Rozier's early signing with an agent and professional football team last season before the Nebraska football season ended.

The Associated Press reported Wednesday that Sports Illustrated's issue of Oct. 22 (not on the stands as of Wednesday evening) carries an interview with Rozier in which he admitted accepting four \$600 payments from a professional football agent in August of last year. He also said he signed with the Pittsburgh Maulers of the United States Football League before Nebraska played Miami in the Jan. 2 Orange Bowl. Both are NCAA violations.

Osborne, who is behind a movement to get a class for football players on dealing with profes-

sional agents, said he discussed agents and Mike Thorpe (the agent Rozier signed with in December) in particular with Rozier and other potential professional Huskers last season.

"I asked him face-to-face about Thorpe," Osborne said after practice Wednesday. "I have no understanding of what happened. They told me they were all clean."

Rozier could not be reached for comment in Camden, N.J. or Lincoln.

With Rozier's admission, the Husker football program could go under an NCAA investigation if it is determined that the football office did know about the early signing. However, Chuck Poole, assistant Sports Information director, said an investigation was a "dead issue."

Poole said the only difference between now and the original questions about the Mauler contract is that Rozier finally has admitted to the signing. The pos-

sibility of an investigation, eligibility questions and probation "have all been covered," Poole said.

On his weekly sports call-in show on KFOR on Wednesday, Osborne also said Nebraska should not have to worry about an NCAA probe.

"Once the season is over, the NCAA usually will not take any retroactive action against a school," he said. "I know of at least four or five similar situations where no action was taken by the NCAA."

Rozier had returned to Lincoln after playing through an injury-plagued season with the Maulers. He recently had been reported to have considered signing with the National Football League's Houston Oilers.

The question of the early signing first arose following the Orange Bowl game. The Maulers and Rozier announced a contract had been signed Jan. 9.



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Former Nebraska running back Mike Rozier.

Nebraska Silver-haired Unicameral debates, votes on five priority bills

The fifth Nebraska Silver-haired Unicameral convened, debated and voted Wednesday on the priority list of five bills to be offered in the state Legislature when it convenes in January.

Members selected the five priority bills after the 19 proposed bills were pared down to 11. Those decided on were:

- SHB-8, which would provide a state income tax checkoff allowing people to donate to the Silver-haired Unicameral.

- SHB-16, which would exempt Social Security benefits from state income tax.

- SHB-7, which would recognize the concept of the Living Will Declaration.

- SHB-6, which would provide for grandparent visitation rights.

- SHB-1, which would provide an income tax exemption for persons ages 65 or older.

Members chose SHB-1 over SHB-3 in a tie-breaking vote of 26-17. SHB-3 would have required the possession of automobile liability coverage prior to registration of certain motor vehicles.

Alvin Boettcher, speaker of the Silver-haired Unicameral, said the senior senators should generate publicity for the decision. The publicity will help others see the Silver-haired Unicameral as "a group to be recognized and reckoned with," Boettcher said.

'60 Minutes' crew scouts bank failure

Reporter Harry Reasoner and a CBS "60 Minutes" news crew are cruising the streets of Lincoln ferreting out the facts of the Commonwealth Savings Co. insolvency.

Reasoner and company spent Wednesday interviewing state Nebraska Banking Director Roger Beverage and Gov. Bob Kerrey. The "60 Minutes" crew will be in Lincoln the rest of

the week, according to banking department employees.

Elizabeth Pearson, a "60 Minutes" production assistant in New York, said the "60 Minutes" crew was in town earlier this year backgrounding. This trip, they are filming, she said.

Reasoner and producer Drew Phillips were not granting interviews and could not be reached for comment.

College Republicans, Democrats debate '84 issues

By Paul Shavlik
Daily Nebraskan Staff Reporter

The heads of UNL's two college political parties the College Republicans and Young Demo-

crats engaged in lively discussion Wednesday in an effort to inform UNL students of '84 election issues.

John Hilgert, representing the College Republicans and John Stick, representing the Young

Democrats, explained the two parties' platforms.

Regarding defense spending, Hilgert said Kennedy appropriated 49 percent of the budget to defense and the 1984 defense

budget is estimated at 28 percent. Stick pointed out, however, that the defense budget is growing almost 20 percent a year.

Hilgert said the Reagan administration favors the MX missile placements in western Nebraska and that the missiles' presence in the state is not most peoples' main concern — people are more concerned about groundwater supply problems.

Stick said he is not in favor of the MX. It was originally to be a mobile missile, but a decision has been made to place them in existing silos, which the Soviets already have targeted.

Concerning the national budget, Hilgert said raising taxes will have a depressing effect on the American population. Hilgert said decontrolling petroleum cost the government \$25 billion. More tax loopholes need to be isolated, and we need to change more unemployed people using taxes to employed people paying taxes, he said. Although the Reagan Administration has cut much waste spending, more cuts are needed, Hilgert said.

Interest on the national debt is the single biggest problem facing this country today, said Stick, citing an estimated \$220 billion

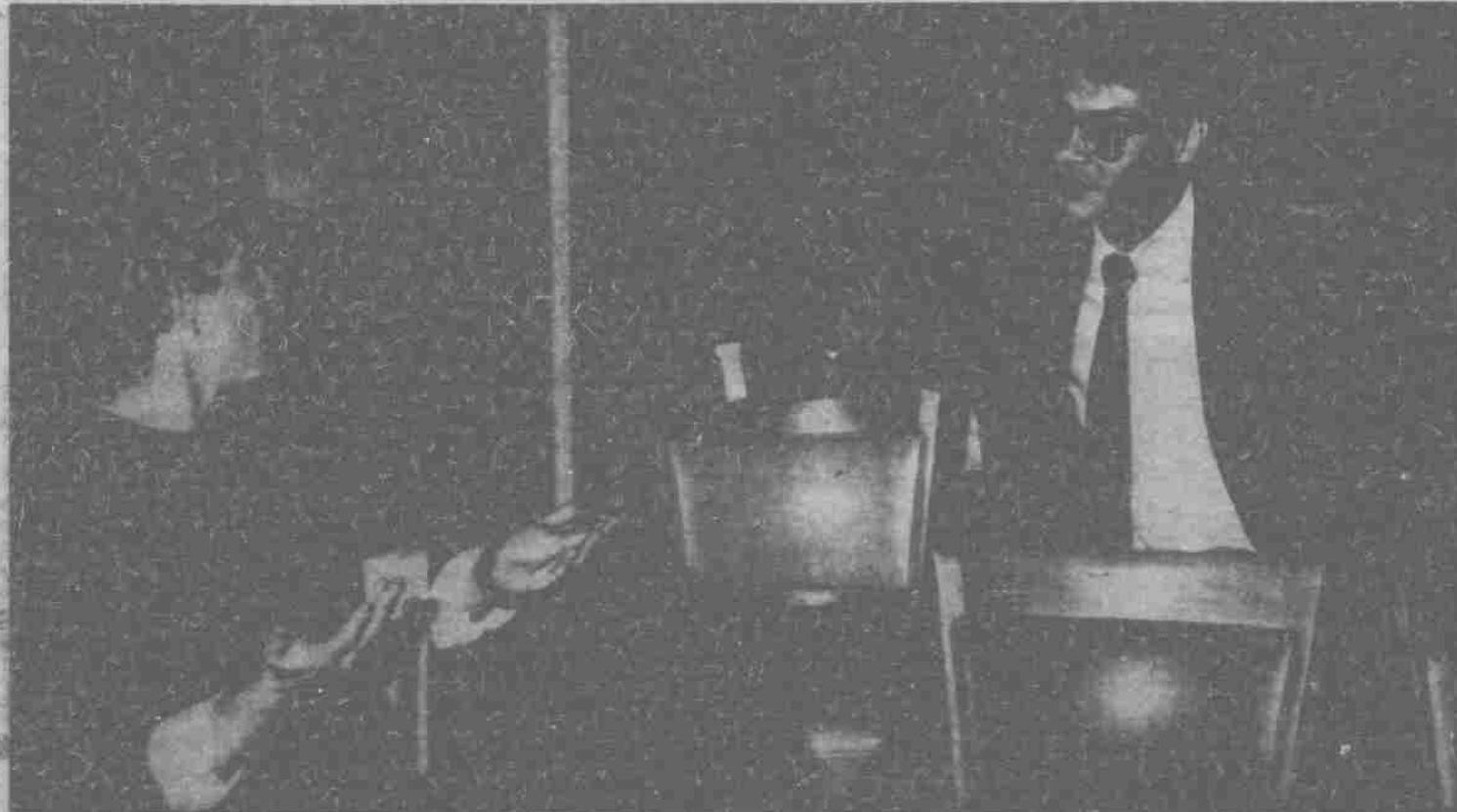
deficit this year. If Reagan is re-elected, as much as 50 percent of the national debt could go toward paying interest within four years.

If Mondale were elected, his primary goal would be to ask for an annual meeting with top-level Soviet officials, Stick said. We need to be willing to meet with the Soviets. U.S. armed forces would never be sent anywhere unless there was a very clean-cut, definite reason, Stick said. Speaking for himself, Stick said a Democrat would allow every country to determine its own course.

Hilgert said we should be willing to move into countries to install democracy. Today, he said, the U.S. is trying to influence countries which are under Soviet influence.

Regarding domestic issues, Hilgert said he is for the Pro-Life Amendment, against the Equal Rights Amendment (pointing out that significant progress has been made in the absence of such an amendment), and in favor of voluntary prayer in public schools.

Stick supports the ERA, mentioning that women today earn 53 percent of a man's wage. Regarding abortion, he said, "as males we can't make that decision for a woman."



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John Stick (left) and John Hilgert talk informally before going head-to-head at the Harper-Schramm-Smith political forum Wednesday night. Stick, a Democrat, and Hilgert, a Republican, answered student questions about their respective presidential candidates.