

Weather: Mostly sunny today with highs in the mid 80s. Clear and cool tonight with a low in the 50s.

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## NCAA declares 60-70 ineligible

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Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne said he was informed Tuesday by the National Collegiate Athletic Association Eligibility Committee that 60 to 70 Nebraska players have been declared ineligible for Saturday's game with Florida State.

The players were declared ineligible because of improper use of complimentary game tickets, Osborne said.

The Nebraska-Florida State game, scheduled for a 7:06 p.m. Saturday kickoff, is to be nationally televised by ABC. The NCAA made its ruling, according to Osborne, after learning that players had misused complimentary tickets. The top 60 players on the team receive four complimentary tickets for each game. According to NCAA rules, the tickets are to be used by fellow

students and family members only.

"We had a lot of players that went beyond that," Osborne said. "Parents would take family friends. The NCAA found no evidence of scalping."

Osborne said the Nebraska athletic department has cooperated fully with the NCAA in its investigation. He said the NCAA's decision to declare the players ineligible left him dumbfounded.

"We're very, very angry," Osborne said. "It's a travesty."

"The eligibility committee rapped us pretty hard," Osborne said. "The question is, what do we do? They (NCAA) very generously conceded that we could lose 10 players each week (for six weeks)."

"We're trying to find out if there is an appeal possibility. We tried to operate in good faith. In most every case, the information the NCAA is acting on

is self-reported."

Osborne said he will release a list of ineligible players today. He said the ruling leaves Nebraska with no experienced quarterbacks or I-backs for the Florida State game.

"I don't know how to play with 60 players ineligible," Osborne said. "We're talking 75 percent of the top 40 guys at this point (being ineligible for the Florida State game)."

Osborne said one possibility for Saturday is to forfeit the game. That would be difficult, he said, because of commitments made to ABC and Florida State.

"There is no way they (ABC) can pull out," a spokesman at ABC who refused to be identified said.

The ABC spokesman said in the event of a forfeit, ABC would go with local programming. He said the NCAA would then have to refund money to

ABC, which ABC would then refund to advertisers. The spokesman said the Florida State-Nebraska game has been set for a year to be televised and that advertisers have already paid for commercial time.

Besides forfeiting, Osborne said Nebraska has two other options if the NCAA penalties stand. One option would be to play the game with a team of freshman players, redshirts and scout team members. Osborne said he doesn't like that option.

"It would be an embarrassment to Florida State and to college football," Osborne said.

"If we field a team Saturday, we would have to unredshirt 10 to 15 guys. That's unfair to them."

Another option, Osborne said, is to sit out 10 players for the next six games.

"If you pull out 10 each week, you

die a slow death," Osborne said. "It's better off to take your medicine in one dose than to die a slow death."

Florida State coach Bobby Bowden, reached by telephone at his Tallahassee home, said the player ineligibility won't affect his team's preparation for Saturday.

"We have assume they will line up like they thought," Bowden said.

Bowden compared the Nebraska case to a similar incident involving the Seminoles' Hassan Jones for last year's Gator Bowl. Jones sat out the game for a similar infraction.

Bowden said, although he didn't know all the circumstances involved in the Nebraska case, he doesn't see a favorable appeal. He said the NCAA was very strict in its dealings with Jones.

UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale could not be reached for comment.

### Defends process

## Spire: Investigation may daunt petitioners

By Michael Hooper  
Senior Reporter

The investigation into the lottery petition drive might temporarily discourage Nebraskans from using the petition process to make or change laws, said Attorney General Robert Spire.

But a vigorous and fair prosecution of those involved with the case, including Kim Peters of Lincoln, will show Nebraskans the process must be treated with respect and used by following the laws governing it. Spire's comments came in a speech to the UNL Pre-Law Club Tuesday in the Nebraska Union.

Spire said the petition process is a democratic method used for making or changing laws, that should be preserved. The "vigorous and fair" prosecution of violators also will protect the process, he said.

Spire said investigators, primarily from the State Attorney General's Office and the Lancaster County Attorney's office, are trying to find out who was

involved in violating the petition process.

Spire said last week, several arrests would be made in the investigation. Only Peters, a former aide to North Platte Sen. James Pappas, has been charged with election fraud in connection with the six-week-old investigation. The lottery petition drive was unsuccessful.

Spire said the petition process should be preserved because if the state legislature does not represent the majority of Nebraskans' view on an issue, Nebraskans can change or make a law themselves through the process.

"It's a very democratic kind of thing," he said.

Spire told the approximately 25 pre-law students that legal decisions always affect politics. But Spire said when he makes a decision as attorney general, he does not let political forces affect him.

"I put aside the outcome and try to be as objective as possible," he said.

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## NU program for deaf granted accreditation

By Shawn Hubbell  
Staff Reporter

Recently the Barkley Memorial Center on UNL's East Campus received accreditation and national recognition for its teacher training program for hearing-impaired students.

In a letter sent to Jill Stoeppel-Fisher, coordinator of the program, the Council on Education of the Deaf granted approval of the program for a period of five years and gave recognition to the "high-level program" being offered at UNL for the preparation of teachers for the hearing impaired.

The CED approval of the program is based on the council's evaluation panel's findings which cited eight outstanding strengths of the UNL program:

- An excellent building in which the program is housed (Barkley Memorial Center).
- A strong emphasis on speech pathology and audiology.
- Strong staff with varying background and experience.
- A strong and positive working relationship with practicum sites.
- Availability of a nationally recognized media center.

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## Race draws national attention

Orr, Boosalis contest attracts magazine, television coverage

By Jen Deselms  
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Candidates for political office campaigning on college campuses is nothing new, but Democratic gubernatorial candidate Helen Boosalis didn't bring just the usual flyers and stickers. She brought an ABC camera crew.

Wednesday morning was the second time Boosalis was on campus to meet students in less than two weeks and it won't be the last, she said.

"Students are potential voters and if they aren't," Boosalis said, "we'd like to get them interested in voting because it's very important to their future."

An ABC network camera crew met Boosalis at her car and filmed her as she walked around campus greeting students.

The ABC camera crew was filming segments for a story on women in politics which will include Boosalis, Republican gubernatorial candidate Kay Orr, and women running for important political offices across the nation.

"We felt that this is such a historic race that we had to come out and spend a day or so to include it," said Rebecca Chase, an ABC news correspondent.

The segment will be a broad overview of women running for political office this year, Chase said. Chase said that on Tuesday she interviewed Geraldine Ferraro, who ran with Walter Mondale in the 1984 presidential election, to find out what impact Ferraro has had on the increasing number of women running for office.

"I am sure that we'll be back here before the final election to do a more in-depth piece on the race itself," Chase said.

Chase, Producer Betsy Rich and the camera crew will cover the gubernatorial debate at 11 a.m. today in

the open air auditorium at the State Fair. Orr will be interviewed after the debate. Segments of the Nebraska governor's race will be aired Sept. 8 or 9 on World News tonight with Peter Jennings, Chase said.

ABC Television is not the only national news organization to take an interest in Nebraska's all woman

race for governor. Us, Time, Newsweek, Vogue and U.S. News & World Report magazines all have interviewed the gubernatorial candidates, said Barry Kennedy, media director for Orr's campaign. Kennedy also said the campaign office has received newspaper clippings from virtually every major city in the country.



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Doug (Gonzo) Kasperek talks to gubernatorial candidate Helen Boosalis Wednesday about 'Peace Pals.' Boosalis has endorsed the organization, which strives to create a better understanding between the peoples of the world. The group is sending a giant postcard endorsing peace to the Soviet Union. The postcard will be available for the public to sign starting Thursday in the Nebraska Union.