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# Tree

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served for its historical value and aesthetic qualities. They also said Lincoln can't build on the land because it doesn't have the deed to it.

Police were waiting for protesters as they began to arrive Thursday at about 6:45 a.m. The construction site, a square section on the northwest side of the park, was sealed off by fences.

Protesters crawled under and climbed over the fences. Police chased them, knocking down a female protester.

Later in the morning, construc-tion workers knocked over a tree with a protester in it. The protester appeared uninjured.

Rob Benford, assistant professor of sociology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said he was "shocked" by the way police treated protesters.

He said police and the bulldozer operator could have prevented the toppling of a tree with a protester

in it. "They could clearly see he was in the tree," Benford said. "The police stood by with their hands in their pockets.

Wagner said police were making every effort to see that no one got hurt. The worker who knocked down the tree said he did not see the protester, Wagner said.

Anne Garwood, a senior human services major at the College of St. Mary's in Omaha, said the protesters will file a complaint against the



UNL law student Dave Regan is arrested by two Lincoln police officers for obstruction of government operations.

police department and the operator of the bulldozer.

At about 10:30 a.m., people outside the fence began to shout ob-scenities as a buildozer began to move toward a tree in which UNL student and Ecology Now member J Burger was perched.

Benford yelled at a nearby officer to stop the bulldozer.

"It's your job to do something," he yelled.

'Look. He's backing away," the officer replied.

'Well, I watched you let one go earlier that had a person in it. "You fascist!" Benford yelled

as the police officer walked away. Activists cheered and Burger shook his fist with thumb up when police waved off the bulldozer. They shouted "no" and "mur-derers" as the bulldozer proceeded

to fell an unoccupied tree. At about 12:45 p.m., firefighters removed the remaining protesters from the trees and police arrested them.

A group of about 30 people, including area residents, gathered Thursday night in the park to plan their next move.

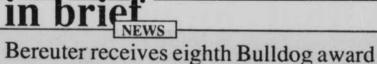
The group decided to prepare a list of grievances to take to Lincoln Mayor Bill Harris after a Lancaster County Court decision today regarding placement of an injunction on Land Construction Inc.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Doug Bereuter of Nebraska received his eighth Bulldog Award on Wednesday for his 1989 efforts to cut federal spending.

The award, by Watchdogs of the Treasury Inc., is presented to members of Congress who vote to limit government spending on selected issues

This year, Bulldog Awards were presented to 220 members of Congress -- 184 representatives and 36 senators -- or 41 percent of Congress.

# Legislature

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The amendment failed 9-20.

Sen. Sharon Beck of Omaha attempted an amendment to set aside \$200,000 of the fund for research on tire waste.

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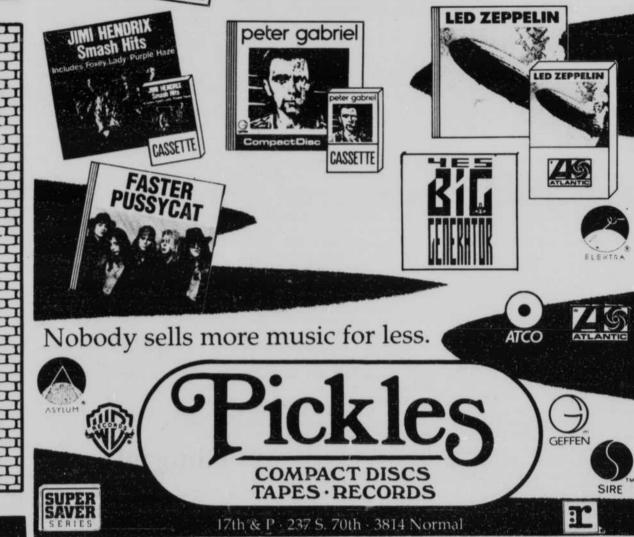
technology exists to burn tires and dispose of them safely. "We don't have to reinvent the wheel," he said.

enough research had been done and

Beck's amendment failed and so did Moore's motion to have it recon-







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