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WEATHER

Today, partly sunny and warmer, south wind 15-25 m.p.h. per hour, high 65-70. Tonight, mostly cloudy with 40 percent chance of rain, low near 40. Saturday, 30 percent chance of rain in the morning, then cloudy and cooler, high in the low to mid 50s.

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Committee declares need for recycling coordinator

By Dionne Searcey
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Recycling may become a full-time job at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Members of the Chancellor's Recycling Advisory Committee agreed Thursday that a part-time or full-time recycling coordinator would be needed if UNL installed a universitywide recycling plan.

Ray Coffey, UNL business manager, said most recycling programs are started without paid coordinators. But "if we're really going to get serious about it, it's a full-time job," he said.

Wilbur Dasenbrock, director of UNL Landscaping Services, said the cost to get the program started and to hire a full-time coordinator would be at least \$50,000.

The committee is preparing a report to submit to Martin Massengale, UNL chancellor and NU interim presi-

dent.

The report would call for development of a comprehensive program to reduce the amount of solid and liquid waste UNL produces.

The program would establish pilot recycling projects to be financed and operated primarily with existing resources, Coffey said.

John Marker, operational manager of the custodial division in the Department of Facilities Management, recommended that a pilot program be started requiring paper to be recycled.

The program would target residence halls and the Nebraska Unions, he said. Classrooms and other facilities also would be included.

The paper recycling program could be established at little additional cost, Marker said.

Another committee would develop policies and evaluate possible financing sources, such as grants and sales

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NU student regents present anti-spending lid statement

From Staff Reports

The 2 percent lid's threat to state and local spending "goes beyond politics and cuts deep into the heart of our system of higher education," the University of Nebraska's three student regents said Thursday.

Students' futures are threatened by what seems to be an easy solution to a growing aggravation — high taxes, the student regents said in a statement given at a press conference in the Milo Bail Student Center at the

University of Nebraska at Omaha. UNL Student Regent Phil Gosch, who read the statement, said voters should take a realistic look at the ramifications of Measure 405 before casting their ballots Nov. 6. The lid would limit state and local government spending increases to 2 percent each year.

Gosch asked voters not to limit NU's ability to develop fully.

The university exists to develop minds, but top faculty are needed to

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Locker-room conflicts don't affect Huskers, officials say

By Chris Hopfensperger
 Senior Reporter

Recent locker-room clashes between professional football players and female journalists have had no effect on Nebraska's interview policy, athletic officials said.

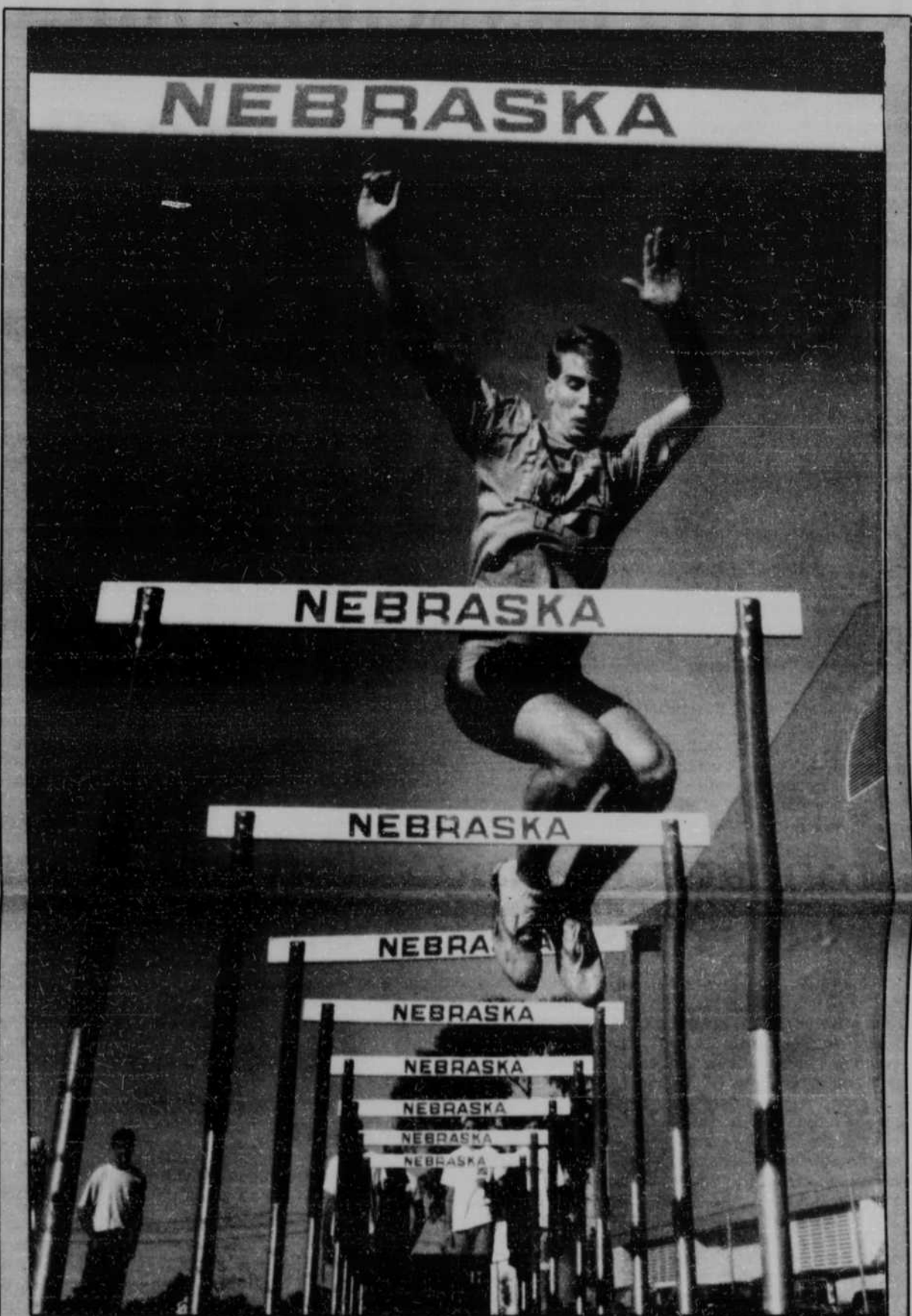
Two incidents have stirred debate on the rights of women writers in the male-dominated profession: Boston Herald reporter Lisa Olson's sexual-harassment charges against the New England Patriots and Cincinnati

Bengals coach Sam Wyche's decision to bar USA Today reporter Denise Tom from his locker room after a game.

The small number of female reporters covering college football, however, has limited the debate to professional football, Nebraska Athletic Director Bob Devaney said.

The Nebraska football program's post-game interview policy prevents such problems in the south stadium,

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High Hopes

Track team member Marc Rexroad jumps over hurdles during a plyometrics drill Thursday at Ed Weir track. The drill is designed to build muscles and concentration.

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Mother tells of son's struggle against AIDS

By Sara Bauder Schott
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Gripping a picture of her family, Jeanne White came to the microphone and began to tell the story of discrimination against her son.

White wiped away tears several times as she talked about Ryan, who was just 13 when he was diagnosed as having AIDS in 1984. A hemophiliac, Ryan got AIDS from a clotting agent used to thicken his blood. He died April 8, 1990, at the age of 18.

White spoke Thursday at a conference on AIDS sponsored by the Nebraska Parent-Teachers Association and Nebraska Department of Education.

After he was diagnosed with AIDS, Ryan had to face the disease and the prejudice that went with it, White said. Ryan was not allowed to attend school in Kokomo, Ind., because people were afraid casual contact with Ryan could spread the disease.

Ryan's mother said she could not believe how the community of Kokomo was affected by her son's disease. When family members

went to church, she said, they had to sit in a certain spot so people who didn't want to sit by Ryan wouldn't have to.

During a part in the church service when the congregation would greet each other and shake hands, Ryan was left out, White said. Eventually, she said, it became unbearable to go to church.

Church wasn't the only thing that became unendurable. Carloads of teen-agers would drive past the White home, shouting and calling Ryan a "fag," White said.

When Ryan finally returned to school in Kokomo, he used separate restrooms and drinking fountains and did not take gym class, White said. Ryan agreed to those things as a compromise with the people who were scared of him, she said.

People started rumors about Ryan being a troublemaker, saying that he bit people, spit on vegetables and cookies, and urinated on bathroom walls, she said.

As Ryan's mother, White also suffered discrimination. People called her an unfit mother, she said. When cashiers gave her change, they would not touch her hand. And she received

degrading letters every day.

White said she and Ryan tried not to let such things bother them.

"We tried to ignore the injustice because we knew they were wrong," she said.

The Whites moved to Cicero, Ind., in 1987, hoping desperately that the community would accept them, White said.

The hope was answered, and Ryan became "just one of the kids" at his new school, she said. Ryan felt "really good" after the move, she said, because he did not have to deal with discrimination daily.

Being accepted in the community meant Ryan got to live the last three years of his life "doing the things he wanted to do" with many new friends, White said. The community was proud of Ryan instead of scared or jealous, she said.

Since Ryan's death, White has traveled the country speaking on AIDS and her family's experiences with it. She has been involved with the showing of the AIDS Memorial Quilt and is finishing a children's book that Ryan started to write.



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