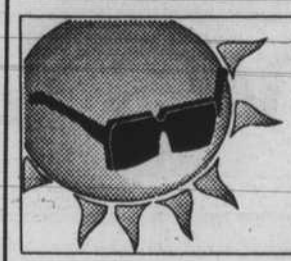


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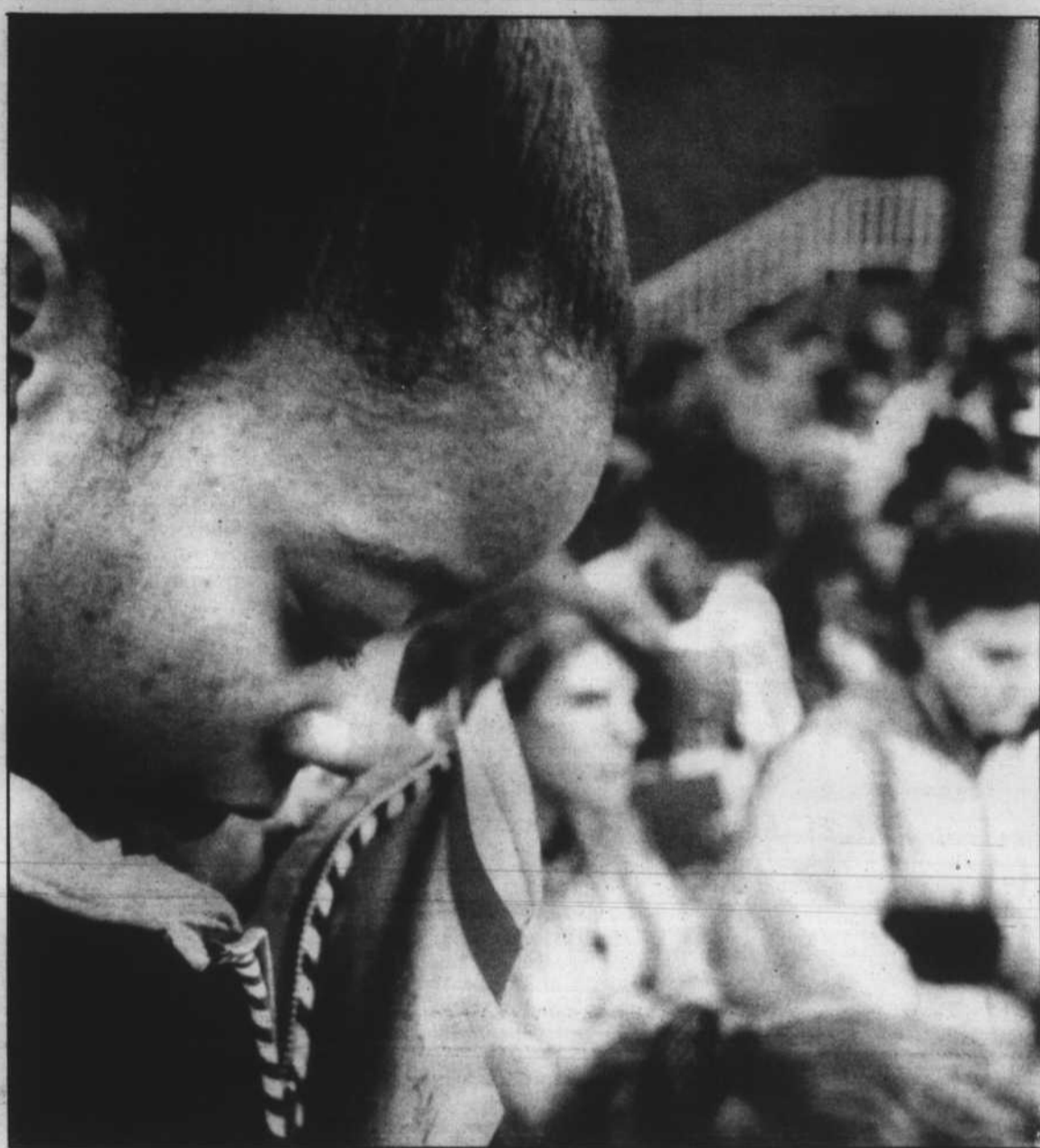
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Today, partly sunny, windy and colder, northwest winds 20 to 30 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Friday, partly sunny with a high around 40.

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Fidel Nelson, a junior broadcasting major, bows her head during a moment of silence at a vigil for Gina Simanek Wednesday evening at Broyhill Fountain. The vigil was sponsored by Women Against Violence.

300 show support at vigil

By Shelley Biggs
Staff Reporter

A vigil held Wednesday at Broyhill Fountain for the victim of an assault last weekend became an appeal for changes in UNL's support system. During the 45-minute vigil, originally organized to support 23-year-old Gina Simanek, students also gathered to show their support for Andrew Scott Baldwin, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln student arrested Saturday for the alleged assault.

About 300 UNL students and faculty attended the vigil. Students spoke of their frustrations with a system that, they said, failed to help Baldwin when he needed help the most. "Before he was a football player, he was a man," said Rosetta Howard, a senior political science major at UNL. "The continued exploitation of Scott, the football player, has to come to an end." John Harris, an employee for the UNL vice chancellor for student affairs, said the issue was about showing support for both people

involved, and not about blaming one person. "This isn't about you, it isn't about black..." he said. "It's about Scott and Gina and their welfare." Donna Peterson, an organizer of the event, said the vigil was originally organized to show support for Simanek and her family. "I wanted to show affection and caring for her and her situation," she said. Peterson stressed that the vigil was not organized to show disrespect for Baldwin.

Victim recovering, doctors say

By Shelley Biggs
Staff Reporter

The most dangerous time is over for Gina Simanek and she is showing signs of recovery, doctors said Wednesday. Simanek was hospitalized after she

suffered injuries in an assault that occurred outside her Lincoln apartment house Saturday evening as she was walking her dog. Andrew Scott Baldwin, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln student, was charged Monday for allegedly assaulting Simanek and Lincoln Police Offi-

cer Greg Sims. Sims was treated at a Lincoln hospital and released. In a press conference held by Simanek's family at Lincoln General Hospital, doctors said Simanek still was in serious condition, but she was

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ASUN passes emergency bill

Legislation supports multicultural program

By Kara Morrison
Staff Reporter

ASUN senators passed an emergency bill Wednesday night in support of LB922, a state bill written "to provide for the implementation of multicultural education programs" in Nebraska's public schools.

College of Arts and Sciences Sen. Steve Dietz, who co-sponsored the bill in support of LB922, said the emergency status was necessary so that ASUN's support would be acknowledged at the bill's hearing.

Alisa Miller, a senior broadcasting major and Government Liaison Committee lobbyist, addressed the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska in favor of the emergency bill to support LB922.



A graduate of Lincoln Southeast High School, Miller said she couldn't remember being exposed in high school to any material "other than Huckleberry Finn" that addressed racial issues. Miller said ASUN should support the bill because "a lot of problems we have on campus can be defused before they start." Since LB922 addresses cultural awareness in grades kindergarten through 12, and does not mention higher education, ASUN Speaker of

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Bill would ensure equity for students

Legislation would aid in appeals, sponsor says

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick
Senior Reporter

LB1185, a bill introduced Monday in the Nebraska Legislature, would grant student-athletes who have had their scholarships terminated the right to have legal counsel represent them at appeal hearings.

The bill, introduced by Sen. Merton Dierks of Ewing, also would require universities to notify athletes by April 1 that their scholarships are being revoked, and require members of appeal boards to be impartial.

Dierks said he introduced the bill to ensure due process was provided to student athletes.

He said he was motivated by a desire for greater equity for students, and not by a specific incident involving the athletic department.

"I'm not sure it is a significant problem," he said. "But I think it needs to be addressed so it won't become one. I think what we are doing is for the benefit of both stu-

dents and the university." Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha, a co-sponsor of the bill, said he became involved with LB1185 because of a concern for the welfare of student-athletes.

Chambers said he was attracted to the bill by the section that would allow students to have legal counsel at scholarship appeal hearings.

He said he thought the current appeal process was unfair because student-athletes without legal counsel present at their hearings were no match for legal counsel employed by universities.

"To use an athletic cliché," Chambers said, "this bill is designed to create a level playing field."

Al Papik, assistant athletic director for administrative services, said the University of Nebraska-Lincoln currently followed NCAA procedures when dealing with students who appealed their scholarship's cancellation.

When a scholarship is terminated, a student must be notified in writing by the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid by July 1, Papik said. At that time, they are notified that they have the right to an appeal hearing.

John Beacon, director of scholarships and financial aid, is the chairman of the five-member committee

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Photo controversy heats up Wednesday

By Sean Green
Senior Reporter

More than 50 UNL students voiced their frustration and anger Wednesday at the UNL Culture Center over a recent Daily Nebraskan photograph.

Some students said the photograph of Andrew Scott Baldwin, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln student, demeaned Baldwin and sparked racism on campus.

The photo, which ran in Monday's issue of the Daily Nebraskan, showed Baldwin unclothed with his hands and feet tied, being carried by Lincoln police officers.

Baldwin was arrested for allegedly beating 23-year-old Gina Simanek on Saturday.

"The point is that the picture was demeaning and inhuman," said Hope Burtley, a sophomore journalism major at UNL. "When he came out of his episode, he must have been devastated."

Other students called the Daily Nebraskan staff racist, and said the paper's coverage showed racial minority groups in a negative light.

"If you were good journalists, you would have tried to find out what made Scotty (Baldwin) do what he did, before you ran the picture," said Angela Green, a sophomore political science major at UNL.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, groups of students went to the Daily Nebraskan office to express their displeasure with the photograph.

At the meeting, some students said they felt they were not made to feel welcome at the office.

"When we went down to the Daily Nebraskan office, the overall atmosphere was hostile," one student said. "In fact, the attitude toward racial minorities on this whole campus stinks, except on football Saturday."

In response to the criticisms, Jana Pedersen, editor of the Daily Nebraskan, read a letter she wrote Monday to a friend who had condemned her for running the photograph.

In the letter, Pedersen said the photograph went beyond violence and told a story that could not be told in words.

"The explanation I have for the

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THURSDAY

Correction: In Friday's edition of the Daily Nebraskan, an article incorrectly reported that the All State Fine Arts summer program was solely a school of music program. The program served all arts units including the theatre and dance department and the department of art and art history. The Daily Nebraskan regrets the error.

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