

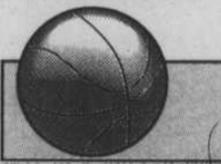
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SPORTS
Huskers in Cuban opener



New videos



TUESDAY
47/30
Cloudy today and tonight. Tomorrow, 20% chance of rain.



Michelle Paulman/DN

Lancaster County Sheriff's Deputy Joe Lefler examines a body found Monday morning near Neiden Iron and Metal Co. Inc., 525 N St.

Body of woman, in 30s, found by tracks

By Susie Arth
Senior Reporter

The body of a woman was found lying face down in a pool of water Monday morning in west Lincoln, police said. Lancaster County Attorney Gary Lacey said an autopsy performed on the body late Monday afternoon indicated that the body was that of a white female about 30 years old. Although Lacey said he was unable to identify the body, he was

Autopsy shows drowning is cause of death

certain it was not Candice Harms, a UNL student who has been missing for almost two months. Lacey said the woman had died from drowning, and he rejected the possibility that the woman was hit by a train. The body was found near train tracks. The death did not appear to be a homicide, Lacey said, but he would not yet rule out the possibility.

The autopsy indicated that the body had been in the pool of water for at least two days, Lacey said. "We really don't know too much right now," he said. Sgt. Ann Heermann of the Lincoln Police Department said the body was found directly south of Neiden Iron and Metal Co. Inc., 525 N St. The property is owned by the

railroad, she said. Mike Beran, special agent of the railroad police, said a railroad employee on his way to work found the body at about 7:45 a.m. Monday. Police arrived on the scene at about 9 a.m. to examine and remove the body from the shallow pool. They searched the surrounding area for clues to the cause of death. Lacey said he would continue investigating the case.

Spanier aims to protect education

By Chuck Green
Senior Reporter

With the possibility of across-the-board budget cuts looming for the University of Nebraska, UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier said he would remain committed to preserving the quality of higher education in Nebraska.

BUDGET Spanier answered questions from the media Monday in his conference room after the first day of budget planning meetings among him and members of his cabinet.

Although he declined to predict how much would be cut from the university's budget, Spanier said the

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Admission standards go public

By Shelley Biggs
Senior Reporter

Public hearings to discuss proposed changes in admissions standards for three University of Nebraska campuses will start Wednesday in Omaha, an official said. Joe Rowson, director of public affairs for NU, said the hearings were an opportunity for NU President Martin Massengale to receive input on the proposal to tighten admissions standards at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Ne-

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Nebraska drivers face stiffer DWI penalties

Attorney warns motorists of laws

By Susie Arth
Senior Reporter

Nebraska drivers will have a long road of penalties ahead of them if they get pulled over for driving under the influence of alcohol in 1993, a lawyer said. Shelley Stall, director of Student Legal Services at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said a new DWI law that would take effect Jan. 1 was much more than the old law. "We're really concerned about notifying people of the new law," she said. One major change is that drivers' licenses will be taken away immediately if drivers fail breath, blood or urine tests, she said. Temporary licenses, valid for 30 days, will be issued to the drivers, she said. All this, she said, will be done before drivers' guilt or innocence is determined in court. A driver then has 10 days to re-

quest a hearing before the Nebraska State Department of Motor Vehicles on the revocation of the license, Stall said. This administrative hearing must be scheduled within 20 days, she said. If drivers fail in presenting their cases at the hearings, she said, the temporary licenses will become invalid, and the permanent licenses will be revoked for 90 days. Drivers can appeal the decision to a district court, she said. Stall said the administrative hearing was different from a court hearing because a driver only had to be found guilty of DWI by a preponderance of the evidence, whereas in court hearings, guilt must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt. "It's safe to say that you'll probably lose the hearing," she said. Stall said similar laws were found to be constitutional in other states. She said she was uncertain if Nebraska's law would stand the test of time. At the same time as the administrative hearings, the drivers will be going through the standard county court

procedure, she said. Stall said the punishments for the offense would be more severe. The old law had a maximum penalty of seven to 30 days in jail, a \$500 fine and a 6-month revocation of the driver's license for a first offense, she said. The new law's maximum jail sentence is 60 days for a first-time offender. Stall said the terms of probation also would be checked on a more regular basis under the new law. Another new part of the law, she said, includes terms for a fourth offense, for which the maximum penalty is 5 years in jail and a \$10,000 fine. Stall said she doubted the new law would deter many drivers from driving under the influence of alcohol. "The new law may make a difference in a few individuals," she said. "I think what people need is alcohol education." Stall said it also was important for drivers to remember their rights if they were pulled over by police offic-

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Stricter DWI laws

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	1992	1993
First Offense	Maximum 7-30 days jail \$500 fine 6 mo. rev. license	Maximum 60 days jail \$500 fine 6 mo. rev. license
Second Offense	Minimum 7 days jail \$200 fine 6 mo. rev. license	Minimum 7 days jail \$200 fine 6 mo. rev. license
Third Offense	Maximum 30 days jail \$500 fine 1 yr. susp. license	Maximum 90 days jail \$500 fine 1 yr. susp. license
	Maximum 60 mo. jail \$500 fine 15 yr. susp. license	Maximum 1 year jail \$500 fine 15 yr. susp. license

Source: Student Legal Services

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