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CORRECTION

A story in Friday's Daily Nebraskan misquoted UNL graduate student Joan Gilbreth. A quotation about a child-care program at UNL should have read: "I feel there needs to be something located on campus. But I don't think (the university) should pay for it." The Daily Nebraskan regrets the error.

SPORTS

Nebraska men's basketball rated 25th in AP poll



TUESDAY



35/21

Mostly sunny today. 60% chance of snow tomorrow.

Autopsy identifies body as Harms

Cause of death was four gunshot wounds to head

By Chuck Green
Senior Reporter

A body found Sunday southeast of Lincoln was that of missing UNL student Candice Harms, Lancaster County Attorney Gary Lacey confirmed Monday.

The body was found shortly before noon Sunday in a shallow grave near 134th Street and Yankee Hill Road, after Lacey's office re-

ceived a tip Saturday.

An autopsy performed Monday morning confirmed the body was that of Harms, Lacey said, and revealed the cause of death to be four gunshot wounds to the head.

The body was identified as Harms' through dental examination, as well as a comparison of fingerprints taken from the body with the known fingerprints of Harms, Lacey said.

Harms' body was found nude, Lacey said, and no clothes had been located as of Monday.

The time of Harms' death still is under



Harms

investigation, and other forensic testing will continue for several days.

Harms, 18, had been missing since Sept. 22. She was last seen leaving her boyfriend's apartment at 332 N. 22nd St. at about 11:40 p.m., and never made it to her home at 61st and Vine streets.

Her father and boyfriend reported her missing the next day.

Harms' blue 1987 Chevrolet Corsica was found at the edge of a milo field at North 27th Street and Bluff Road, about two miles north of Lincoln.

After her disappearance, authorities turned up few leads. Previous searches for Harms had been targeted primarily at the area where her car was found.

The discovery of the body was the culmina-

tion of events that began with a telephone call from a Lincoln attorney to Lacey's office Saturday morning.

The attorney, whom Lacey would not identify, said one of his clients had information about Harms' disappearance.

Lacey said the client was Scott A. Barney, 24, of 967 N. 56th St. Barney, an inmate at the Lancaster County Jail, was arraigned in Lancaster County Court last Friday with Roger D. Bjorklund, 30, of 610 S. 52nd St., on charges of conspiracy to commit robbery and possession of a weapon during the commission of a felony.

Each man also was charged with two counts of robbery, two counts of use of a weapon to

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Students relieved search is over

By Shelley Biggs
Senior Reporter

Students expressed both relief and sadness Monday afternoon after they learned that the two-month search for missing UNL freshman

“It's really scary. You wouldn't think things would happen like this in Lincoln.”

--Jabs
junior education and English major

man Candice Harms had come to an end.

The body of Harms, who had been missing since Sept. 22, was discovered southeast of Lincoln Sunday morning.

Rob Powers, a junior electrical engineering major at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said he had mixed feelings about the news.

“I'm glad the ordeal is coming to an end,” Powers said, “and that the family can begin to come to terms with it.”

Joel Priest, a senior German major, agreed.

“I'm happy her parents finally know what happened, and that they found out one way or another,” Priest said.

Harms, 18, was last seen Sept. 22

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Robin Trimarchi/DN

Candice Harms' boyfriend, Todd Sears, right, leaves a press conference called by Harms' family Monday afternoon. During the conference at KOLN/KGIN 10/11 news station, 40th and W streets, an announcement was made that a body found Sunday had been identified as Harms.

Prayers, support help family

By Shelley Biggs
Senior Reporter

Funeral set for Saturday

Minutes after receiving official word of his daughter's death, Stan Harms said at a press conference Monday afternoon, “Thank God it's over.”

Pat Harms said she, too, was relieved.

“We're glad Candi didn't have to suffer very long,” she said.

The body of Candice Harms, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln student who had been missing since Sept. 22, was discovered southeast

of Lincoln Sunday morning after one of two suspects arrested for armed robbery told police that he and a friend had abducted Harms the night of her disappearance.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Cathedral, 14th and K streets.

At the press conference at Channel 10/11 news station, Candice Harms' parents and her boyfriend, Todd Sears, wore buttons and small pink ribbons in her memory.

“We are coping the best we can,”

Pat Harms said.

Stan Harms thanked “the thousands of wonderful people” in and around Nebraska for their support while his daughter was missing.

“I don't see how anyone would have gotten through this without the support and prayers,” he said. “Anyone without God in their life couldn't make it through this.”

Pat Harms said, “We appreciate the thoughts and prayers, and we still need them.”

Candice Harms, 18, was last

seen Sept. 22 leaving Sears' apartment at 332 N. 22nd St. shortly before midnight. She was on her way to her home at 61st and Vine streets, but she never arrived. Her father and Sears reported her missing the next day.

Hours after she was reported missing, her car was found in a milo field at North 27th Street and Bluff Road, about two miles north of Lincoln.

Although Stan and Pat Harms said they were relieved to finally have an answer to their daughter's

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Open admissions policy deficient, official says

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick
Staff Reporter

The University of Nebraska's open admissions policy must be strengthened because it admits students who are destined to fail, an NU official told about 21 Lincoln teachers Monday.

Lee Jones, executive vice president and provost of the University of Nebraska, explained NU's proposal to tighten admissions requirements during a meeting at the Lincoln Public Schools District Office building, 5901 O St. The meeting was the 11th of 12 such gatherings across Nebraska. Jones said one out of five freshmen

“Our purpose is not to restrict enrollment . . . but to better communicate what we feel is required for success.”

--Jones
NU executive vice president

admitted to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Kearney and the University of Nebraska at Omaha did not return for his or her sophomore year because of academic difficulties, Jones said.

Admitting students who are not prepared for college and then drop out, he said, is worse than making the

students correct their deficiencies before they enter college. Students who are not prepared and still are admitted only will experience failure, he said.

“It is difficult for any of us to feel we are unsuccessful at things,” he said. “(Failure) is a pretty traumatic experience.”

To avoid having unprepared stu-

dents drop out of school because of academic difficulties, NU must raise its admissions standards so students who are admitted are prepared for education at the college level, Jones said.

Higher standards would better communicate to students what they must do in high school to succeed in college, he said.

When a student gets a letter of acceptance from NU, Jones said, “that student should be confident . . . that we believe that student has every likelihood to succeed.”

Current NU admissions standards require students to complete one of three requirements. They must graduate in the top 50 percent of their high school class, score at least 20 on the ACT, or complete a core curriculum of 10 units of classes, including four units of language arts and two units each of math, science and social sciences.

Proposed changes in admissions

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