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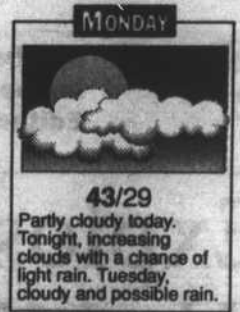
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Nebraska twirls Iowa State Cyclones in last seconds



Official calls death penalty in Harms case unconstitutional

Plea bargain information questionable, Helvie says

By Jeff Zeleny
Senior Reporter

Seeking the death penalty for one of two men allegedly involved in the killing of a UNL student is unconstitutional, Lancaster County Chief Public Defender Scott Helvie said.

At a court hearing Friday, Helvie filed a 35-page motion challenging the legality of the death penalty for his client, Roger Bjorklund.

Bjorklund, 30, and Scott Barney, 25, are both charged with first-degree murder in the fatal shooting of Candice Harms, an 18-year-old University of Nebraska-Lincoln student.

Barney gave police information that led to the Dec. 8 discovery of Harms' body in a shallow grave southeast of Lincoln after she had been missing for 12 weeks.

Because of that information, Lancaster County Attorney Gary Lacey said earlier this month he would not seek the death penalty for Barney, but only for Bjorklund, who allegedly did the shooting. Bjorklund also is being charged with the use of a weapon to commit a felony.

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Travis Heying/DN

There's more than one way to skin a cat

Hazel Lindstrand judges one of many cats at the annual Lincoln Cat Club's cat show Saturday and Sunday at Pershing Auditorium. Cat lovers from all over the Midwest brought their felines to Lincoln to show and compete.

Sigerson urges students to protest budget ax

Student leaders rally support

March 9. A 12:30 rally at the Capitol will precede a hearing on university budget cuts.



Brian Shellito, Scott Maurer/DN

By Michelle Leary
Senior Reporter

Student leaders hope for a strong student turnout at a rally protesting proposed university budget cuts, ASUN President Andrew Sigerson said Friday.

"Students are very concerned about these cuts," Sigerson said. He was referring to a possible \$13.98 million cut, part of a preliminary recommendation approved by the Nebraska Legislature's Appropriations Committee.

"In order for us to keep the budget at a satisfactory level, we need to speak out," Sigerson said.

Sigerson said about 50 to 100 students from each university campus would attend the rally at the Capitol March 9 at 12:30 p.m., prior to the university's hearing before the appro-

Rally planned, letter campaign under way

priations committee. "We're targeting a goal of about 300 students (combined)," he said.

However, Sigerson said he hoped to see more than 100 students from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"We're not just looking for students, though," he said. "We're encouraging parents, business owners, taxpayers... to attend."

A march to the rally site will start at noon in front of Broyhill Fountain.

ASUN's Government Liaison Committee also has initiated a letter-writing campaign to make senators aware of student sentiments, Sigerson said.

"We've sent about 200 letters to the unicameral from concerned students," he said.

GLC Lobbyist Robb Douglas said that he and other student leaders had worked with and encouraged Lincoln high school students to write to the Legislature also.

"The budget cuts will affect them, too, if they attend the university," Douglas said.

UNL freshman Julie Duerfeldt wrote a letter saying, "as a senior in high school, my plans were to come to Lincoln and major in the sports medicine program."

"Unfortunately, the cuts last year included getting rid of that particular

program," she wrote. Duerfeldt's major is now pre-physical therapy.

"It's really sad when top high school students have to look elsewhere... when the university no longer looks attractive for the best and the brightest," Douglas said.

Sigerson said, "One of my greatest fears is that they (university administrators) are going to cut major programs and faculty to the point where students will have to leave the university."

Sigerson said about 20 senators would attend a luncheon at the Wick Alumni Center March 3.

"Students are invited to come and talk to the senators," Sigerson said. The luncheon, which will begin at noon, is free.

Storms keep scoopers busy

By Kathryn Borman
Staff Reporter

The deluge of snow this winter has made the job of snow removal bigger than usual for UNL groundskeepers, but the department hopes its performance has met with student and staff satisfaction.

Bud Dasenbrock, director of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Landscape Services, said snowstorms this winter required repeated cleanups of the more than 100 acres of parking lots as well as streets and sidewalks on City and East campuses.

Workers start at 2 a.m. on Thursdays and Fridays to remove accumulated snow, Dasenbrock said.

"With what we have to work with, we think we're doing a good job," Dasenbrock said.

Landscape services has no budget designated for snow removal, Dasenbrock said. The department's total allocation covers all its responsibilities, from maintaining streets, sidewalks and lighting on

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campus to landscape design and development and snow removal.

Dasenbrock said the department's budget also covered its approximately 45 permanent employees and 30 to 40 student and hourly employees.

Landscape Services' \$1.3 million budget runs from July 1992 to June 1993.

"We do the job of snow removal, and hopefully there's money left to do other things," Dasenbrock said. "That usually works out year to year."

This year, however, the cost of snow removal may cause the department to cut back on expenditures later in the year, such as fertilizer, weed control or student and part-time employees, Dasenbrock

said.

Because the department's biggest expense is employees, Dasenbrock said, there probably will be some reductions in the number of people on the payroll.

Dasenbrock said leaving snow on some campus sidewalks helped to reduce costs but still did not offset the increased snowfall.

Sidewalks no longer being scooped were not the only reduction in landscape services, he said. Other areas, such as flower-bed maintenance, also were reduced to meet the overall budget reduction this year, he said.

"We hope people are satisfied with what we do, and if they're not, will let us know so we can do better," Dasenbrock said.

Membership up in black fraternities, sororities

Three chapters serve community, sponsor events

By Kara Morrison
Senior Editor

Three nationally recognized African-American fraternities and sororities at UNL have been gaining visibility and membership over the last few years.

Graduate Student Jeffrey Brown has been working to increase both of these for Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, which has already increased to five members after it became inactive in 1989.

The house became inactive because there were not enough members to support the organization. Inactive status meant the group was not allowed to participate in programs sponsored by its national governing council until enough members have joined.

This semester, Brown's chapter

has been involved in organizing a vigil for Martin Luther King Jr. and sponsoring last weekend's African-American history quiz bowl at the Nebraska Union, among other things.

Brown said he would like to spark enough interest in Alpha Phi Alpha so that it could be reinstated as an active chapter on campus. The rising interest in the greek system among African Americans has made him optimistic about this goal, he said.

The three historically African-American greek associations at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln are Zeta Phi Beta sorority and Kappa Alpha Psi and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternities.

Mark Jackson, senior biology major and treasurer of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, attributed the increased membership in the sororities and fraternities to nationwide trends and to an increasing acceptance of black culture.

The UNL chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi has grown from one to 10 mem-

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