

Foundation eyes major drive

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The total market value for the University of Nebraska Foundation's assets topped \$300 million during the 1993 fiscal year, foundation officials said.

Theresa Klein, director of public relations for the foundation, said the \$305,449,121 in assets as of June 30 reflected an increase of \$33.8 million, or 12.4 percent, from last fiscal year's total.

Klein said the foundation had a total income of \$41.5 million last year, up nearly \$100,000 from the previous year. Gift donations increased almost 9.2 percent, she said.

"It was a good year," Klein said. The foundation, a private, non-profit corporation that supplements university support, gave \$18.2 million to the university last year, Klein said. Of that, \$6.2 million went to student

assistance funds such as scholarships. Klein said the foundation was considering launching a major new fund drive. The last major capital campaign, which raised nearly \$70 million, was done in the 1970s, she said.

A smaller campaign was carried out during four years between 1988 and 1992, when \$38 million was raised.

Klein said the foundation was evaluating the needs of the university system in order to come up with a campaign goal.

The fund drive, Klein said, would be the end result of a long process of determining university needs. Originally, the campuses identified over \$900 million of need, which was later trimmed to \$300 million. Klein said the final target probably would be between \$180 to \$210 million.

The long task of identifying what the four campuses might want money for is good for the university, Klein said.

RHA seeks more funding for next year

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The Residence Hall Association may be able to give itself a raise starting next year.

RHA is seeking to increase its funding by taking an additional \$5 of residence hall room and board. RHA now takes \$6 from student room and board.

Room-and-board costs for students living in the residence halls this semester will not be increased.

But RHA Vice President Kris Larson said rent could go up slightly for freshmen next year, depending on the surplus funds left from residence hall operation costs last year.

From the \$5 increase, the RHA office would get an additional \$3 per student, each residence hall would get an additional \$1 per student and each floor would get another \$1 per student.

Larson said the money allocated for the RHA office would be used to replace computers and cover the association's administrative costs, such as the cost of sponsoring conferences.

Larson said she urged RHA members to take the proposal back to their halls and discuss the issue with residents.

RHA will vote on their proposal at their Nov. 7 meeting.

Trial

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Lincoln.

Publicity surrounding Bjorklund's alleged involvement in the case has been extensive since December. Bjorklund filed many legal motions in the case. He represented himself for a short time, but then regained the representation of the Lancaster County public defender's office.

The case received even more publicity in August and September during 10 days of pretrial evidence-suppression hearings.

Josephine Potuto, professor of law at the University of Nebraska, said the amount of publicity in the case was normal.

"I assume the reason for the publicity was the victim wasn't found for quite a while. It was kept in the public eye," she said. "There hasn't been any undue coverage. The press has been covering events as they occur. This one has had several events."

Although publicity in the case has

been high, the murder case itself was not unusual, she said.

"From what I know from the paper, the way the murder was committed was not uncommon," she said. "You don't kill people in front of a crowd."

Potuto said the prosecutor's announcement of seeking the death penalty against Bjorklund was typical. That type of plan must be known so defense attorneys can prepare for the case, she said.

Prosecutors have said they would only use evidence dealing with the Harms murder case, not the robbery case.

Prosecutors said evidence used in the trial would include:

- Statements Bjorklund made to Lincoln Police last Dec. 6, May 25 and June 5.

- Physical evidence gained in the search of Bjorklund's house, 610 S. 52nd St.

- A letter Bjorklund mailed to Harms' parents last December asking for forgiveness but not specifying why he was asking to be forgiven.

The trial is expected to last at least four weeks.

all schools to a communication network called Internet. The network has the power to bring students around the nation together through interactive sound and video.

The technology would enable students to participate with those in other areas of the country, Kerrey said.

"Because of its high capacity, it's superior to other forms of telecommunication," he said. "Imagine that in every school in Nebraska."

Kerrey said the University of Nebraska system was hooked to a similar communication system, Midnet, which is not as complex as Internet but serves as a valuable communication device.

violated them," he said. "They worry about what their friends will say, and if their parents will find out."

The importance of having crimes reported is not only for the sake of victims, but also for general awareness purposes, Lisa Cauble said.

"People need to realize that crimes are happening on campus, and we need to do something about it," she said.

Although the Victim's Services Office and the University Police Department are functioning with the same goal in mind, rules established to protect victims' confidentiality are followed when transferring information between the two offices, Ken Cauble said.

"The Police Department can transfer new reports to Lisa because she is a commissioned police officer, but she cannot transfer reports to us unless she has the victim's permission," he said.

Parking

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Carlson said parking officials didn't know about the street closure until Friday, when Lincoln Mayor Mike Johanns' office informed UNL the work would begin Monday.

Carlson said, however, that it made sense to have the construction done now.

"We apologize for not giving enough notice, but the city felt that in order to get things accomplished in the proper time frame, this was the way to have it done," Carlson said.

"The city wanted to try to get it done between home football games, and with the three-week period we have between games, from a game standpoint, it's the best solution."

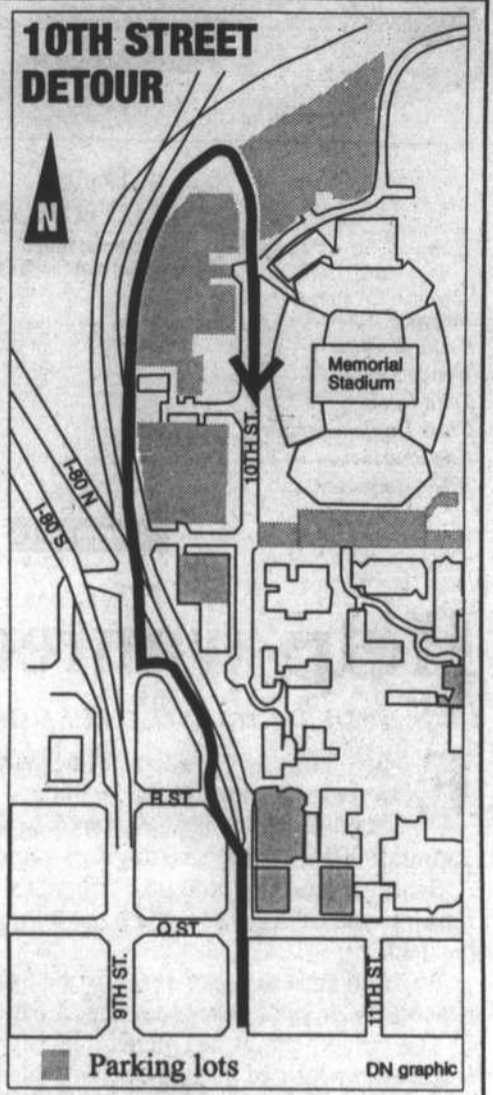
Nebraska played a home game against Missouri on Saturday and will not play again in Lincoln until facing Iowa State on Nov. 13.

Carlson said the earlier the city tried to construct a new road for the viaduct, the better it would be. The city also wants to avoid working on the project during the winter.

"The contractor will not be able to get this done if there is bad weather," he said. "When there's snow on the ground and it's 20 below out, you can't put a new road in."

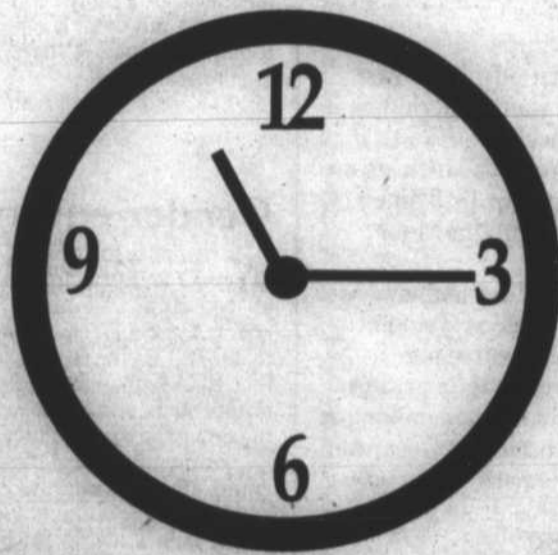
Carlson said he hoped commuters wouldn't have major problems with the alternate traffic route.

"I don't think it will be a real big inconvenience for students," Carlson said. "It will just mean that there will be only one road headed north to get to those lots instead of two."



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Kerrey

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tower."

Kerrey helped the university obtain federal funds totaling almost \$22 million to build the Beadle Center. When the project is finally completed, the total cost of the research building will be about \$32 million.

Kerrey also said he wanted telephone, cable and broadcast companies to connect classrooms to a national communication network.

Kerrey is pushing for a national policy that eventually would connect

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ted on campus, but not being reported.

A majority of the crimes committed are sexual assaults, she said, and mainly are committed by an acquaintance of the victim.

"Those victims of date or acquaintance rape are the people who are not coming forward to report it, which means the perpetrator is getting away without any punishment, and the victim is not getting the help that is needed to cope with it," she said.

Because of guilt, fear and uncertainty, which victims of date or acquaintance rape commonly experience, many decide it is easier to try to forget the crime than go through the court system, Ken Cauble said.

"Victims feel somewhat responsible — which they shouldn't, because it is a friend or acquaintance who has