

## Trial

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Chevrolet Corsica was found Sept. 23, 1992.

Witnesses gave conflicting testimonies about the number of vehicles that left the tracks.

Lincoln Police Lt. Noah VanButsel said he couldn't tell whether the tracks had been made by one car or two cars.

Gus Hitz, a Lancaster County deputy sheriff, said a set of tire tracks found on Sept. 24, 1992, headed east toward a wooded area.

Two police dogs were given a blanket and clothing belonging to Harms, Hitz said. Both dogs then tracked a scent to the tree-filled area, he said.

Lacey said after the hearing the prosecution had demonstrated the police used proper procedures in investigating Harms' car.

The prosecution, Lacey said, showed police took great pains to obtain fingerprints from the car.

"They did their job," he said. "It is possible for someone be in a vehicle — like the defendant — and not leave fingerprints."

Witnesses had testified earlier the fingerprinting investigation of the car yielded little evidence.

The car was taken to the crime lab to be searched for hair, blood, fingerprints and semen. Investigators found none belonging to Bjorklund, VanButsel said.

Investigators used lasers and fingerprint dust to obtain prints inside and outside of the car, he said. Two prints — one unidentified and the other belonging to the farmer who found the car — were discovered, VanButsel said.

Neither Harms' nor Bjorklund's fingerprints were found, he said.

VanButsel, who has received FBI training in fingerprinting, testified it was not unusual for an investigation to yield so few prints.

Investigators searched for finger-

## Bjorklund trial update

▶ Judge Donald Endacott ruled that about 15 pictures of the autopsy and burial site could be admitted as evidence.

▶ Police officials testified they located two sets of tire prints in the field where Candice Harms' car was found.

▶ Police said neither Bjorklund's nor Harms' fingerprints were in her car.

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— Lacey

Lancaster County attorney

prints on a gum wrapper in the car, VanButsel said, but were unable to retrieve any.

They did not look for prints on Harms' textbooks and folders that were in the front seat on the floor of the passenger's side, VanButsel said.

Police found no evidence that anyone had wiped the steering wheel of fingerprints, he said. But police would be unable to tell if the car had been wiped free of prints with a dry cloth, VanButsel said.

The trial continues Wednesday with a time change to 8:30 a.m. until noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The judge said those times would continue Monday through Thursday until further notice.

The trial will end at noon on Friday so the Sidney-area jurors can return home for the weekend, the judge said.

Senior Editor Andrea Kaser and Editor Jeremy Fitzpatrick contributed to this report.

## Assault

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Cauble said he would not make additional arrests until he was certain of the suspects' involvement.

The incident was not racially motivated, Cauble said.

"Witnesses we have interviewed have all indicated that the victim was assaulted only because he was the nearest person at hand," Cauble said in a statement.

Several university groups, including the Afrikan People's Union and the NU Athletic Department have helped in the investigation, Cauble said.

NU Athletic Director Bill Byrne would not comment on his department's role in the investigation.

Cauble attended an APU meeting Tuesday night. He said he was thanking group members for providing valuable information to the investigation.

## POLICE REPORT

Beginning midnight Wednesday

8:26 a.m. — Fire alarm accidentally tripped, 310 N. 14th St.

10:25 a.m. — Vandalism/criminal mischief, New Hampshire Street remote lot, \$325.

1:58 p.m. — Purse stolen, Oldfather Hall, \$58.

3:45 p.m. — Car mirror broken, 14th and Avery streets parking lot, \$100.

3:58 p.m. — Bike stolen, Nebraska Hall, \$425.

4:51 p.m. — Strong-arm robbery, Nebraska Union, \$20.

5:12 p.m. — Bike stolen, Sigma Nu Fraternity, \$390.

5:24 p.m. — Bike stolen, Sigma Nu Fraternity, \$490.

10:48 p.m. — Fire alarm went off, Burr Residence Hall, cause undetermined.

11:02 p.m. — Books stolen, Love Library, \$45.

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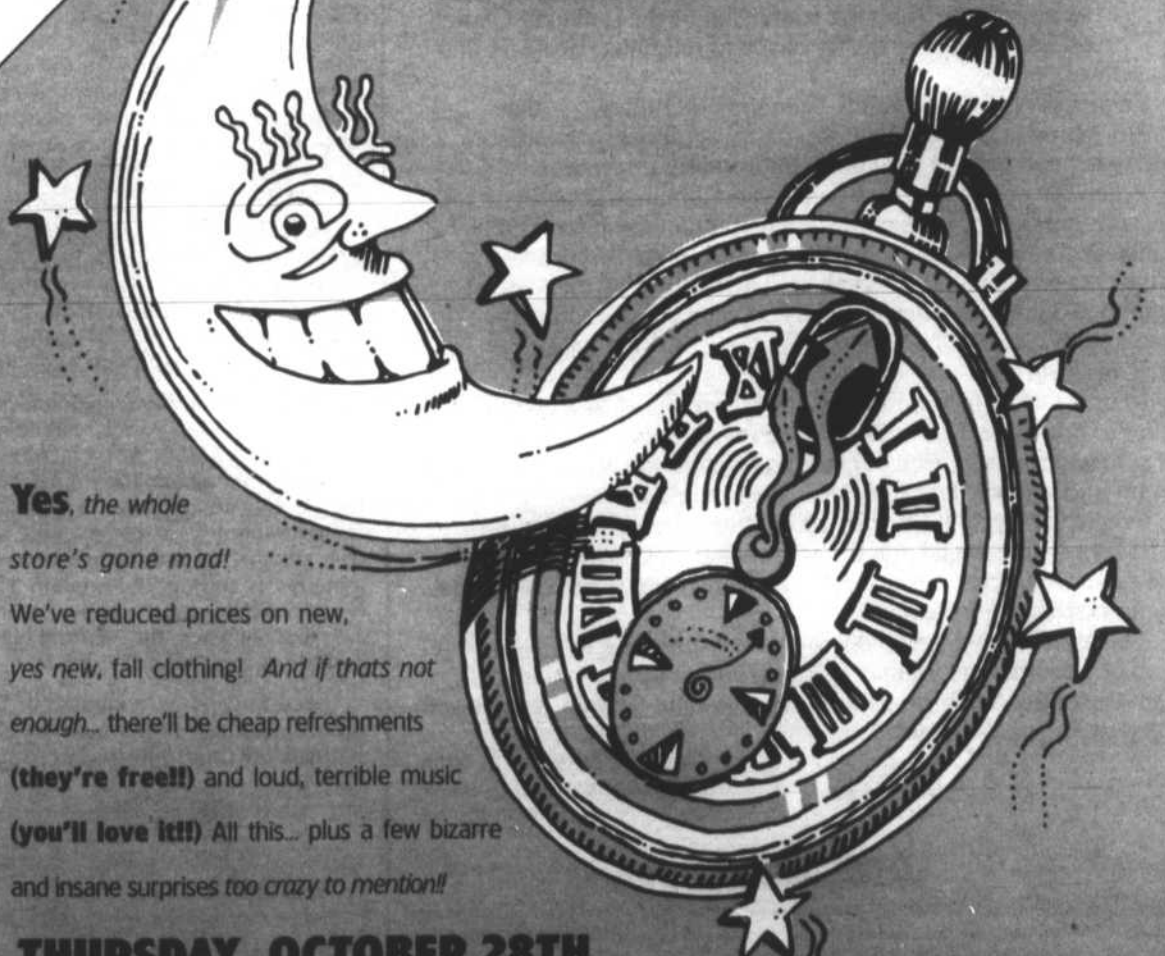
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