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Bufs down, thumbs up

Nebraska puts itself in the national title hunt, according to coach Tom Osborne, after the Huskers stymie Colorado, 21-17.

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Today, mostly sunny and windy. Tuesday, partly sunny with highs in the 40's.

Hundreds experience taste of homelessness

Participants hit streets to raise funds, awareness

By Matthew Waite
Staff Reporter

At 6:30 p.m. Friday it was 30 degrees, according to the sign in front of Pershing Auditorium.

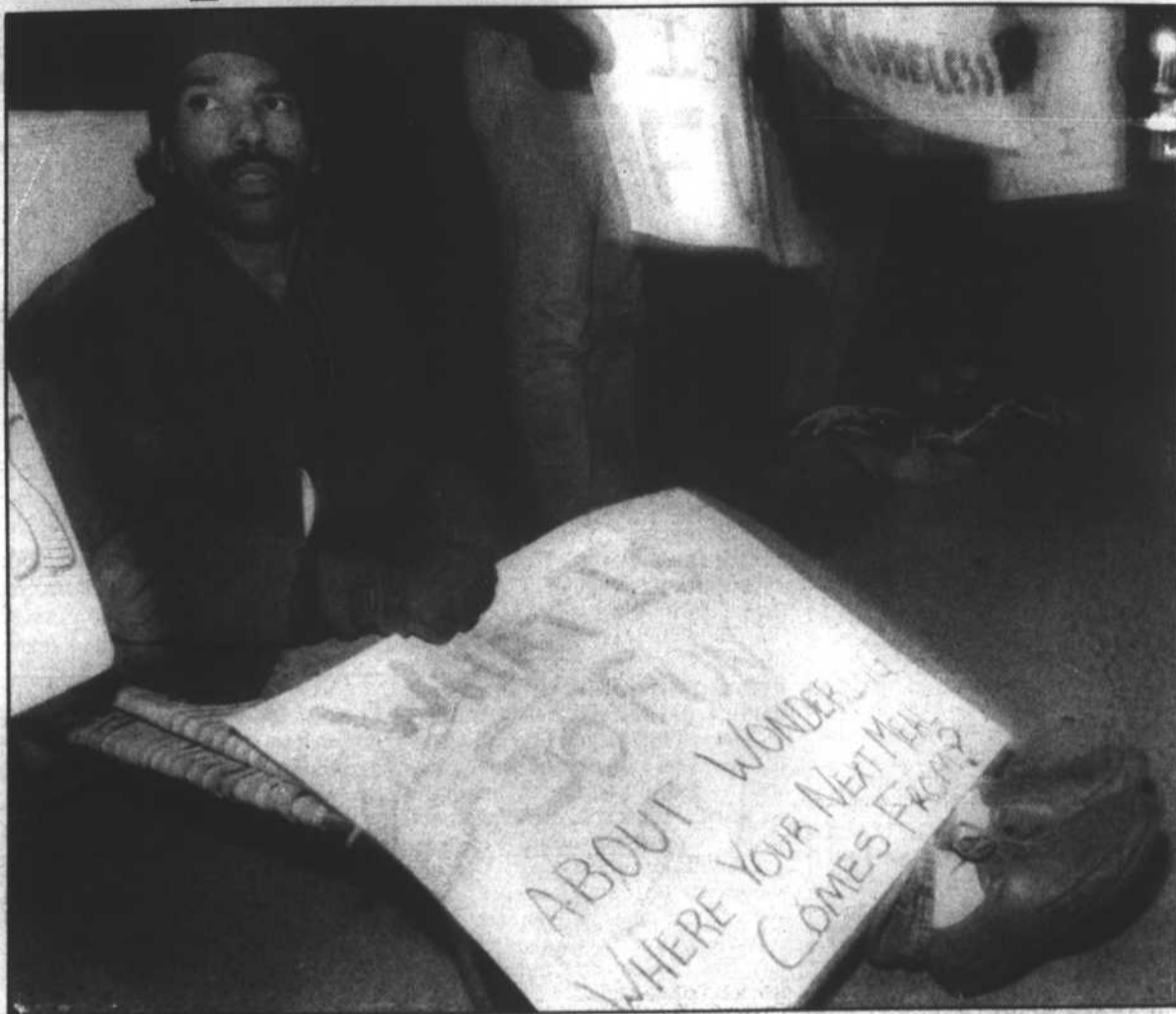
By the time the night was over, the temperature dipped to a chilly 18 degrees.

Despite the weather, Lincoln residents came out to sleep on Centennial Mall in front of the State Office Building. The event that brought them out was the Great Plains Winter SleepOut, a fund-raiser for Lincoln homeless.

Throughout the night, participants huddled together around benches and trees to keep warm. Others slept in boxes to keep out the cold. Children, bundled tightly, ran around the empty fountains at the center of the mall while their parents settled down for the night.

The Lincoln Police Department, the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross all assisted in the event. The Red Cross provided medical services; the Salvation Army served dinner, breakfast and hot drinks; and the police provided security.

Mike Carpenter, vice-chairman of



Ernie Smith, 27, of Lincoln protests the sleepout Friday night at 15th and N streets. Smith works with Rev. Andy Hird and his homeless ministry.

Gerik Parmele/DN

People's plight misrepresented, protesters say

By Matthew Waite
Staff Reporter

The Rev. Andy Hird went into battle Friday. His troops carried signs, and the weapon was silence.

Hird and members of Humanity Plus, a local humanitarian group, protested the Great Plains Winter SleepOut. They said the event exploited homeless people and made light of their plight.

Protesters' signs carried messages, such as: "Being homeless is not fun," and "Homelessness is not a catered affair."

The group of fewer than 10 protesters stood across the street from the event, on the corner of 15th and N streets.

Hird, of the All Souls Non-Denominational Church and Street Ministry, said the group had several reasons for protesting.

SleepOut took place on Centennial Mall. But Hird said homeless people were not allowed to sleep on the mall.

One protester said the people participating in the event had things homeless people did not, such as new, good quality sleeping bags and warm coats. He said the participants misrepresented

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Judge accepts gun into evidence

Bjorklund attorney objects repeatedly

By Alan Phelps
Senior Reporter

Judge Donald Endacott accepted into evidence Friday a .38-caliber revolver police say Roger Bjorklund used to kill Candice Harms last September.



The fifth day of Bjorklund's first-degree murder trial was filled with testimony from Lincoln Fire Department divers who pulled the revolver, a .380-caliber handgun and various live bullets from Pawnee Lake on four separate search dives.

Chief Deputy Public Defender Scott Helvie told jurors that the area of the lake

where the items were found — near a parking area not far from several picnic tables — was open to the public.

Helvie and Special Deputy Public Defender Richard Goos also asked divers questions about the media attention the first dive received.

Helvie objected to almost every piece of evidence the prosecution offered the court, but was overruled by Endacott.

Bjorklund, one of two men charged in Harms' slaying, wore denim jeans and a blue shirt. He brought a computer magazine into the courtroom, but spent the time listening to testimony and taking notes.

Firefighters testified the .380-caliber handgun was brought up from an icy Pawnee Lake last Dec. 8. Divers waited for warmer waters before searching the lake again on April 8, when they found the .38-caliber revolver.

Helvie asked Robert Adams, a fire department diver, if the revolver was found in the same area divers already had searched in December. Adams said the revolver was discovered in waters the divers had previously searched.

Bjorklund trial update

► The judge accepted as evidence a revolver, handgun and various bullets pulled from Pawnee Lake on four separate search dives during a four-month period.

► Defense attorneys objected to the evidence and said the area where the weapons and ammunition were found was open to the public.

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Deputy Lancaster County Attorney John Colborn then asked Adams if divers touched every single inch of the bottom of the lake when they searched in December.

"I would say no," Adams said. "We try." Adams said the two- to three-foot deep water was murky for the dives, making the search difficult.

He and six other divers testified they used their feet to feel the bottom of the lake during the first two dives. A new underwater metal detector was used July 8, when divers found

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Police cite third male in assault

By Alan Phelps
Senior Reporter

A male University of Nebraska-Lincoln student was arrested Friday afternoon in connection with the Oct. 17 assault of a student in Broyhill Plaza.

UNL Police Chief Ken Cauble said witnesses to the beating of Boon-Chung Ong identified three suspects, all of whom have been cited. The first, an Omaha teenager, was cited Monday. A Lincoln resident was cited Wednesday evening.

Cauble said names of the suspects would not be released until the Lancaster County Attorney's office determined what charges would be filed.

UNL Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen said the campus judicial system probably also would level sanctions at the UNL student who was arrested.

"We will charge the individual with a violation of the Student Code of Conduct," Griesen said.

Griesen said a Judicial Officer would propose a sanction. If the student wishes to contest the sanction, the University Judicial Board, made up of student and faculty members, would hear the case.

University sanctions can include restitution, community service, conduct probation, suspension and expulsion, he said.

Griesen said sanctions of restitution were fairly common. If the board decides on restitution, the student suspect could be forced to pay Ong's medical costs not covered by insurance.

"My whole intent is to realize Mr. Ong is an unfortunate victim of assault," Griesen said. Ong, junior business major from Malaysia, was beaten and kicked in the head outside the Nebraska Union on Oct. 17.

Witnesses to the assault told police they saw a group of 10 men gathered around Ong. Three of the men assaulted Ong, witnesses said. Ong was semi-conscious when police arrived. He was taken to Lincoln General Hospital, where he was treated and released.

Massengale seeks Florida State position

By Steve Smith
Senior Reporter

University of Nebraska President Martin Massengale's days as a university administrator may not be finished.

Those days just might not be spent in the NU system.

Massengale, who will leave his position as NU president in June, is one of 10 finalists for the vacant presidential position at Florida State University.

Massengale's interest in Florida State's top post was made official in October when the NU president wrote a letter to the Florida State presidential search committee. The letter was made public in an Omaha newspaper.

"After carefully considering your invita-

tion, I have decided to forward my curriculum vita for evaluation," Massengale wrote in the letter. "In my opinion, Florida State University has made such progress in recent years, and it is one of a small number of universities for which I would be willing to consider a move."

The president's position in the Florida system is different from that of the NU system. A president is the top executive of an individual campus, and the chancellor is the head of the university system.

The FSU governing board plans to name a new president by early 1994.

NU Corporation Secretary J.B. Milliken said university administration officials had little information about the outgoing NU president's decision to be considered for the FSU job.

"All I know about Dr. Massengale's inter-

ests in Florida State is what I read in the papers," Milliken said.

Massengale could not be reached for comment Sunday.

Milliken said Florida State's presidential position opened up about two months ago, when FSU President Dale Lick resigned after being named a finalist for the Michigan State University presidency.

Massengale, 60, is a former University of Nebraska-Lincoln chancellor and has served as NU president since 1991. He announced in January he would not seek an extension of his contract, which expires this year.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.