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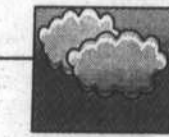
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**Unbeatable bowl**

The Orange Bowl's president hopes Nebraska doesn't touch ground en route to Miami.

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**Thursday**

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Today, cloudy and windy with a chance of light snow. Friday, partly cloudy and breezy.

## Interviews with presidential finalists begin

### Candidate says research important

By Mark Harms  
Staff Reporter

As a member of the National Science Foundation's board of directors, Warren Baker, a candidate for president of the University of Nebraska system, stressed the importance of research at American universities.

Baker, president of California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, Calif., was the second candidate to speak to the NU

Board of Regents Wednesday.



Baker

"We, as presidents of universities, have to articulate how important (research) is," Baker

"My role on the NSF board provides me a connection to the needs of research universities," Baker said.

Baker said without the efforts of the nation's universities, the country would not be able to compete in a global society.

He said the benefits of research were not always apparent to the public.

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### Smith proponent of technology updates

By Shane Tucker  
Staff Reporter

Dennis Smith's interview with the NU Board of Regents Wednesday morning focused on how universities should adapt to changing times.

Smith was being interviewed as one of four finalists in the selection of the fifth University of Nebraska president.

Smith, 55, said universities would have to make changes in the coming years to accom-

modate less state and federal funding as well as advancing technology.

Serving as the executive vice chancellor of the University of California at Irvine since 1987, Smith said he had dealt firsthand with shrinking university budgets.

Smith said \$18 million was cut from his campus at Irvine.

The California University system lost \$1 billion since 1989 — a sum that encompasses UNL's entire budget, Smith said.

Smith

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## Bjorklund trial judge removes man from jury

### Bjorklund Trial Update

► One of the five men on the jury was dismissed and replaced with one of the four female alternate jurors. Judge Endacott said more information on the dismissal could be released today.

► Prosecutor Gary Lacey showed jurors a letter to Candice Harms' parents sent by Bjorklund on Dec. 24, in which Bjorklund expressed regret about what happened to Harms.

► A handwriting expert testified that the letter's handwriting matched that acquired by a test given to Bjorklund in September.

DN graphic

By Steve Smith and Alan Phelps  
Senior Reporters

Controversy about a dismissed juror overshadowed testimony Wednesday during the eighth day of Roger Bjorklund's murder trial.

Lancaster County District Judge Donald Endacott released one of the five male jurors from the trial during the lunch break.

One of the four female alternate jurors stepped in, putting Bjorklund's fate in the hands of eight women and four men.

Neither Endacott nor attorneys would comment on why the juror was dismissed, because they are under a supreme court order that makes it illegal for court workers to discuss jury members during a trial.

Endacott said in a brief session with reporters that both attorneys agreed to the dismissal.

"I have visited with counsel on both sides," Endacott said. "At this point, all I can say is that the juror in question was released from the case by agreement of both sides."

The day's session ended an hour and a half early when a female juror became ill.

See BJORKLUND on 6

## UNL student falls from third story bathroom window

By Alan Phelps  
Senior Reporter

A 19-year-old UNL student was in critical condition Wednesday evening after falling from a third-floor fraternity house window.

Jeffrey J. Knoll, a freshman from Ogallala, apparently fell from a Phi Gamma Delta bathroom window just after 5:30 p.m. The window is above a parking lot behind the house at 1425 R St.

Jason Sanders, Phi Gamma Delta president, said he and the other house members weren't sure why Knoll fell.

"We don't really know what happened right now," he said. "We're just hoping he's all right."

Other fraternity members said Knoll had been alone in the bathroom at the time.

See FALL on 6



Travis Heying/DN

Senior pre-veterinary science major Cory Faust holds a ferret that was staying overnight at the A-4 Animal Hospital for a check-up. Faust and Nebraska Wesleyan student Kathy Svoboda live in an apartment above the clinic and help take care of the animals.

## Pet project

### Nights at animal hospital prepare pre-vet students

By DeDra Janssen  
Staff Reporter

People might expect college students to live in an animal house, but not an animal hospital.

Cory Faust and Kathy Svoboda are gaining experience working in their field at A-4 Animal Hospital in Lincoln, and they get to live there too.

Faust, a senior pre-veterinary science major at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and Svoboda, a senior pre-veterinary science major at Nebraska Wesleyan University, clean up after and care for the animals at the hospital.

They clean up at night and feed the animals in the morning. They also administer prescribed medicine to sick animals and keep an eye on them at night.

The two students take turns performing their duties on weekends.

In return, Faust and Svoboda live rent-free in individual bedrooms above the hospital with a common bathroom and kitchen complete with a TV, sofa, microwave, refrigerator and stove. The hospital pays for all utilities and pays the students a monthly stipend.

Faust and Svoboda assist doctors at the

clinic in emergency situations at night and are free to observe or assist in surgeries and other medical procedures whenever they have free time.

"It's a real good experience," Faust said. "The vets here are real easy to work for, and financially it works out pretty well."

Faust, who has worked at the hospital for two years, said he had learned valuable skills by observing doctor-client relationships and doctor-animal relationships.

One particular aspect of veterinary science Faust learned at the hospital was how to judge an animal's character.

"You can be handling a cat, and it's fine," Faust said. "And then all of a sudden something sets it off, and it goes haywire. It's important to learn how to handle an animal for the vet's safety and for the animal's safety."

Faust and Svoboda said they also were gaining experience in animal-care procedure and technique.

Svoboda, who began working at the hospital last summer, said she had assisted the veterinarian in treating a dog that had been hit by a car. She also helped

during an emergency Caesarean section performed on a cat.

David Schmitt, one of the veterinarians at the hospital, said he and his partner, Brad Gengenbach, had employed college students since 1988.

The hospital used to be a part of UNL's work study program, he said, but now it works in cooperation with UNL's Job Placement Center.

Schmitt said that by working for the hospital, students gained an idea of how a real veterinary clinic operated. Not only do students get to experience the medical aspects of working in a hospital, they also get to experience the business aspects, he said.

Students also benefit by getting recommendations from Schmitt and Gengenbach when they apply for veterinary school.

But the students aren't the only ones who benefit from the situation.

"They keep us on our toes," Schmitt said. "They keep things fresh for us by asking questions we wouldn't normally have thought about. We keep relearning while we are trying to educate."