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Haunting love

A tragic love opera, *Dido & Aeneas*, plays at Kimball Hall this weekend. Page 9



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Variable cloudiness and colder today, flurries possible. Saturday not as cold, mostly sunny.

Controversy surrounds president selection

O'Brien discusses NCAA allegations

By Andrea Kaser
Senior Editor

A candidate for the NU presidency responded to questions at a Thursday press conference regarding controversies surrounding his office, including NCAA violations and scholarships awarded to his daughters.

Gregory O'Brien, chancellor of the University of New Orleans and one of four finalists for the University of Nebraska presidency, held the press conference after a public interview with the NU Board of Regents.



O'Brien

The fund offers scholarships worth \$50,000 to

Since O'Brien was named chancellor in 1987, his two daughters have received scholarships from the Taylor Scholars Program, a fund O'Brien said he was instrumental in starting.

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Curriss' Iowa past raises questions

By Jeff Zeleny
Senior Editor

The NU Board of Regents met for 45 minutes in closed session Thursday with presidential candidate Constantine "Deno" Curriss discussing an issue he was involved in at the University of Northern Iowa.

The issue stems from a "semi-accurate" newspaper report about Iowa legislative issues five or six years ago, Curriss said after the

closed session. He would not elaborate.



Curriss

"I would like to go into closed session with the issue in Iowa," Curriss told the board.

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Officials say hazing may have led to fall

By Alan Phelps
Senior Reporter

Fraternity members apparently hazed a 19-year-old UNL student before he fell out a third-floor Phi Gamma Delta window Wednesday afternoon, university officials said.

Jeff Knoll, a freshman from Ogallala, remained in critical condition Thursday at Lincoln General Hospital.

James Griesen, University of Nebraska-Lincoln vice chancellor for student affairs, said police interviews with fraternity members indicated Knoll, a Fiji pledge, had been drinking "in a coercive environment" before the accident.

Active members of the fraternity found Knoll in the house Wednesday afternoon during a "pledge sneak," Griesen said, when pledges were not supposed to be in the house at 1425 R St.

"He was caught before he could sneak away," Griesen said.

After Knoll consumed alcohol, he told fraternity members he felt ill and wanted to go into the bathroom, Griesen said. Knoll entered the bathroom alone as other fraternity members went downstairs to eat dinner.

Soon after, one of the members downstairs glanced out a window and saw Knoll lying on the parking lot, Griesen said. The bathroom window, about 25 feet above the concrete in the back of the house, did not have a screen.

Emergency teams arrived about 5:30 p.m. Knoll apparently did not lie unnoticed in the parking lot for long, Griesen said.

"We know it was a very short amount of time," he said. After Knoll was taken to Lincoln General Hospital, university and Lincoln police officers began interviewing fraternity members. UNL Police Chief Ken Cauble said Knoll's fall

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Staci McKee/DN

Joyce Yen, a junior math major, is involved in many campus activities but manages to keep a 4.0 grade point average.

All the way No matter what, Yen gives only her best

By Melanie Brandert
Staff Reporter

UNL junior Joyce Yen doesn't do anything halfway.

Whether its maintaining her 4.0 grade point average, working as a student assistant on the honors floor in Neihardt Residence Hall or giving tours of the university as a New Student Enrollment host, Yen gives it her all.

"You don't stop half way," Yen says of her work ethic, "you take it all the way."

The math major from Hastings also spends her time as a member of the University Honors Program Student Advisory Board, Pi Mu Epsilon math honorary and Golden Key Honor Society.

She is the coordinator of the Student Alumni Association, a jun-

ior adviser for Alpha Lambda Delta freshman honorary and an Odyssey Peer mentor.

"I'm a person who needs things to do," Yen says. "It keeps me going and helps me to stay on top of things." Yen said her campus involvement wasn't just

motivational. It provides her with new experiences, public speaking and interviewing skills, and the opportunity to interact with all types of people, she said.

But she admits keeping up with her schedule takes some work.

Yen said she found time for

school and activities by prioritizing and planning ahead.

"I live and die by my daily planner," she said.

Despite her workload, Yen denies she has any superior abilities.

"Everyone has this misconception that I'm smart," she said. "Personally, I don't think that I'm that smart."

She attributes her success in the classroom and in activities to having an open attitude, to being unafraid to ask for help and to being unsatisfied with doing less than her best.

Yen plans to graduate from UNL in May 1995 and go on to graduate school. After graduate school, Yen said she was considering teaching high school or college math. She also is considering a career in operations research.

Autopsy physician: Harms was victim of sadism, torture

By Dionne Searcey
Senior Reporter
and Mike Lewis
Staff Reporter

A pathologist testified Thursday that Candice Harms was the victim of what he called sexual sadism and torture before she died.

Dr. Matthias Okoye, the Lancaster County coroner's physician and a forensic pathologist at Pathology Medical Services in Lincoln, testified Harms' left nipple was cut off while

she was alive. "It's more likely than not this injury occurred before death," said Okoye, who conducted Harms' medical legal autopsy.

Okoye came to that conclusion, he said, because the wounds near

the nipple area bled.

"Dead people do not react to injury," he said. "Dead people do not

bleed."

Special Deputy Public Defender Richard Goos asked Okoye during cross-examination whether the severed nipple could have been a result of predatory animals.

"I did not see any damage consistent with predatory activity around the nipple," Okoye said. "This is consistent with sexual, sadistic homicide and torture."

Okoye showed the jury 30 slides of Harms' badly decomposed body during its autopsy. Several of the

slides showed four bullet wounds in the skull.

The bullets entered the skull through its back base, through the left temple and through the left side of the jaw, Okoye said. One bullet entered the skull through the left cheek and nearly exited the skull through the right side, he said.

Okoye said he determined the bullet wounds occurred before the victim died because blood was found in

Bjorklund trial update

▶ A pathologist testified that Harms was the victim of what he called sexual sadism and torture before she died.

▶ A dismissed juror contradicted the judge's explanation for his dismissal and said he thought his telephone had been tapped.

▶ Judge Endacott dismissed Friday's proceedings so jurors could have a three-day weekend. The trial resumes Monday at 8:30 a.m.

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