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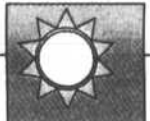
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SPORTS

Sooners stifled

After disposing of Oklahoma Friday, Nebraska, ranked first in the coalition poll, looks forward to a national title shot.

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

UNL student encounters memory loss after fall

From Staff Reports

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police spoke for the first time last week with Jeff Knoll, who fell from a Phi Gamma Delta window Nov. 3.

University officials say Knoll, a 19-year-old UNL student from Ogallala, was forced to drink alcohol in a Fiji hazing incident before the fall.

UNL Police Chief Ken Cauble was unavailable for comment Sunday. A Lincoln newspaper reported Cauble as saying Knoll apparently had difficulty remembering events relating to the fall.

Cauble said Knoll's parents planned to transfer him to a Colorado rehabilitation center that specializes in memory loss.

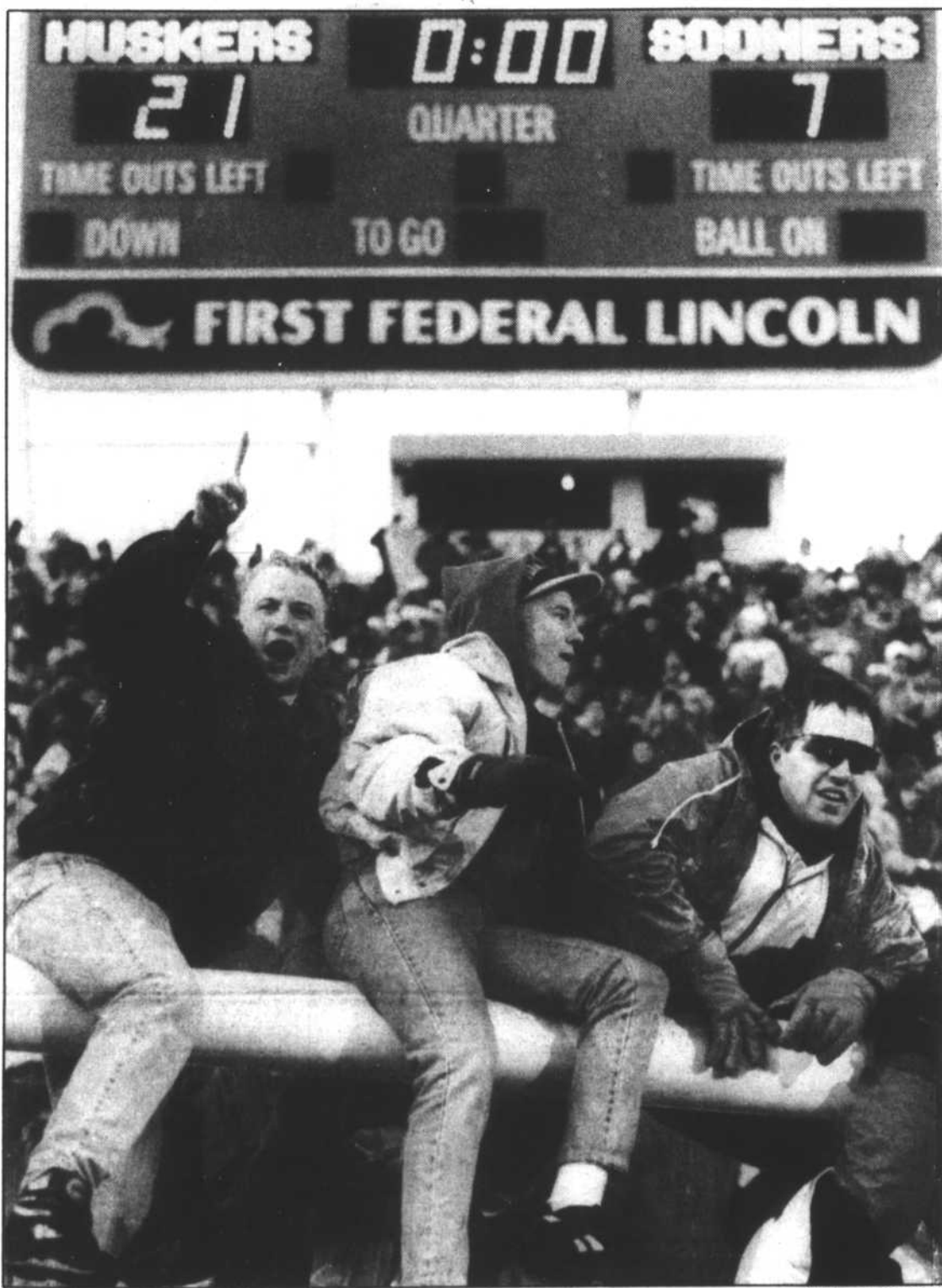
Cauble said Knoll could not provide a complete account of the incident when investigators spoke with him Wednesday. Knoll could not confirm fraternity hazing was involved, Cauble said, but he told investigators nothing to suggest otherwise.

University officials say Knoll fell out of a third-story Fiji window after being forced by fraternity members to drink alcohol. Knoll was caught during "pledge sneak," officials said, and may have been trying to escape the house by climbing down a drain pipe.

Knoll was taken to Lincoln General Hospital with head injuries and facial fractures. He was in a coma for several days. He was transferred later to Immanuel Medical Center in Omaha for rehabilitation.

The Fiji chapter was later suspended by national directors. Members of the fraternity were allowed to eat and sleep in their house, but all activities were suspended pending an investigation into the incident.

The hazing allegations are under investigation. Student Code of Conduct violations could also be filed against fraternity members, university officials said.



Post-victory celebration

Jubilant fans climb the goal post after the Cornhuskers' 21-7 victory over Oklahoma. Game story, Page 6.

William Lauer/DN

Bjorklund's attorneys file request for new trial

By Jeff Zeleny
Senior Editor

Attorneys filed a seven-page motion last week requesting a new trial for Roger Bjorklund, who was found guilty in the first-degree murder of UNL student Candice Harms.

A district judge will hear the new trial motion Dec. 17.

Harms was abducted, raped and murdered in September 1992. The case went to trial in October and ended four weeks later.

Chief Deputy Public Defender Scott Helvic listed 63 reasons for a new trial. Irregularities existed in the court proceedings, he said, which prevented Bjorklund from having a fair trial.

The motion said the court erred in overruling Bjorklund's motion to suppress the following evidence:

- Statements Bjorklund made to police on Dec. 6, 1992 and May 25, 1993.

- A letter Bjorklund mailed to Harms' parents in December 1992.

- Evidence found during two searches of Bjorklund's house last December.

During the trial, recorded conversations Bjorklund made to police were played for the jury. Bjorklund described the kidnapping and abduction of Harms in the conversations. The statements were the basis of the prosecution's case.

The motion also said the court should not have allowed Lincoln Police Detective Sgt. Sandra Myers to be present in the courtroom during the trial. All other witnesses were sequestered throughout the trial.

Testimony from many expert witnesses should not have been allowed in the trial, the motion said, including the opinion of a Lincoln doctor who said Harms was tortured before her death.

Regional center will decide Baldwin's future

By Jeff Zeleny
Senior Editor

The Lincoln Regional Center must recommend a suitable treatment program and facility in Nebraska for Scott Baldwin within 30 days, a district judge ruled.

Lancaster County District Judge Paul Merritt ruled last week that Baldwin's treatment facility must follow recommendations set by the Department of Public Institutions.

Baldwin, a former University of Nebraska-Lincoln student and football player, was found not responsible by reason of insanity in the January 1992 beating of Gina Simanek. In a subsequent psychotic episode, Baldwin was paralyzed from the waist down when an Omaha

police officer shot him in September 1992.

Shortly after the shooting, Baldwin was committed to the regional center, which is under control of the Department of Public Institutions.

The regional center recommended that Baldwin be placed in the Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital in Lincoln or a similar private facility.

When an appropriate facility is found for Baldwin, he must not leave the grounds without adult supervision during the first three months of the program, the judge said.

In earlier hearings, Baldwin requested his treatment be continued in his home state of New Jersey, but Merritt denied the request.

Baldwin's placement must be consistent with the safety of the public, the judge said. The Department of Institutions recommends the program include:

- A structured group living arrangement.
- A program for Baldwin's emotional, physical and vocational needs.
- A plan to ensure proper intake of medication, including testing about every two weeks to ensure it is being taken as directed.
- A goal toward independent living.
- A method to report any problems with Baldwin to the Lancaster County Attorney's office.

In an October meeting with regional center and Madonna officials, a plan was established

in case the court decided to place Baldwin in the rehabilitation hospital.

Baldwin initially would be placed in the acute rehabilitation unit. After a brief stay in the unit, which would include a visit with a psychologist three times a week, Baldwin would be transferred to a skilled nursing unit for up to six months.

This program would focus heavily on Baldwin's physical needs. He would receive training in self-care issues and would work in the community on home-type situations in which he could continue his own physical development.

A review hearing is scheduled for August 1994, when Merritt will review Baldwin's progress.

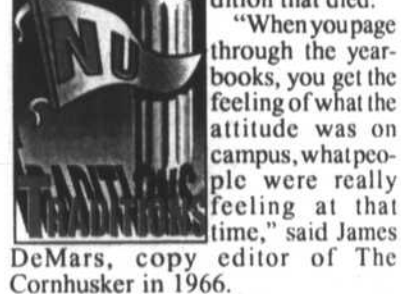
After 20 years, UNL may never have yearbook again

Editors' Note: College heritage is an important part of student life. UNL students today, however, don't have the chance to take part in many long-standing campus traditions. This is the first in a week-long series of UNL's forgotten traditions.

By Jody Holzworth
Staff Reporter

The yellowed pages of The Cornhusker yearbook are still talking. The UNL yearbook expresses more than 70 years of student emotions through words and

photographs. The pages also tell a story of a University of Nebraska-Lincoln tradition that died.



DeMars, copy editor of The Cornhusker in 1966.

DeMars, now a Lincoln lawyer,

worked on the yearbook for three years during his stint at UNL.

The book chronicled the changing times, he said.

DeMars said he voiced student concerns about current events in many of the narratives he wrote while on yearbook staff.

"I remember writing about the mad scramble to keep out of the draft," he said.

Barb DeMars, yearbook editor in 1966, said looking at the book was like a trip down memory lane.

"I can't tell you the number of times we still look at it," she said.

Barb DeMars, a graduate of the Teachers College, married James DeMars after they worked together on the yearbook.

"The Cornhusker was very important to the university—truly a history of that year," she said.

James DeMars said he looked at the yearbook more after he graduated than when he attended UNL.

"Everyone knew the yearbook had only marginal use while you were a student," he said. "The purpose of the yearbook was to go back 10 years down the road."

Today's students don't have that

option. Lack of funding and student interest silenced the voice of The Cornhusker after the 1972-73 school year.

Jayne Wade Anderson, director of UNL Greek Affairs, said students only have the Greek yearbook now. Anderson, a UNL graduate, began working at the university in 1964.

The UNL Greek system began their own yearbook 17 years ago because they thought The Cornhusker's demise left a void, she said.

The greek yearbook stories focus

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