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SPORTS

Kansas nips Nebraska

Sparked by Steve Woodberry, the Jayhawks used a late second-half rally to down the Cornhuskers, 94-87.

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Today will be cloudy with a chance of light snow. Freezing drizzle is possible by late afternoon.



Police recover gun allegedly used by player

By Kara G. Morrison
Senior Reporter

Lincoln Police Chief Tom Casady said Sunday that authorities had recovered from athletic department officials the gun allegedly used in last weekend's shooting incident.

Casady said police believed the gun to be the one used by Cornhusker defensive back Tyrone Williams in the Jan. 29 shooting of a car occupied by two people.

Williams was charged Wednesday with the unlawful discharge of a firearm and the use of



Osborne

a weapon to commit a felony in the shooting. He pled not guilty to the felony charges at his arraignment Thursday.

Two or three rounds were fired at University of Nebraska-Lincoln student Brooke Bohac's vehicle near the corner of 17th and L streets last Sunday morning. New York Jets

safety Kevin Porter was a passenger in Bohac's car.

Casady said a comment NU coach Tom Osborne made to an officer during a visit to the police department Tuesday made police think the athletic department had the gun.

Osborne had made an appointment to see the car that was struck by the bullets allegedly fired by Williams, Casady said.

Casady said when Osborne was viewing the car Tuesday, he remarked to an officer that the gun was the type that had to be cocked.

Casady said the officer, who was not involved in the investigation, made note of the comment in a report that Casady read Wednesday morning. Casady said he sent an investiga-

tor to the athletic department Wednesday.

The investigator questioned Osborne, who said he thought inside linebackers coach Kevin Steele had turned the weapon over to UNL police.

Casady said Steele was out of his office at the time the investigator was at the athletic department.

When Steele returned, Casady said, he produced the weapon and said he had received it from a Cornhusker player Monday night.

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Residence assistant hired for Fiji house

By Angie Brunkow
Senior Reporter

Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity alumnus has been chosen as the residence assistant for the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity house.

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said Steve Zatechka, a UNL graduate student, soon would be moving into the house.

The university is requiring an RA to live in the Fiji house as part of an agreement that allows the chapter to remain on campus.

Fiji was sanctioned in December after pledge Jeffrey Knoll fell from a third-story window of the chapter house. Hazing and alcohol were involved in the incident.

Two university-approved individuals applied for the position of RA, Griesen said. One applicant, however, withdrew.

Griesen said he was pleased Zatechka accepted the position.

"I'm delighted that we finally got this worked out," he said.

Zatechka will monitor house activities to ensure the Student Code of Conduct is enforced. He also will advise members and officers on building a strong organization.

Zatechka will report weekly to Jayne

Wade Anderson, director of Greek affairs at UNL, Griesen said.

Zatechka will be taking the job, which pays tuition, room and board, fees and a monetary stipend, on a temporary basis, Griesen said.

"This is a short-term solution," he said.

The national fraternity and the local chapter will use this semester to search for Zatechka's replacement, he said.

As a result of another sanction, the number of active members in Fiji has been reduced by about half, Griesen said.

Alumni interviewed members to fulfill the sanction requiring them to reduce chapter membership to a quality core group.

Of the chapter's nearly 70 members, he said, 40 chose to take alumni status when they returned to school this semester.

Fiji alumni interviewed the remaining active members last month, Griesen said, and gave alumni status to three more members.

Griesen said members who didn't think they would survive the selection process or who didn't want to live in the house under university sanctions voluntarily took alumni status instead of interviewing.

Decimal system lacks benefits, Benes says

By Angie Brunkow
Senior Reporter

The cost of implementing a proposed decimal grading system outweighs its benefits, ASUN President Keith Benes said Friday.

Benes said the confusion on transcripts and between University of Nebraska campuses would negate any supposed benefits.

"What's the point of putting people through all the confusion?" he said.

At its Feb. 8 meeting, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Academic Senate will consider switching to the decimal system. The system would allow professors to assign students any grade between 0.7 and 4.0.

Under the current half-step sys-

tem, professors can assign students one of nine letter grades that translate into increments of 0.5 for a student's grade point average.

Benes said the change would cause disruptions for at least the next five years.

Grades on some student transcripts would show two separate grading systems, he said, and would have to be explained to graduate schools and potential employers.

The change also would cause disruption within the NU system, he said. All Nebraska campuses are using the half-step grading scale.

"I think that most people are going to agree that it's not necessary to

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Gerik Parmele/DN

May I have this skate?

Carol Swigart, 27, (left) and Jamie Lillis, 28, skate at Oaklake Sunday afternoon. The couple said they had just started taking ice skating lessons a few weeks ago and skate on the weekends to relieve cabin fever.

Official hopes new containers spark interest in recycling

By Todd Neeley
Staff Reporter

Recycling is on the rise at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The number of UNL buildings with recycling containers for office paper will increase from six to 19 next month, said Dale Ekart, recycling coordinator.

Some offices on campus already are recy-

cling computer paper on their own, Ekart said. Eventually, all buildings on campus will have the containers.

Ekart said he hoped the addition of the containers would generate more campus interest in recycling.

"We're trying to involve more people and make it so convenient that it will not be a problem to do," he said.

The containers also will be placed in cam-

pus libraries, student unions and other high-traffic areas.

Those who have the containers will be required to dump the paper in outside recycling dumpsters.

Ekart said he wasn't sure how much it would cost for the extra containers, but in the long run the project would pay for itself.

The money received for recycling the paper will be reapplied to the project and may help pay

for more containers.

"It will cost a little to get it rolling," Ekart said.

Currently, about five or six tons of garbage, including computer paper and newsprint, are taken to local landfills from campus.

Ekart said if all went well, about one-third to one-half of that garbage could be recycled.

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