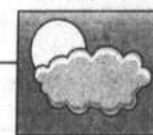




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"On Deadly Ground," Steven Seagal's first directorial effort, receives less than rave reviews.
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Today, partly sunny and warmer.

Texas schools set for challenge of Big Eight

By Trevor Parks
Staff Reporter

In 1996, the Big Eight Conference will have four new schools to contend with. However, the four colleges—Baylor, Texas, Texas Tech and Texas A&M—won't be strangers to the Big Eight.

Texas Tech football coach Spike Dykes, whose team lost to Nebraska this year, said the schools would fit in nicely with the new "Big 12."

"We have a lot of similarities to the schools of the Big Eight," Dykes said. "We're the second-largest city in the Big 12. We have about

25,000 students. We're not in a pro market. And Lubbock is a great college town."

Big Eight



SW Conference

the title in 1939.

Texas brings the biggest school and the

highest number of national titles, 29, to the conference. Located in Austin, the university has an enrollment of 49,253.

Texas A&M brings to the Big Eight a school with an enrollment of 43,862 and a program that has won four national championships. The Aggies' football team also has the third-best record in the '90s.

Last season, Texas A&M went 10-2, won its third-straight Southwest Conference title, and was the only SWC team to finish the season ranked in the Top 25. One of two losses came to Oklahoma.

Texas A&M Athletic Director Alan Cannon said it was a tough decision to leave the SWC,

but the move was right for the time.

"We have mixed emotions on leaving the conference after 79 years," he said. "The bottom line is Texas A&M is one big family, and we have to look out for the best interests of the family."

However, the Aggies won't be able to bring everything to the Big Eight.

For the next five years, the Aggies' football team will be suffering from sanctions by the NCAA. The team is ineligible for post-season play next season.

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UNL student to enter plea of not guilty, lawyer says

From Staff Reports

A UNL student charged with making terroristic threats waived his right Monday to a preliminary hearing.

Seth Davis, a junior engineering major at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, allegedly threatened his ex-girlfriend's life in a Feb. 14 incident at Triangle Fraternity. According to police reports, Davis then began loading his 9 mm pistol as the girl ran from the room.

Davis' attorney, James Mowbray, said Davis would plead not guilty to the charge. Davis is scheduled to appear in district court March 9 to enter his plea.

At another court appearance March 9, a separate date will be scheduled for Davis to enter his plea on the charge of willfully destroying property.

Davis allegedly broke out his ex-girlfriend's car window but told police he couldn't remember if it was before or after he threatened her.

Mowbray said there had been no further developments in the case.

The first charge is a Class IV felony, with a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison and \$10,000 fine. The destruction of property charge is a Class II misdemeanor, with a maximum six-month prison sentence and \$1,000 fine.



Rebel until he thaws

Genik Parmele/DN

Jack Shrum, 24, and Brian Ridder, 22, of Lincoln built a snow biker Sunday afternoon on Shrum's motorcycle at 901 N. 25th St. Because he couldn't ride his motorcycle, Shrum said he might as well do something interesting with it.

Alpha Chi Omega burglar assaults female

Assailant suspected of a 13-crime streak in downtown Lincoln

By Angie Brunkow
Senior Reporter

Lincoln police have no leads in a break-in and assault at Alpha Chi Omega Sorority last weekend.

Sgt. Ann Heermann said a sorority member was hit in the nose and twice on the chin at 11:15 Friday night before the male suspect fled.

He is suspected to be involved in a string of

10 burglaries and three assaults that ended at 12:40 a.m. Saturday, Heermann said.

Lincoln police still are collecting information about the incidents and trying to draw a composite sketch of the suspect, described as a stocky, 5-foot-5-inch male. The suspect had long, black hair and was wearing a red shirt and baggy jump pants.

Heermann said police believed the suspect entered the sorority house through a fire escape door, which wasn't secured properly.

The victim had left her room and returned to find her closet door closed, Heermann said. When she opened it, the male grabbed her by the hair and struck her.

After he had forced her into a room across the hall, Heermann said the man was scared away by another sorority member who had heard the commotion. The man fled out of an east fire escape.

The woman suffered swelling in her left cheek and scalp and cuts on her nose, Heermann said. The suspect allegedly took the woman's wallet, which contained \$2, she said.

Heermann said the other incidents occurred in the central area of town, ranging from the 700th block of N. 16th Street to the 2700th block of A Street.

"There's quite a bit of distance," she said.

At 2749 A St., a woman was sexually assaulted by the suspect, Heermann said.

Republican announces bid for U.S. Senate

By Matthew Waite
Senior Reporter

The United States' problems start in Washington, but the solutions are here in Nebraska, a Republican contender for the U.S. Senate said Monday.

Jan Stoney, a retired Omaha businesswoman, announced her candidacy for the U.S. Senate seat currently occupied by Bob Kerrey.

Stoney's announcement at the Top of the Rock Banquet Room, 14th and P streets, was part of a nine-city tour to officially kick off her bid for Kerrey's seat.

Stoney said Kerrey put other interests before his home state. She said the senator was conser-

vative when he was in Nebraska, but liberal when he was in Washington.

"We don't need someone that comes to Nebraska and talks like Rush Limbaugh and goes to Washington and votes like Ted Kennedy," she said.

Stoney said she was not a traditional candidate. She said she was not a politician and had no intentions of being one.

"Do I have prior political experience? No — and I am proud of it," she said.

Stoney said she had watched Americans'

dreams fade with the country's problems. She told the crowd of more than 100 that President Bill Clinton's administration was making things worse.

"We are killing the American spirit," she said.

Government regulation is smothering small businesses and personal property regulations are worrying farmers and ranchers, Stoney said. She said something in Washington was not working.

"The first step to solving a problem is to admit there is one," Stoney said. "Well, here I am. We have a problem in Washington."

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Dennis Smith takes office starting today

From Staff Reports

L. Dennis Smith officially took office as the fifth president of the University of Nebraska system today.

Smith, the former executive vice chancellor of the University of California-Irvine, replaced Martin Massengale.

Joe Rowson, NU director of public affairs, said Smith would have a regular business day today.

"I think his main objective is to go in and get started," Rowson said.

Smith will make his first public appearance at a press conference today at the Walter Scott Engineering Center.

Massengale is attending a meeting in Chicago today, Rowson said. Massengale was guaranteed a University of Nebraska-Lincoln agronomy professorship by the NU Board of Regents last March.

Massengale has been a Nebraska administrator for 18 years. He became the chancellor of UNL in 1981 and NU president in 1991.



Stoney

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