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**Pike's picked**  
Husker senior forward Eric Piatkowski was named Monday to the All-Big Eight first team.  
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**Tuesday**  
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Today, mostly sunny, becoming cloudy with flurries at night.

## Robbery victims testify at Bjorklund hearing

By Angie Brunkow  
Senior Reporter  
and Jeff Zeleny  
Senior Editor

Prosecutors called four witnesses Monday after both sides presented opening arguments during the first day of Roger Bjorklund's sentencing hearing.

The four witnesses were victims in robberies Bjorklund and Scott Barney were accused of committing in the fall of 1992.

During opening statements,

Lancaster County Attorney Gary Lacey said he would prove three aggravating circumstances that would require District Judge Donald Endacott to decide in favor of the death penalty.



Roger Bjorklund

Bjorklund was convicted last November of murdering University of Nebraska-Lincoln student Candice Harms. After the three-week sentencing hearing, Endacott will decide between life in prison for Bjorklund or

death.

Lacey said he would prove during the three weeks of hearings that Bjorklund had a history of assaultive and terrorizing activity.

"That history began really with a vengeance only a month before Candi Harms' disappearance," he said.

During that month, Bjorklund is accused of robbing about five or six local businesses, Lacey said. During one robbery, Bjorklund struck an employee in the back of the head, he said.

"Assaultive activity—yes," Lacey said. "Terrorizing activity—yes."

Lacey said he also would prove Bjorklund committed the murder to cover up another crime, the rape of Harms.

"They were bent on making sure ... that Candi Harms was not going to be a witness on the stand against them," Lacey said.

During the morning hearing, Lacey read excerpts from a Bjorklund confession that the lawyer said proved Barney and Bjorklund believed they had to eliminate the only witness to the rape.

"It was necessary for them to si-

lence her," he said. "They decided to silence her, and they did silence her."

Finally, Lacey said he would prove Bjorklund's crime was especially heinous, cruel and atrocious.

A previous Nebraska case where a man sexually assaulted a woman and then stabbed her seven times set the standard for applying the death penalty, Lacey said.

"Any killing that involves sexual abuse is especially heinous and cruel," he said.

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## Final ASUN debate is both amusing, serious

By Matthew Waite  
Senior Reporter

The final ASUN debate took on a circus-like atmosphere with the addition of the LETTUCE party to the slate of candidates.

LETTUCE, with mock Secret Service agents standing guard, were allowed to debate VISION and RESUME for the first time. Singing priests and a thwarted assassination attempt with a sausage were all part of the LETTUCE show.

The party had been previously barred from the debates by the ASUN electoral commission. The ASUN elections will be held Wednesday.

Candidates generally agreed on the issues of the bike dismount zone, grading proposals and voter turnout. The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska student senate took most of the criticism in the debate, with LETTUCE and RESUME doing the damage.

RESUME presidential candidate J.B. Howell said ASUN was a waste of time.

"Students don't have to make a mockery of ASUN," he said. "ASUN makes a mockery of itself."

Howell said some of the senate

action was foolish. He cited the commendation of Tom Osborne, the criticism of the Associated Press football poll and the one cent student fee reduction for the University Health Center as examples.

Andrew Loudon, VISION candidate for president, defended ASUN saying Howell needed to look at some of the senators actions. He said, however, ASUN could have introduced more legislation.

"There's always room for improvement in ASUN," Loudon said.

Candidates from all parties agreed voter turnout in ASUN elections needed improvement.

"The voter turnout sucks," Joey Whitney, RESUME second vice-presidential candidate, said. "The only people who vote are greeks."

Brian Fitzgerald, LETTUCE candidate for first-vice president, said voter apathy was a reflection on ASUN.

"No one on this campus believes ASUN can do anything," he said.

Fitzgerald said the UNL administration didn't care what ASUN did.

"If we are elected, we will be heard," he said. "There will be a revolution on this campus."

Loudon said VISION had already been trying to get more people in-

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## Conference focuses on technology in state

By Paula Lavigne  
Senior Reporter

In the middle of a meeting Monday with Nebraska educators and businesspeople, debates over electronic mail, video conferencing and communication networks mixed with complaints about the varying Nebraska weather.

Gov. Ben Nelson said this terminology was just a part of an explosion of technological advances.

"Information superhighway' is becoming a household word," Nelson said at The Governor's Conference on Information Technology.

"Traveling the Information Superhighway," a two-day event at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education, features discussions and exhibits on upcoming information and telecommunication technology for the future of Nebraska.

"There are new and exciting developments in communication and computer technology every day," he said. "You can't pick up any periodical or tune into any information channel without seeing information developments that are truly astounding."

Nelson cited developments such as Nebraska On-line—a statewide com-

munication and information network—as evidence of this technological progression.

He said in order to use this technology, Nebraskans needed to be better informed.

"We need a clearer picture of the road ahead," he said. "We can start bringing the information superhighway right to our doorsteps."

The conference is coordinated to encourage dialogue and further discussions concerning technology. Nelson said he had three goals to achieving completion of the superhighway.

Nelson said his first goal was to inform everybody about the "technology explosion."

"Many of us don't have the foggiest idea," he said. "At the end of the day tomorrow I hope that those of us on the foggy end of it will know what the fuss is all about."

Nelson said his second objective was to have people leave with a sense of context. He wanted them to know how technology would affect Nebraska's future.

Nelson said he encouraged input from the small group and panel dis-

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Classics professor Neil Adkin said that teaching in the United States was different than teaching in Europe. American students expect classes to be interesting, he said.

## Professor gives classics life

By Patty Wewel  
Staff Reporter

From the screen-filled aura of a tragic Greek character, a classics professor, slightly left-leaning, walks slowly to the front of the room.

He begins to tell the story of the character looming behind him. He animates the story in a voice filled

with hushed awe and excitement, complimented with full gestures and shifting posture.

He stretches out his British-accented words to a near hiss, setting up his booming proclamations that echo throughout the auditorium.

Students might think they are watching a narrator on a theater stage giving a passionate account of a tragic story, but the small desk-

tops remind them that they are in Room 104 of Love Library listening to Neil Adkin's classical mythology lecture.

As the class nears completion, the students begin to pack up.

Adkin looks out at them.

"You paid for three more minutes, but you're not going to get

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