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A dozen and counting
 The Nebraska baseball team won its 12th-straight game by beating 21st-ranked Kansas 5-2.
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 Today, partly cloudy with a chance of thunder showers.

Athlete's charges dropped

By Matthew Waite
 Senior Reporter

A man accused of the Oct. 17 beating of Boon-Chung "Marco" Ong, a UNL Malaysian student, had charges against him dropped in exchange for an agreement to take part in a pretrial diversions program.

Justin Stephens, a freshman football player at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, had the charge dropped and was charged \$24 in court costs in a hearing held April 15.

Lee Flynn, director of Diversion Services in Lancaster County, told the Daily Nebraskan earlier this year the diversions program was offered mostly to first-time offenders.

"It's an opportunity for people to earn their way out of trouble," she said. "By earning their way out of trouble ... you learn what got you to commit the offense."

"If they haven't learned anything, they're going to get re-arrested."

Flynn said the program usually consisted of a fee for the program, a certain number of community service hours and a class dealing with the type of offense.

For example, a person facing assault charges would have to take an anger-control class, Flynn said.

Stephens and his attorney, Hal Anderson, could not be reached for comments on the specifics of Stephens' diversions program.

The other men accused of the beating still have charges pending in Lancaster County Court.

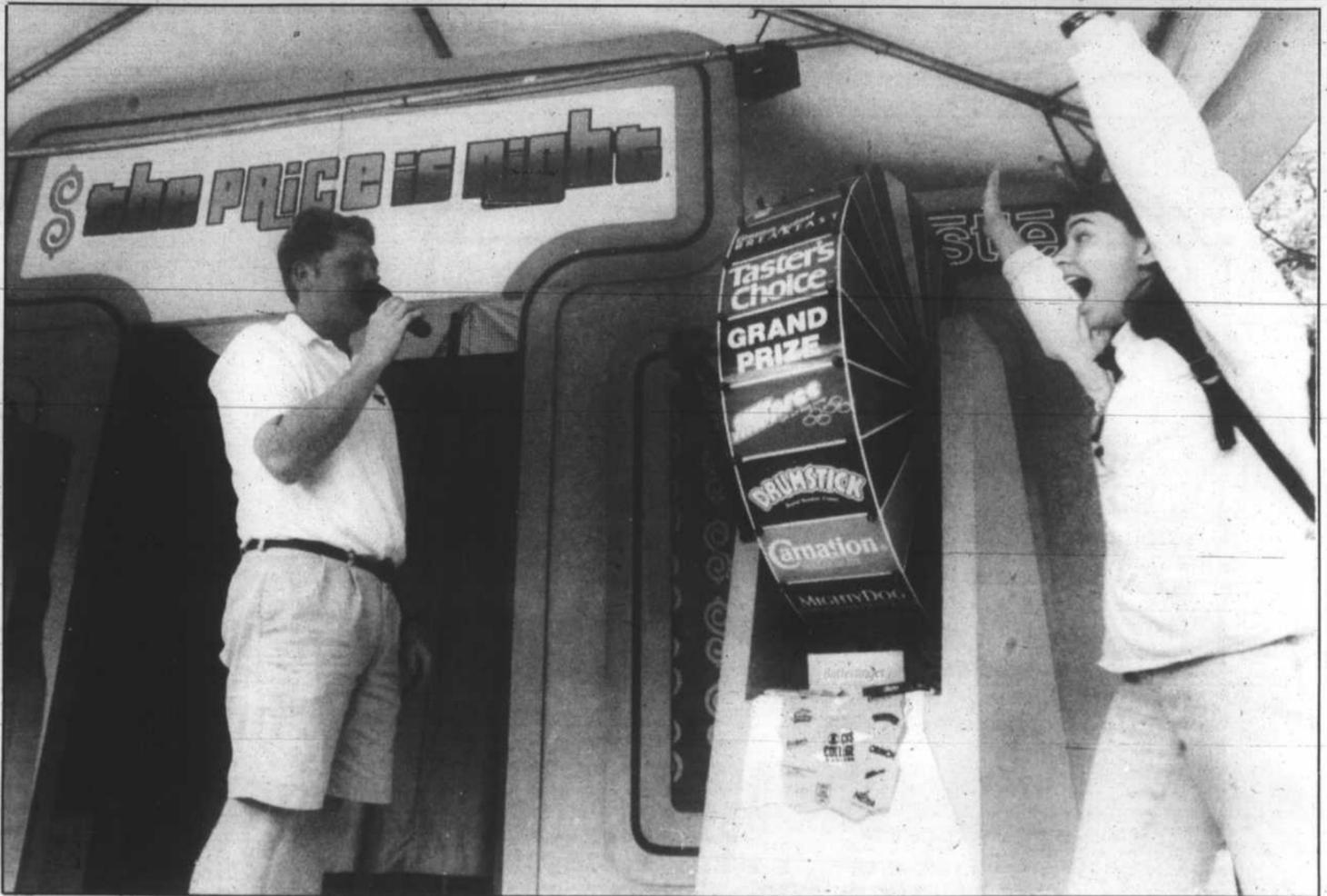
Ralph Lott, 21, of Lincoln failed to appear in court for a hearing on the assault charge on Jan. 28. A bench warrant was issued for his arrest on Jan. 31.

Lott, a former UNL student and football player, also did not appear in court for several traffic violations.

Sean Phillips, 17, was to appear in Lancaster County Juvenile Court Wednesday, but he had the date moved to May 23 at the request of his mother, Juanita.

Phillips of Omaha originally had his case heard in adult court, but he has since been sent to juvenile court.

According to court records, Phillips' mother requested that the hearing date be moved to May so her son would not miss any school.



Jay Calderon/DN

Suzie Garrison, a freshman Spanish major, wins on the CBS College Tour version of "The Price is Right" Wednesday. Hosting the show at left is Keith Ammons of Mobile, Ala.

Tour tunes students in to CBS

By Julie Sobczyk
 Staff Reporter

Chi Carriere, a junior actuarial science and math major, took a break from her stressful classes to win free prizes at the CBS College Tour at Broyhill Fountain on Wednesday.

Carriere visited many booths, including the Trident Golf Classic.

"I like miniature golfing," she said. "I won Listerine and Halls here just for playing."

"I've been trying out all the games and just walking around. It's better than class."

The CBS College Tour featured booths like Locker Talk, "The Price is Right" and Long Distance Shootout, as well as many trivia booths. Prizes like footballs, boxers, flying discs and T-shirts were awarded at most booths — just for playing the games.

The tour has traveled to college

campuses nationwide to promote the products of CBS sponsors, said Mark Diebold, event producer for the CBS College Tour. Some of these sponsors include L'Oreal cosmetics, Campbell's soup and Nestle.

The University Program Council sponsored the event at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Dorene Johnson, an event director from UPC, said the tour had become an annual event that was fun for students.

"People seem to really like it. It's a good way to hang outside and relieve stress," she said.

A mock "The Price Is Right" game attracted many students. John Ochoa, a sophomore criminal justice major, won his way up on stage and walked away with a free T-shirt.

"I love to watch 'The Price Is Right' before 'The Young and the Restless,'" he said. "I came today just to hang out. Plus, I wanted the free T-shirt."

Amy York, a freshman deaf educa-

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tion major, said she really enjoyed the booth that let her star in a scene from "The Young and the Restless."

"I'm kind of addicted to soap operas," she said. "I played Victoria in a scene I had seen before on TV."

Many students attended the event just to see what was happening. Scott Kimmel, a freshman biological systems engineering major, said he came to the event because his friends were going.

"My friends made me stop down,

and I'm looking at playing one of these trivia games," he said.

UNL students were paid to staff the event. Fanya Muckey, a freshman interior design major, helped run a comedy quiz booth.

"My roommate is an event director for UPC and signed me up for the job," she said. "I get paid and work as many hours as I can."

The CBS College Tour will continue Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MASA boycott continues

By Matthew Waite
 Senior Reporter

Meetings to try to end the Mexican American Student Association's boycott of the multicultural affairs office will continue over the summer, the president of MASA said Wednesday night.

MASA President Cathy Maestas and more than 20 of the group's members met Wednesday with Chancellor Graham Spanier, James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, and Eric Jolly, UNL's director of affirmative action, to begin what Maestas said was opening dialogue.

The boycott, which began March 3, was in protest to what MASA called unfair hiring practices in the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

At the Wednesday night meeting, the two sides put their propos-

als and ideas out into the open, Maestas said.

Maestas said the meeting was an opportunity to elaborate on demands MASA made to Griesen. MASA has refused to discuss its demands.

Griesen said the meeting was one-sided, but there were reasons behind that.

"We, in a sense, had put forward some of our ideas," he said. Griesen released 15 policy changes March 15.

UNL would be bringing in an external consultant to bring in fresh ideas on the issue, Griesen said. He said he hoped to have the consultant in place by this fall.

The meeting offers "hope for cooperation in future," Griesen said. He said the three administrators came away with a better understanding of MASA's concerns.

Ex-prisoner: Human rights abused

By Todd Neeley
 Staff Reporter

Citizens in the United States and other free countries must denounce governments violating human rights, and become active in pushing for the release of political prisoners in the world, a former prisoner said Wednesday.

Greg Patyk, a Polish citizen imprisoned in 1981 for his work with the Polish Democratic Reform Movement, said human rights were abused throughout the world.

Human rights are not just given to people, he said, they are something that must be fought for.

"In the 20th century, there are people killing people to be killing," he said to a group of about 30 students attending the semester's final UNL Amnesty International meeting.

In 1980, Polish workers threatened to strike in protest of the commu-

nist government, he said.

Some 12 million workers supported the labor movement, Patyk said, and the government began to panic.

This movement led to the arrest of about 85 percent of the union members, he said.

Patyk was separated from other union organizers during his seven-year prison sentence.

"When they arrested me, they wanted me to write about my story and what I did," he said. "I didn't have anything to say because there was no story."

He said he felt he was an innocent man, and served about three years in prison after being falsely arrested.

"The government tried to prove we were guilty," he said, "but they had no witnesses."

The supreme court in Poland reviewed the case, and Patyk was released.

He requested political asylum at

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 ex-prisoner

the U.S. embassy in Warsaw, Poland, and eventually moved to Nebraska.

"It was a hard decision for me to go and leave everybody behind," he said. "I left my whole life back in Poland."

With the fall of the communist bloc and the rise of democracy in Poland, he said, he may someday return home. But for now, the memory of his life in Poland has not yet faded away.

"I still sometimes can feel the intense pressure on us back then," Patyk said.