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## Ripped from its roots



Michelle Paulman/DN

Fans tote a section of the goalpost to the ESPN tent after Nebraska handed Colorado its first defeat of the season on Saturday. Below: The 1993 homecoming queen, Wendy Wagner, far left, and ASUN president Andrew Loudon, second from right, present Megan Mullin and Brett West with footballs after they were chosen as the 1994 homecoming queen and king.

## Goalpost looting a rite of passage for fans

By Jeffrey Robb  
Senior Editor

Scott Vacek and Kory Koenig are experienced in the art of goalpost snatching.

Minutes after Nebraska's 24-7 victory on Saturday over the Colorado Buffaloes, a crowd of Husker fans wrestled the greased goalposts to the ground.

Vacek of Omaha and Koenig of Lincoln said they were among the thousands of other fans who stormed the field. But they weren't among the people climbing on the goalposts, Koenig said.

"Now that we're graduated, we

let the students do the work and stand back and watch," he said.

Swarms of fans went their separate ways with the prized sections of the posts. The crossbars had to be broken from the uprights so posts could fit through stadium exits.

UNL Police Chief Ken Cauble said that unlike past years, no damage was done as fans took the posts from the stadium. Still, he said, the athletic department would have to cover the \$4,000 cost of replacing the goalposts.

Cauble said Sunday that sta-

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## Students remember Halloweens of past

By Jeff Randall  
and Chad Lorenz  
Staff Reporters

Silly costumes, scary movies and all the candy you can eat. That's what many students said they remembered about celebrating Halloween as children.

"All it meant to me as a kid was free candy," said Katherine Sweeney, a freshman political science major.

Sweeney tried to celebrate last Halloween when she was a foreign exchange student in Switzerland. She didn't get any candy.

"A friend and I went door-to-door in Switzerland, saying 'Trick or treat'

and asking for candy," Sweeney said. "Most people would open their doors and say something like, 'Who the hell are you?' They didn't really understand what we were doing."

Sophomore pre-medicine major Ramneek Bhogal said he had a stranger Halloween experience on American soil when he was a fifth-grader in New Jersey.

"I was going door-to-door in an apartment building, and a woman came to the door half-naked," Bhogal said. "So, I went and got all my friends to come back there with me, but when she opened the door the second time, she was unfortunately dressed."

Bhogal said Halloween still meant "lots of free candy, but no more naked women."

Erik Skaden, an economics graduate student, said as a child, Halloween meant staying up to watch "Fri-

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## Spence not out, but admits Nelson likely to win election

By Matthew Waite  
Senior Reporter

Gene Spence is not giving up. And neither is Gov. Ben Nelson.

Spence, Republican candidate for governor said he was the long-shot candidate, and low campaign funds would make catching up difficult.

He told newspapers this weekend that he was not a good candidate, failing to prove leadership to Nebraska voters.

But the remarks don't signal the end for Spence.

His campaign manager, Brent Rose, said Sunday that the campaign would continue, and Spence would be on the ballot.

"Not once in the articles does Gene say he's quitting," Rose said

from the Spence for Governor office in Omaha. "He's in the race and we'll see where the cards fall Nov. 8."

Spence's comments won't slow down Nelson's campaign either, the governor said.

Rose said Spence's supporters always knew he would be the underdog. Nelson out fund-raised them 10 to 1, Rose said.

The Spence campaign, he said, had spent all its money on the primary and had to start over with fund raising. Nelson had four years to raise funds for his campaign, Rose said.

The Spence campaign plan this week, Rose said, was to end up with enough money to pay the campaign's bills.

"The whole idea with campaigns is you end up with zero,"

he said. Rose said Spence planned to buy some TV ads, but not as many as Nelson.

Nelson's campaign said he would continue to campaign for votes.

"We've been out working hard like the Nebraska football team," Nelson said. "When the game day came, they were prepared and they won."

Nelson said Spence's remarks would not affect his campaign strategy. He said he would not pull any of his advertising efforts.

The concern now is to make sure people turn out to vote, Nelson said.

"I just want to be sure that nobody lets their guard down and thinks this race is over," he said.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

## Chief doesn't want media trying police

By Brian Sharp  
Senior Reporter

UNL Police Chief Ken Cauble said Sunday that he was angered by the release of a report detailing his department's role in the circumstances surrounding Francisco Renteria's death.

The report's release will cause problems for everyone, Cauble said, by trying police in the media instead of in the court system.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Graham Spanier, who released the report on Friday, told the Daily Nebraskan on Sunday he saw no problems in releasing the report. It is always better "to err on the side of openness," he said.

Renteria died on Oct. 1 following a struggle with UNL and Lincoln police officers. Spanier released the findings of a committee charged with reviewing UNL police policies relevant to the incident.

"I disagree with some of it (the committee's report) being released," Cauble said. "Not because I'm trying to hide anything. But once it appears in the newspaper, it's no longer rumor but fact."

"And that's what the grand jury is supposed to decide."

The report called the amount of training that officers received at the state training center in Grand Island "woefully inadequate."

It discussed UNL Police Officer Charlotte Veskrna's actions during the incident and recommended Cauble go over the use-of-force policy with her.

Cauble said it wasn't proper to release that information before the grand jury and justice department investigations were finished, because it denied officers their right to a fair trial.

But Spanier said he promised the report would be made public.

"We had said that before knowing what the report would entail," Spanier said. "(The committee) did

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