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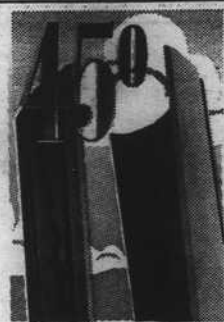
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## UNL costs low among peer group

By Matthew Waite  
Senior Reporter

When it comes to the amount of money needed to go to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, students are paying less than a peer group of universities and less than half of Big Eight Schools.

But UNL may fall in the rankings with building projects on the horizon that may increase costs.

Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen said in a study done by his office, UNL ranked as the second cheapest of 11 peer universities in the total cost of attending.

Universities included in the peer group study were the Universities of Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, Colorado, Iowa State, Kansas, Ohio State, Purdue, and Colorado State.

For comparison purposes, the study used what a student would pay for 30 resident undergraduate credit hours in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Comparisons to peer universities showed that UNL had the cheapest mandatory student fees at \$201, which did not include health center fees because of a wide range of quality of services.

UNL also had the cheapest room and board costs at \$3,145. The nearest university to UNL was Iowa State at \$3,224, a \$79 difference.

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## IT'S ALL RIGHT TO CRY



Scott Bruhn/DN

Four-year-old Kelli Kohout's first ice skating outing is put on hold as her mother, Liz Kohout, searches for a cocklebur that was stuck in Kelli's glove Monday afternoon at Oak Lake.

## Prosecution hit with 'trial by ambush'

By Linda Deutsch  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Murder defendant O.J. Simpson asked Monday to speak with members of his jury, while more legal motions prevented opening arguments in his murder trial.

Simpson's request was one surprising twist to a day dominated by attorneys scrapping over last-minute evidence the defense presented during the first day of Simpson's famous murder trial.

Defense attorneys surprised the prosecution with a list of 34 new witnesses and a videotape of police walking through blood at the murder scene.

Simpson's attorneys also offered evidence of an alibi for the first time — a witness who says she saw

Simpson's distinctive white Ford Bronco outside his home at a time when the prosecution alleges he was two miles away killing his ex-wife and her friend.

Defense attorneys also suggested in court papers that police may have moved the Bronco as well as the bloody glove that matched one found near the bodies of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman last June.

Deputy District Attorney Marcia Clark called the new evidence "trial by ambush" and said she was "absolutely shocked" by the last-minute disclosure.

"This is a willful desire to deprive the people of a fair trial," she said. Her colleague, William Hodgman, asked for a one-week continuance to study the new evidence and witness list, which includes actress Tawny

Kitaen, local TV reporter Tracie Savage, Los Angeles Police Chief Willie Williams and author Lawrence Schiller, who is writing Simpson's book.

"The truth, or part of the truth, has been hidden from us by the defense," Hodgman said.

Defense attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr. responded with equal anger.

"I am absolutely appalled that the prosecution comes here and says they are unprepared," Cochran said. "They see a few charts from us and become frightened and want to run away and hide for a week."

Superior Court Judge Lance Ito seemed tense during the exchange, interrupting attorneys at times to say, "You're wasting my time" and "Do you expect me to believe that?"

The defense's new disclosures

showed how they plan to challenge the prosecution's physical evidence. A videotape obtained by the defense shows police officers walking through blood while the bodies lie nearby under sheets.

Defense lawyers say the blood was so contaminated by the foot traffic that subsequent DNA tests on it would be meaningless. Prosecutors said they had not seen the videotape before and demanded time to find out when it was shot. The blood evidence, they suggested, might have already been collected by then. While reviewing the videotape in court, Ito ordered one segment of the feed blacked out for television broadcast. When that portion was shown on courtroom monitors, Simpson had a pained look

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## Simpson trial update

Monday, Jan. 23, 1995

► The defense said Detective Mark Fuhrman failed to reveal an interview with a woman who said she saw Simpson's Bronco parked near his driveway between 10:15 p.m. and 10:20 p.m. Separately, Judge Lance Ito said the defense can't mention Fuhrman but may cross-examine him.

► Simpson asked to be allowed to talk to jurors for about one minute and show them "physical scars, injuries and limitations." Ito has not ruled.

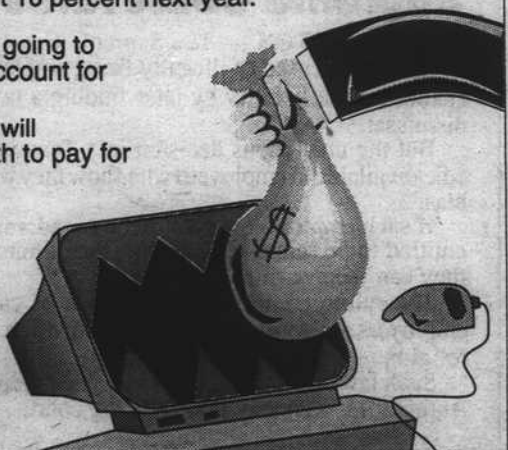
► Opening statements will begin Tuesday.

## HuskerNet upgrade may increase UNL housing rates

### Higher-cost housing

A \$6.5 million plan to rewire the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus to improve HuskerNet could increase rates for residence hall students by almost 10 percent next year.

- Rates already were going to increase by \$145 to account for inflation.
- Student phone bills will increase by \$3 a month to pay for rewiring.
- The increase to pay for the new system would be \$129 per resident per year if every hall resident paid, \$179 per resident per year if only new residents paid.



By John Fulwider  
Staff Reporter

UNL residence hall students may see their housing rates for next year increase more than 10 percent if a plan to improve access to HuskerNet is approved, a UNL administrator said.

In addition to a \$145 increase to pay for inflation and air conditioning in Neihardt, residence hall students could pay up to \$179 to upgrade HuskerNet, said James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs.

The latter increase would be part of a \$6.5 million plan to wire every residence hall room and faculty office to allow high-speed computer connections. The plan, introduced by University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Graham Spanier, is similar to a system already in place in Abel Hall.

To implement the new system, the

university would need to be rewired so each computing terminal would have direct access to the Internet. Further increases, \$12.68 a month for office phone bills and \$3 a month for residence hall phone bills, already were approved for that, Griesen said.

The new computer system would include a center in each building, which would make up most of the rewiring costs, said Robert Simerly, associate to the chancellor for information technology. Those centers would send information entering a building to its destination within the building.

Simerly said that for the system to be operable it also would need maintenance and better hardware and software.

The increase to pay for the system would be either \$129 or \$179 per resident per year, Griesen said.

The cost will be \$179 if the rate increase is applied only to new hall

residents, Griesen said, and \$129 if every hall resident pays.

Griesen said the housing department had a policy to freeze residence hall rates for returning residents, but university housing could increase rates if it provided a substantial new service.

Griesen said he agreed with the plan's goal, but not its proposed implementation.

"There's no question as to the worthiness of the goals of the entire project," he said. "My only hesitancy is I don't like saddling the students with an additional \$129 or \$179 cost per year."

Andrea Casart, the Residence Hall Association president, said RHA didn't like the way the plan would be paid for. RHA opposed the plan at its Sunday meeting.

Casart said the increase would have

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