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### WEATHER:

Today - Mostly sunny. Warm  
South wind 10 to 15 mph.  
Tonight - Isolated evening  
thunderstorm. Low 70 to 75.



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## Washington's hearing set for next week

By Jeff Zeleny  
Senior Reporter

Hours before Nebraska defended its national championship title Thursday, NU wingback Riley Washington was in court defending an attempted second-degree murder charge against him.

Washington, who faces two felony charges in connection with the Aug. 2 shooting of Jermaine Cole, appeared Thursday before Judge James Foster in Lancaster County Court. After an hour of testimony, Washington's preliminary hearing was recessed until Sept. 8.

Willis Brown, Washington's former roommate and football teammate, testified that he was with Washington on the night of the shooting. Brown said that although he didn't see who shot Cole, he didn't think Washington was responsible.

"Riley doesn't like to get a lot of stuff started," said Brown, who was called as a prosecution witness.

Washington, 22, has said he did not shoot Cole, who received minor injuries.

Brown said an argument, initiated by Cole and a group of friends, at a Lincoln liquor store escalated into a fight and shooting at a convenience store a few blocks away.

Brown said that after he and Washington were harassed by Cole and a group of his friends, the two went back to Brown's apartment, which he shares with former NU football player and current graduate assistant coach Abdul Muhammad.

A few minutes later, Brown, Washington and Muhammad went to Kwik Shop, 2710 W St., to get snacks. As the three walked out of the store, Brown said, Cole and his friends jumped out of a silver car and began to cause trouble.

Gang-related slurs were exchanged between the two groups of men, Brown said.

Deputy County Attorney Dave Stempson asked Brown if he was in a gang. After pausing for about 15 seconds, Brown lowered his head and said: "When you live in a neighborhood, you don't have to be a part of a gang. But where I live there are gangs."

"But going out gang-bangin,' no, I can't say that," Brown said.

Police have said the shooting was gang-related.

Brown said he was closer to members of a

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## STILLWATER SLAUGHTER



Travis Heying/DN.

Jesse Brodsen of Wayne shows his support for the national champion Cornhusker football team during Nebraska's season opener Thursday night in Stillwater, Okla. NU jumped out to an early lead in the nationally-televised game and cruised to a 64-21 victory. For additional coverage, please see page 7.

## Cool air hot item at jam-packed fair

By Matt Woody  
Senior Reporter

Overcast skies and thunderstorms in Lincoln held down temperatures Thursday after a scorching week.

And the clouds arrived not a moment too soon for workers at the Nebraska State Fair.

Blistering heat pushed temperatures into the upper 90s earlier this week, hitting 100 degrees on Sunday. But temperatures maxed out at 74 degrees Thursday, according to the National Weather Service.

"It was so hot. It was like a steam bath," said concession worker Sonya Haase.

Ironically, Haase was working in a frozen yogurt tent on the fairgrounds that didn't have air conditioning. Most concession stands, though, have air conditioning.

"It's nice today," she said. "Why couldn't it

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But fair officials said the heat hadn't kept the crowds away. Attendance so far this year has eclipsed last year's pace, said John Skold, fair manager.

Skold said the fair had been encouraging attendees to protect themselves from the heat, in part by making announcements over the public address system urging people to drink plenty of fluids.

But some have felt the effects of the high temperatures.

One hog died this week while at the fair, said Jerry DeNoyer, a hog breeder from North Loup. The hog wasn't his, though.

Lincoln residents should continue to see relief from the heat today. The National Weather Service forecasts a high temperature in the mid-80s with a chance of storms, especially in the evening.

## Changes, fill-ins common at UNL

Editor's note: This is the final story in a four-day series on UNL's changing university and college administration.

By Paula Lavigne  
Senior Reporter

After he left, she filled in, then he filled in for her, and he filled in for him.

Try to reach some NU administrators, and you may be on a wild goose chase around campus.

It's a place where "interim" is the new buzzword, and search committees seek candidates to fill high-level positions.

People are changing hats faster than their business cards can keep up.

For example, Chancellor Graham

Spanier leaves. Joan Leitzel, senior vice chancellor for academic affairs, takes his place. Harvey Perlman, dean of the law college, fills in for Leitzel. Rob Denicola, law professor, fills in for Perlman. And the chain ends ... for now.

The changes come as a natural chain of command for Interim Chancellor Leitzel.

Turnover is common, she said, because the average stay of a dean is five to seven years. It just happened that this year more than one dean needed a replacement.

A lot of people in junior-level administrative positions—such as Eric Jolly, former affirmative action director—also leave because they want to move up, but they are on the last step of the NU ladder.

Although it may be hard for people to figure out who goes where, the switches don't cause chaos, Leitzel said, because the system is designed for change.

"There's just an administrative

team," she said. "And it's an effective group of people."

A university is used to change, she said.

"You can move people into administrative positions without shaking things up too much," she said.

Instruction and research takes place within the departments, she said, which basically remain undisturbed.

David Lou, chairman of the mechanical engineering department, said everything went smoothly when the college moved from a former to interim to new dean.

"It does not hurt," he said. "Dean (William) Splinter took the interim job as if it were his. He did everything as a true dean."

But warming up to a new dean takes time for faculty members, Lou said. And it happens on an individual, not collective, basis.

"It's like a blind date," Lou said. "The faculty member met the dean

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## Parking change opens up new stalls for commuters

By Ted Taylor  
Staff Reporter

A small change in student parking options will provide big relief for about 150 University of Nebraska-Lincoln commuters.

That is the number of people who will be able to park in additional stalls opened up to students with area 20 parking permits.

Tad McDowell, parking services manager, said Thursday that four lots previously closed to City Campus commuter students would be opened to ease the parking crunch.

The lots McDowell targeted were: An area 21 lot south of the Beadle Center; an area 10 lot east of the Mail Services building, 1820 R St.; and three area 1 lots, previously reserved for residence hall students, on the southeast edge of campus.

McDowell said the changes were only the first step in handling UNL's

annual parking problems.

"Making those changes have been steps in the parking planning process," McDowell said. "There are many planning issues that need to be looked at."

The UNL Parking Advisory Board will meet in mid-September to discuss that planning process and possible solutions to the current problems, he said.

"One focus of the Parking Advisory meetings will be to simplify number and color designations," he said.

McDowell said the past weeks had put Parking Services under pressures it wasn't used to. And it has been pressure McDowell hasn't experienced in his three years at UNL.

"This has been a very strange year for me," McDowell said. "We have had to address issues much earlier than we expected."

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