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WEATHER:

Today - Partly sunny with a 30% chance of thunderstorms. South wind 10 to 15 mph

Tonight - Partly cloudy with a 30% chance of thunderstorms. Low 60-65.

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Cole pleads not guilty to charges

By John Fulwider
Staff Reporter

The man whom NU wingback Riley Washington is charged with shooting was arraigned Tuesday on charges that he broke into an ex-girlfriend's home this weekend.

Jermaine Cole, 22, pleaded not guilty to charges of making terroristic threats, criminal trespass, third-degree assault and criminal mischief.

Judge Lyn Ferer set bond at \$30,000. In an emotional plea, Cole asked Ferer to set a lower bond. He said he was trying to get his life back together and find a job so he could make child support payments.

Cole could not be assigned a public defender because the public defender's office is representing Washington in his case. Washington faces attempted second-degree murder charges in connection with Cole's shooting on Aug. 2. Cole will get a private attorney.

The charges were filed against Cole after he allegedly broke into the home of Ann Ohle, his former girlfriend, early Sunday morning.

According to Lancaster County sheriff's reports, Cole arrived at Ohle's parents' apartment and knocked on the door. When there was no answer, police said, he used a metal rod to smash through a sliding glass door, then entered the apartment.

Ohle called 911 when she heard the glass breaking. Cole confronted her, according to sheriff's reports, knocking the phone from her hand and hitting her. He then attempted to enter the room where Cole's and Ohle's 18-month-old child was sleeping.

The woman blocked his path. Sheriff's deputies then arrived. Cole at first would not allow the woman and child to leave, but eventually did. After a short period of negotiation, Cole also came out and was arrested without incident.

The maximum penalties for each of the charges filed against Cole are listed as follows: five years in jail and a \$10,000 fine for terroristic threats; one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine for criminal trespass and third-degree assault; and six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine for criminal mischief.

Osborne bans DN reporters from practice

By Paula Lavigne
Senior Reporter

NU football coach Tom Osborne banned Daily Nebraskan reporters from the practice field Monday because of two editorial cartoons criticizing Cornhusker players.

But the ban may violate federal civil rights laws, said a communications law professor.

"Attending our practices is a privilege, not a right," Osborne said in a statement he released Tuesday. "I felt that the cartoons were very inappropriate, and for this reason, the Daily Nebraskan will no longer be welcome at our practices this year."

The ban applies only to practices and does not apply to press conferences or individual interviews.

John Bender, an assistant news-editorial professor, said Osborne's action violated the newspaper's civil rights. The UNL College of Journalism and Mass Communications is not affiliated with the Daily Nebraskan.

Because Osborne is employed by a public university, Bender said, he is a public official. And public officials cannot isolate and dis-

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SISTERLY WELCOME



Jon Waller/DN

Nancy Childe (right) receives a hug from Brandy Ratcliff after arriving at Delta Delta Delta Sorority Tuesday morning. Childe was one of many students invited to join a sorority.

Bid Day ends rushees' busy weekend

By Angie Schendt
Staff Reporter

Tuesday was not just another hot, muggy day for new sorority pledges.

It was the end of rush week and the beginning of sisterhood.

Bid Day, the day when many University of Nebraska-Lincoln female students pledge sororities, was the end of a long, hectic weekend for freshman Carrie Kohler, a food service and administration major and now a Chi Omega Sorority pledge.

A change in the rush schedule contributed to the frenzy, she said. Previously, rush took place the week before school started. This year, rush spanned the Labor Day weekend — two weeks after school started.

"I wish it would have been before school because I didn't know a lot of people for two weeks," Kohler said.

On Bid Day, rushees go to the Nebraska Union to pick up invitations to join a sorority. A few active members of each sorority meet the new pledges at the union and escort them to their new sorority house.

The rest of the active members wait on their lawns for the new pledges to arrive. When they see the pledges coming, they cheer and chant to welcome them.

The pledges are ushered into their new houses after hugging and posing for pictures. They receive matching T-shirts and other items sporting their new sorority letters.

Kappa Delta Sorority pledges received decorated water bottles, stationery, pens and window stickers for their cars.

The active members of the sororities plan activities to welcome the pledges. Kappa Delta pledges went to Bethany Park for a barbecue, said freshman pledge Jenni Schulte, a general studies major.

Sarah Burleson, an Alpha Omicron Pi



Bob Burchess/DN

Chi Omega Sorority members wait for new pledges outside their house Tuesday morning.

Sorority pledge and freshman architecture major, said she and her new sisters had a picnic and pool party at Fountain Glen apartments.

Burleson said rush was stressful, but she was glad she did it because she loved her house and met a lot of people.

Rush also was worth it for freshman broadcasting major Britt Anderson, an Alpha Phi Sorority pledge.

"I loved it," she said.

However, Anderson said she would have preferred to go through rush before school started.

"At the end of some of the nights," she

said, "you're like, 'what happened?'"

Theresa Bliefernich, a freshman nursing major and an Alpha Phi pledge, also said she would have rather rushed during the summer.

"It seemed like professors didn't realize that rush took up the entire weekend," Bliefernich said.

Schulte said she thought rush was interesting, and she loved Kappa Delta, but that she was glad rush was over.

"I would have liked to go home this weekend," she said.

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