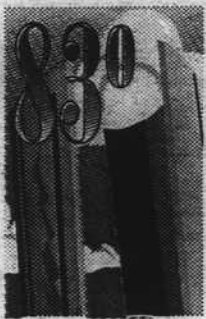


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North wind 10 to 15 mph.
Tonight - Mostly clear.
Low around 50.

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Phillips pleads innocence, media watch

By Jeff Zeleny
Senior Reporter

Nebraska running back Lawrence Phillips pleaded innocent Tuesday to three misdemeanor charges, under the watchful eye of a horde of local and national media.

Phillips entered a packed Lancaster County courtroom Tuesday afternoon with his attorney, an aunt and a friend by his side. Phillips quietly told a judge he was not guilty of third-degree assault, trespassing and destruction of property.

Lancaster County Judge Jack Linder ordered the Heisman Trophy candidate to have no contact with NU sophomore basketball player Kate McEwen or quarterback Scott Frost. Phillips, who was released from jail Sunday on \$100 bond, is accused of breaking into Frost's apartment and assaulting McEwen.

The arraignment was Phillips' first public appearance since Nebraska coach Tom Osborne announced Sunday he was kicked off the team.

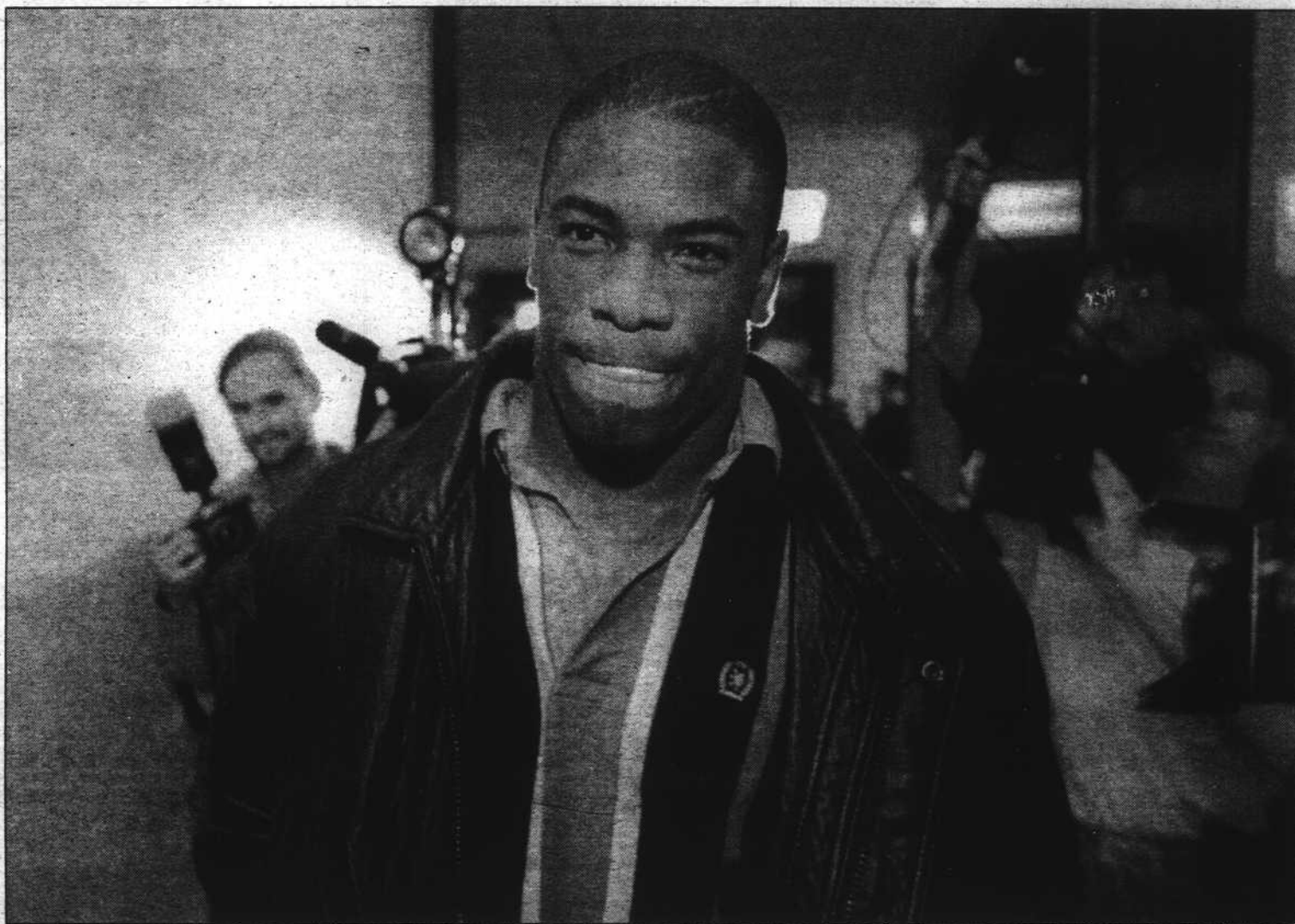
Attorney Hal Anderson said Phillips had several legal options, including standing trial, changing his plea or applying for a trial diversion program.

"I suspect that it would be a trial, but there are various things we are looking into," Anderson said. "But it could be Lawrence decides not to have a trial."

Lancaster County Attorney Gary Lacey said he would not agree to a diversion program for Phillips, because he failed to complete a similar program in 1994. Pretrial diversion is an option offered primarily to first-time offenders that allows a charge to be dropped if the defendant pays a fine or completes a counseling program.

"That really seems out of the question to me," Lacey said.

NU women's basketball coach Angela Beck sat in the front row during Phillips' arraignment.



Travis Heying/DN

Former Husker I-back Lawrence Phillips, followed by several members of the media, enters a district courtroom for his arraignment Tuesday afternoon. Phillips pleaded not guilty to three misdemeanor charges.

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Academic Senate links faculty, regents

By Paula Lavigne
Senior Reporter

The Academic Senate is encouraged to bridge communication between the faculty and the NU Board of Regents, Regent Chairwoman Nancy O'Brien said.

O'Brien was the guest speaker Tuesday at the Academic Senate's first meeting of the 1995-96 year.

O'Brien encouraged faculty members to get involved as the regents moved to larger, more general issues that affected the university as a whole.

Faculty members were scarce at the regents' last meeting, which was a special session to address funding of higher education, she said.

But O'Brien said she was encouraged by the faculty's response to a resolution that would limit research, which Regent Drew Miller proposed at the board's July meeting.

"The faculty has the responsibility and the right to express their opinion," O'Brien said. "They should be concerned about the governance and the future of the university."

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She said the faculty also should be concerned about how the university worked with the business community and affected economic development — a topic O'Brien will soon address in front of the Legislature.

Following in the tradition of former Chancellor Graham Spanier, Interim Chancellor Joan Leitzel also addressed the senate.

She asked faculty members for suggestions on how to ease the classroom crunch during the renovation of Burnett Hall, which will close 16 classrooms late next spring.

Leitzel also said the Senate Athletics Committee would meet with Athletic Director Bill Byrne this week to address the assault

charges against NU football players Damon Benning and Lawrence Phillips and the attempted second-degree murder charge against Riley Washington.

The Academic Senate also:

- Reported on the creation of a search committee to find deans for the Division of Continuing Studies and the College of Fine and Performing Arts.

- Discussed a resolution to ensure each college would have someone to hear grade appeals 10 days before commencement, especially during summer sessions.

- Heard a report on progress of the new sexual harassment and discrimination policy.

UNL groups nourishing women's lives

Editor's note: This is the third story in a five-day series on women in the Lincoln community — their achievements and the challenges they face.

By Paula Lavigne
Senior Reporter

As the U.N. Conference on Women draws to a close, women's issues continue to be explored at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said the director of the Women's Center.

Beijing is only as close to Lincoln as television, newspapers and the Internet can bring it, Judith Kriss said, but women at UNL can join campus women's groups and continue the worldwide conference at home.

She said the center's motto paralleled the goal of the Beijing conference.

"What improves the life of women and children improves society," Kriss said. "It makes this a better world in which we live."

The center supports and develops relationships for women by emphasizing a sense-of-self acceptance, she said.

It offers workshops for assertiveness training and support groups for topics such as eating disorders, child care, relationships and sexuality.

The center is not an exclusive club, Kriss said, and she encouraged men to participate.

"What we hear from Beijing is that we need men to support the accepting attitudes that we in the women's movement have worked for for years," she said.

"It's not a polarization."

Men and women need to be brought together to develop relationships and accept women in society, she said.

Broyhill fountain threatened as Union expands

By Matt Woody
Senior Reporter

One of the most well-known landmarks on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus is living on borrowed time.

The Lynn M. Broyhill memorial fountain, located just north of the Nebraska Union, will be torn down when the Union expands, said James Griesen, UNL vice chancellor for student affairs.

The design process for Union expansion and renovation will begin next month, said UNL architect Kim Todd — what exactly that means for the fountain is unclear.

Griesen said Broyhill Fountain would not survive expansion of the Nebraska Union. An expanded Union would reach to the edge or the middle of where the fountain currently is, he said.

"What we know now is that Broyhill Fountain will disappear," he said.

The university is committed to some kind of memorial to Lynn Broyhill, Griesen said, but it may not be in the fountain's location. If the new sculpture doesn't bear the name Broyhill, he said, another memorial will.

"We're going to make sure there is a fitting memorial to Lynn Broyhill that exists on this campus," he said.

Griesen said the university is excited about the possibility of a new sculpture being designed and built by Maya Lin, the artist who designed the Vietnam Memorial on The Mall in Washington, D.C.

The possible new sculpture, which Griesen said would feature running water, would become part of the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery sculpture collection.

Lin hasn't yet committed to the project, he said, but university officials are keeping their fingers crossed.

"I know there's a lot of interest on our part,"

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