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## WEATHER:

Today - Cloudy. 30%  
chance of rain. Northeast  
wind 10-15 mph.

Tonight - Cold. Low  
around 37.



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## Off-field events continue to plague Huskers

### Sports Illustrated: Osborne undertakes role of judge, jury

By Jeff Zeleny  
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Nebraska coach Tom Osborne has been attorney, judge and jury in addition to being the most successful college football coach in the country, Sports Illustrated says in its edition to be released this week.

"I don't tell Tom Osborne how to run the football department, and he should stay out of the criminal justice system," Lancaster County Attorney Gary Lacey told the magazine.

The Sports Illustrated story, "Coach: The Jury," was obtained Tuesday by the Daily Nebraskan. The magazine will be sent to subscribers and sold to newsstands this week.

Three reporters from the magazine were in Lincoln last week with the pack of national media who covered Lawrence Phillips' arrest on misdemeanor assault and trespassing charges.

After Phillips was arrested, he was suspended last week from the Nebraska football team. He pleaded no contest to the charges Tuesday, and a guilty plea was entered by a county judge.

A source close to the football team told the magazine that Phillips would likely play by the Oct. 28 game against Colorado.

Lacey told the magazine that Osborne has interviewed witnesses in criminal cases, offered opinions on the innocence of players who haven't stood trial and attacked the credibility of witnesses testifying against his players.

"That's (Osborne) using his influence to disrupt the criminal justice system," Lacey said in the magazine story. "Osborne talks to witnesses. Whether he tried to influence them or not, I haven't heard of any specific instances.

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### Phillips changes plea, prosecutor dismisses case against Benning

By Jeff Zeleny  
Senior Reporter

Exactly one week after Nebraska I-back Lawrence Phillips pleaded innocent to three charges, he changed his plea to no contest and was found guilty of assault and trespassing.

Lancaster County Judge Jack Lindner entered a guilty plea for Phillips during a brief court appearance Tuesday. A destruction of property charge was dropped, but Phillips agreed to pay restitution for damages to a door at the Meadow Woods Apartments.

Phillips will be sentenced Dec. 1. Phillips' news came the same day the prosecuting attorney decided not to press assault charges against No. 2 I-back Damon Benning.

But all news was not good for the Husker tailbacks. No. 3 I-back James Sims is scheduled for trial Nov. 7 on an assault charge.

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said Phillips could return to the defending national championship Cornhuskers in about a month if he received medical attention to control his anger. Benning's and Sims' playing status has not been questioned.

Phillips was accused of assaulting Kate McEwen, a sophomore guard on the NU women's basketball team. On Sept. 10, police say Phillips scaled a wall to the third-floor apartment of transfer quarterback Scott Frost. Phillips was accused of assaulting McEwen both inside and outside Frost's apartment.

Phillips was ordered last week to have no contact with McEwen or Frost until his trial, which was originally scheduled for Nov. 17. Now, Phillips will not stand trial, but instead will be sentenced after the regular season ends.

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## New center no ordinary science abode

By Angie Schendt  
Staff Reporter

The George W. Beadle Center stands out from other buildings on campus in many ways.

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The legs of the "L" are where the day-to-day functions of the building take place, he said. It is common for the building's occupants to work in teams, Metcalf said, so the offices are set up in little blocks.

The building also will be used for general purposes, said Larry Blake, project inspector.

"There is one large lecture hall and three classrooms," he said.

But the building mainly will be used for teaching and research, said Marion O'Leary, head of the biochemistry department.

Blake said the departments in the north wing moved into the building in July, and the departments in the east wing moved in August.

The building will be dedicated Friday. Open-house tours will be given, and James Watson, who won the Nobel Prize in 1962 for discovering the structure of DNA, will be the featured speaker.

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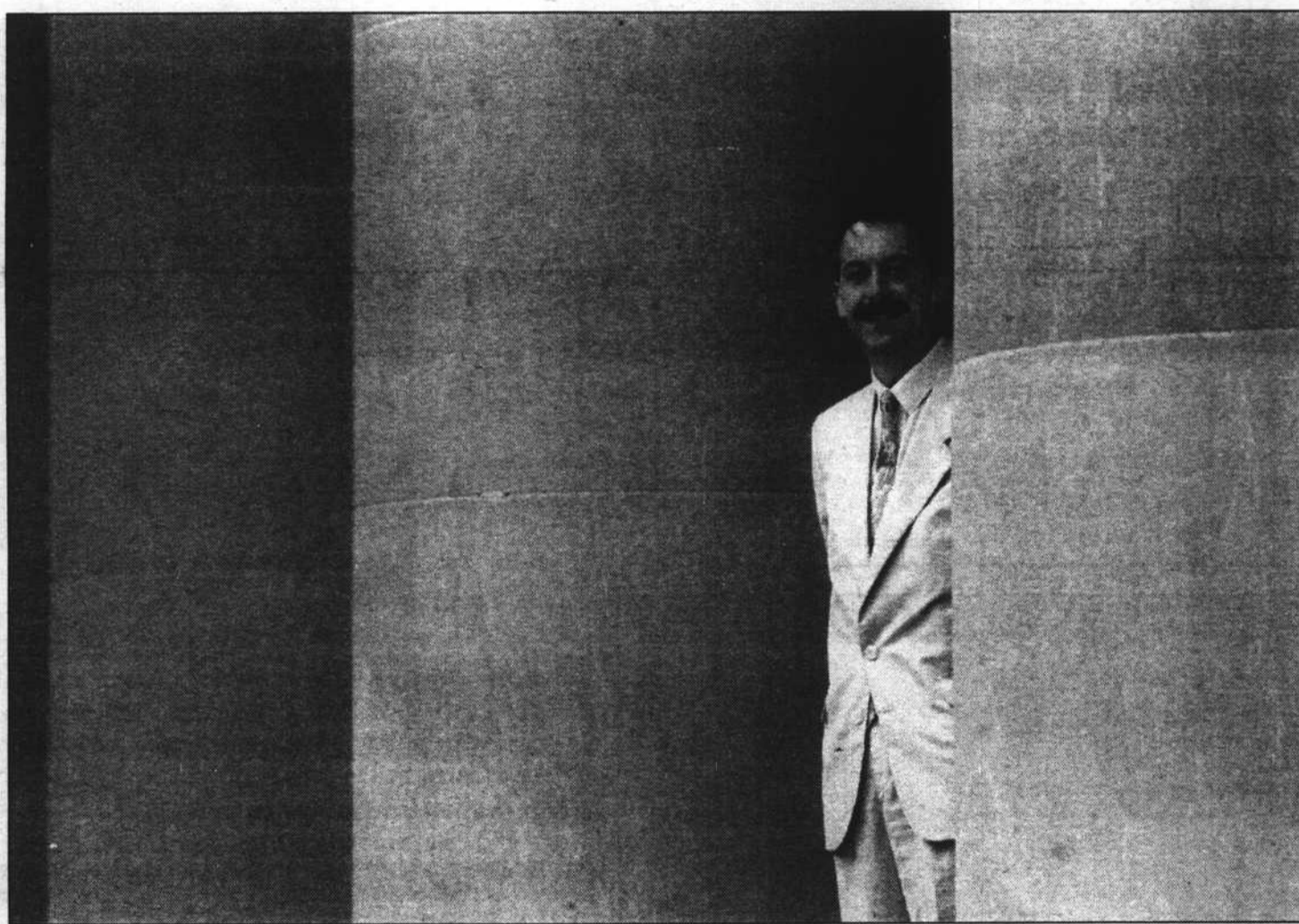
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## Oxford professor makes learning fun

By Doug Kouma  
Senior Editor

Oxford University Professor Martin Holmes realizes his students may not hang on his every word when he talks about issues like European agricultural policy.

So he doesn't ask them to. "I tell students to see the common agricultural policy as the pigs see it," he said. "What's it like to be a sheep in the common agricultural policy?"

Holmes, a senior research fellow at Oxford's Mansfield College and director of the Nebraska at Oxford program, has been at UNL for about three weeks, recruiting students for the program and teaching a graduate course in the College of Business Administration.

Holmes helped establish the month-long Nebraska at Oxford summer program seven years ago, and the number of students taking

part has more than doubled since then.

In fact, after 66 students traveled to Oxford last summer, Holmes said, the program's 70-student limit could easily be reached this year.

"We are pretty much pushing at our ceiling," he said, "so we must be doing something right."

The program lets students earn University of Nebraska-Lincoln credits by taking two classes at Oxford, including Holmes' course on the British political economy since 1945.

The courses are challenging, he said, but experiencing British and European culture first-hand expands students' learning opportunities.

"It should broaden their intellectual horizons," Holmes said. "They are studying in a different country with different faculty at a different university. That, in itself, should encourage development. And it does."

Holmes said that in addition to classes, students took part in a number of cultural events and excursions.

"It's the old cliché—work hard and play hard," he said.

But sometimes, students said, even that wasn't enough to spur their interest in the subject matter. That's where Holmes' personality and teaching style comes in.

Alison Means, a senior political science and English major, studied in Oxford this summer. She said Holmes made the course exciting, though it wasn't one she normally would be interested in.

"He's the best teacher I've ever had," she said. "He can make every lecture exciting, from singing union songs to doing impressions of Winston Churchill and Margaret Thatcher."

Helen Fagan, a senior human resource

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