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WEATHER:

Today - Mostly cloudy.
South wind 5 to 15 mph.
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showers. Low around 47.

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Protesters stand up for victims

By Ted Taylor
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska chapter of the National Organization for Women in conjunction with the UNL Women's Center sponsored a protest Saturday, aimed at off-field violence involving NU football players.

Twenty-two women and two men, all clad in white, formed a silent line of protesters who greeted Husker fans along 10th and T streets with signs like "Quality Husker football does not need violent players" and "Go Huskers, but not against women."

Madeline Popa, Nebraska NOW coordinator, read a prepared statement from Kathy Redmond and her mother, Sharon. Redmond, a UNL graduate, names NU lineman Christian Peter in a lawsuit filed this summer. She alleges Peter sexually assaulted her twice in September 1991.

Peter was never arrested or charged in the alleged incident against Redmond. However, he was found guilty of third-degree sexual assault in a separate case in 1993.

Redmond said in the statement: "We are here because we believe that it is the time the community listen and focus on the victims of violence, the real victims who don't wear helmets or jerseys."

Redmond began crying as Popa finished the statement.

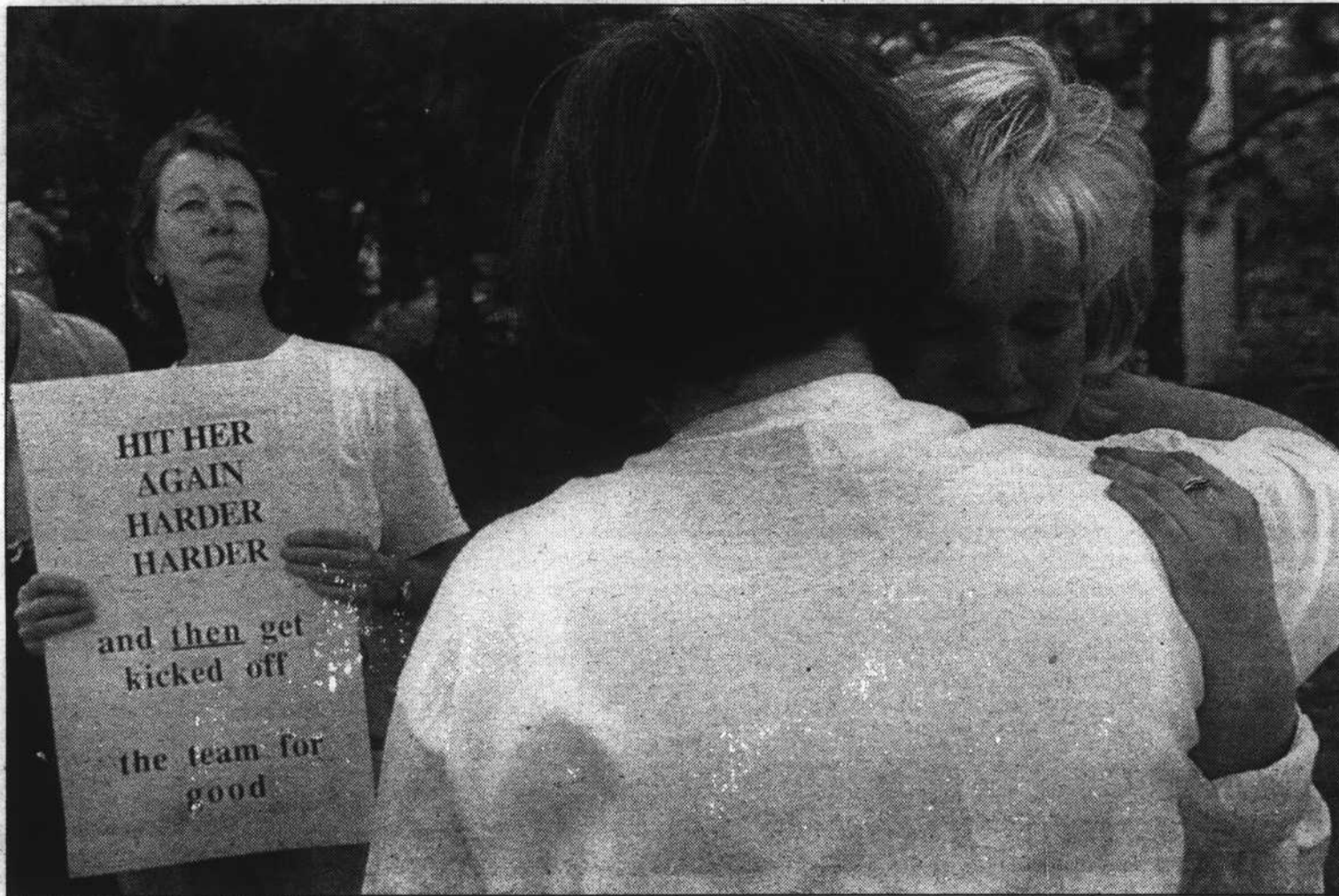
"Thank you so much for doing this," she said, hugging Popa.

Judith Kriss, director of the UNL Women's Center, was among the protesters.

"We are asking people to adopt a zero percent tolerance for this kind of violence," Kriss said.

Popa, busy handing out signs and going from one interview to another, said she was happy with the turnout and that the protesters' message got across.

"We are hoping to present a point of view that women, people in general, who come in contact with players off the field should be respected," she said. "I think we've done that."



Jon Waller/DN

Kathy Redmond receives a hug from Madeline Popa, the Coordinator for the Nebraska chapter of NOW during their protest outside Memorial Stadium on Saturday morning. Redmond, a UNL graduate, names NU lineman Christian Peter in a lawsuit alleging sexual assault.

Popa said NOW was waiting for a response from NU coach Tom Osborne and the UNL athletic department.

"We ask that they take a look at the rules of conduct," she said. "We are not satisfied with the statements Osborne has made to the press regarding the issue. They need to clean up their act."

She also urged other Nebraskans to voice their opinions to the athletic department.

"We want Nebraskans, who are proud of their football team, but not of their off-field actions, to get their feelings across," she said.

Amy Wozny, a freshman art major, was one

of the UNL students there to show support for the victims. Wozny said she was upset by the possibility that NU football player Lawrence Phillips could return to the team.

"The thought of him (Phillips) going out and playing after what he did is disgusting," she said.

Phillips, a Cornhusker I-back, was dismissed by Osborne Sept. 11 after being charged with third-degree assault, trespassing and destruction of property. Phillips has since been found guilty of the assault and trespassing charges. Osborne has said it is possible that Phillips may return to the team this year.

Popa addressed the Phillips issue.

"If he is allowed to play again," she said, "it is sending a clear message that his actions are OK."

Carita Baker of Lincoln said Phillips wasn't the only problem on the team.

"Phillips is only an example of something that is more systemic," Baker said.

Baker is not a member of NOW or any other women's organization, but said she heard about the rally and just wanted to be a part of it.

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Regents debate research, medical care

Studies not limited to state issues

By Paula Lavigne
Senior Reporter

The University of Nebraska will continue to emphasize research that benefits the state but will not limit research to Nebraska interests.

The NU Board of Regents approved a resolution Friday that defined the relationship of teaching, research and service for the four campuses.

The resolution, proposed by Regent Charles Wilson of Lincoln, came after Regent Drew Miller of Papillion withdrew his previous research resolution.

Miller said Wilson's resolution addressed the importance of teaching and prescribed a different mission for each campus.

He said he agreed with the new resolution, but offered four amendments. Two were approved.

The regents rejected Miller's first amendment, which sought to encourage research that would benefit Nebraska taxpayers.

Wilson argued the amendment was not necessary because the university already had a strong emphasis on research important to Nebraska.

Miller said his amendment would not be an "absolute prohibition" on outside research and said he was concerned only with research funded by Nebraska taxpayers.

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Regent Charles Hassebrook of Walthill said limiting research to the state would limit research on broader, outside issues that would still affect Nebraska.

The polar ice caps are studied to measure global warming, he said, which would also affect Nebraska.

"It's more important to measure research on its contribution to society," he said. "Should you study how to bring back family farms across the nation, or should you help one corporate farm take over a family farm in Nebraska?"

The regents approved Miller's second amendment, which gives professors credit for quality work on applied research and service projects published in trade and busi-

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Griesen defends health center fees

By Paula Lavigne
Senior Reporter

The national debate over who should pay for health care trickled down to the University of Nebraska Friday.

But instead of Congress debating the issue, the NU Board of Regents took charge. The debate was part of the agenda's strategic issue focus on student services.

Regents questioned the relevance of health centers at the four campuses and whether funding should come from mandatory student fees or be based on a fee-for-service policy.

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, said university health centers were a vital tool in getting students to seek necessary medical attention.

"We all know that students are not sophisticated consumers of health care," he said. "They need some guidance and need to know where to go for help."

But Regent Chairwoman Nancy O'Brien said she was worried that students were paying for services they didn't need.

Currently, UNL students pay a mandatory \$80 per semester to the University Health Center. Griesen said that figure was slightly above the median, but was lower compared to Creighton University's \$200 fee.

O'Brien compared the university to Fre-

mont, a city with about 22,000 people, and said the University Health Center probably employed more full-time professionals, 62, than the town.

At UNL, the health center received about \$3 million from student fees and \$1.5 million from fees from services. Griesen said the health center needed student fees because it received no state support.

Regent Charles Wilson of Lincoln said students might be allowed to opt out of the health center fee if they were covered by their, or their parents' insurance.

Regent Drew Miller of Papillion supported Wilson's statement, saying that option would make the health center competitive with other health-care providers and give it an incentive to lower prices.

Griesen said the health center offered services, some free of charge, that were not covered under most health insurance plans.

The concern is that student fees could discourage low-income, working students from going to college, Miller said.

But Griesen said the fact that the health center was included in student fees meant more low-income students would have access to affordable health care.

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