

Fired-up fans show support at 1995 Homecoming rally

By Cory Waltemath
Staff Reporter

Crowds of eager Husker fans piled into the Coliseum Thursday night for a Homecoming pep rally.



More than 4,000 people, mostly students, packed the arena to show support for the No. 2 Huskers as they prepare for Saturday's 2:30 p.m. football matchup with No. 8 Kansas State.

The Nebraska pep band kicked off the festivities to the tune of "There Is No Place Like Nebraska."

With the Nebraska fight song in the background, cheerleaders and dance squad members flipped across the arena floor with Herbie Husker and Lil' Red dancing to the music.

Then it was time to party. The master of ceremonies, Paul Powers of KFRX radio, started things off by introducing the 1995 captains of the football team.

Each player spoke briefly to the cheering fans, among them were NU defensive tackle Christian Peter, quarterback Tommie Frazier and free safety Tony Veland.

Players made predictions and thanked the crowd for its support.

But even with the fans on their feet and cheering throughout much of the pep rally, team members asked for a more raucous, noisy crowd come Saturday.

And fans should have plenty to cheer for, they said.

"We're going to send K-State home 6-1 and we're going to kick their ass," one of the team captains shouted.

Both teams enter this weekend's contest undefeated.

After the players were finished speaking, the Homecoming royalty court was announced. Members of the court stepped to the

floor one by one as the crowd cheered.

But the favorite event of the night appeared to be the Husker Howl.

The first group to perform was Kappa Delta sorority with its version of the upcoming game. House members dressed in red and purple shirts acted out a musical rendition of Saturday's matchup. The Huskers ended up winning the game, much to the delight of the football players in attendance.

Between acts, the winner's trophy for the Wednesday night wallyball tournament was presented to Farmhouse fraternity. Then it was time for Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority's portion of the Howl.

The group performed a musical routine with the crowd cheering in the background. To end the act, members formed a line and exposed the words "Nebraska Huskers" which had been hidden on the back of their overalls.

The Scarlet Sensations dance squad took the court once again before the final act of the show.

With the crowd snickering at their outfits, members of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity took the court dressed as the Saturday Night Live crew that performed the infamous "Da Bears" skit.

Fans laughed and cheered as members performed their version: "Da Skers." The skit included predictions from each with an added impersonation of Coach Tom Osborne as he sang the fight song on a recent Burger King commercial.

After the judges tallied votes for the Husker Howl champions, Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority was presented with the champion's trophy.

But the crowd was still not done yelling.

The entrance of the yell squad got the crowd back into it with cheers of "Husker Power" and "Beat the Hell Out of K-State, Let's Go Red."

As the evening ended, fans filed out into the cool autumn night, with the band playing the NU fight song.

Law & Order

A LOOK AT CRIME ON CAMPUS AND IN THE COMMUNITY

Marijuana project discovered

By Jeff Zeleny
Senior Reporter

A sophisticated marijuana growing operation, hidden in a secret room in a north Lincoln garage, was discovered by police Wednesday evening.

Bruce Coleman, 1932 Donald St., was arrested on charges of possession of and manufacturing a controlled substance. Police acted on a CrimeStoppers tip that Coleman was operating a drug laboratory in his garage.

The room, accessible only through an air-pressure door, was concealed behind a wall in the garage. When police officers chipped through the wall, they discovered a mechanical watering, fertilizing and heating system.

"There was absolutely no way to tell from looking at the wall that there was a secret room," Lincoln police Chief Tom Casady said. "We broke into the secret room. It took about a half-hour to get into it."

Ten marijuana plants were confiscated in the 5:30 p.m. bust. An unknown amount of processed marijuana also was taken from the lab, police said.

About five houses were evacuated near the home on Donald Street, police said.

because they were unsure of what would be found in the drug lab.

"We didn't know what kind of chemicals were in there or exactly what we'd find," Casady said. "It's better to be safe than sorry."

Police said the long, narrow marijuana laboratory was the most elaborate operation they have seen in Lincoln since the 1970s.

"I don't know how long it was going," said police Lt. Lee Wagner. "Obviously, he didn't start it yesterday."

Crack arrest

A 23-year-old Omaha man remained in jail Thursday after being arrested on charges of attempting to deliver 7 grams of crack cocaine.

Maurice Starks, 3638 Lake St., was stopped by Lincoln police near 27th and R streets late Wednesday on suspicion of driving under a suspended license.

When he was being checked into the Lancaster County jail, corrections officers discovered he was concealing the crack cocaine in his rectum. The cocaine, which was in rock form, has an estimated street value of \$1,500, police said.

Celebration to feature prizes, tours

By Sarah Danberg
Staff Reporter

The UNL Alumni Association and the Student Alumni Association will hold their annual homecoming celebration today at the Wick Alumni Center.

The "Having Fun as No. 1" celebration will last from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. It will feature Herbie Husker, the UNL cheerleaders, the 1995 Homecoming Court and the Scarlet and Cream Singers.

The event will feature free Molley the Trolley tours of campus and homecoming lawn displays; children's events such as face painting; door prizes, including a signed 1994 National Championship football; and complimentary food from Valentino's and Burger King.

Robert Knoll, author of "Prairie University: A History of the University of Nebraska," will be on hand for a book signing.

This is the third annual "Come on Home" celebration, said Bryan Van Deun, president of the Alumni Association. About 600 people are expected to attend. About 100 attended the first year, and the number has steadily increased since then, he said.

"It is an opportunity for alumni to come back to campus," Van Deun said. He said that it also was a chance for everyone to see the Wick Alumni Center.

"Many people graduate without seeing it," he said.

Van Deun said he expected the event to be a campus tradition.

"We are always going to have this event."

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