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PRIGHT REVOLT



A Lincoln police officer grabs the collar of a fan who tried to climb onto a goal post at Memorial Stadium following the Cornhuskers' victory over Oklahoma.

New goal posts survive wild fans

By Jeff Zeleny Senior Reporter

When the final seconds ticked off the clock at Memorial Stadium on Friday, a mob of University of Nebraska-Lincoln students wanted to take a piece of Big Eight history home.

But they were unsuccessful in their mission to tear down the goal posts after Nebraska's 37-0 win over Oklahoma.

After the last play of the game, one student in a black coat ran onto the field from the East Stadium. Two men in blaze orange jackets attempted to stop him, but when they turned to the South Stadium they were greeted by a throng of fans — mainly students. Hundreds of Husker faithful

rushed onto the field. Most of them huddled around their No. 1 Cornhuskers in the center of Memorial Stadium. But the rambunctious ones immediately climbed onto the south goal post.

About 30 police officers and stadium security stood beneath the goal posts as the students rocked the white beams back and forth.

It was a scène that usually plays out once every season. It started no differently Friday. But just as it looked like officers had lost control of the crowd, the posts would not fall.

Butch Hug, athletic events manager, said the posts were anchored in a larger concrete base and made of a heavier gauge steel, rather than the aluminum of past years. They are twice as expensive, he said, but worth it.

As the crowd began to disperse about 10 minutes after it rushed the field, officers from the University Police Department, Lincoln Police Department and the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office yanked students off the goal posts.

A brief melee erupted when a few students began to resist the officers. Fists flew and people were shoved, but police reported no arrests.

At least one student was escorted from the stadium in handcuffs, but he was not arrested, university police said Sunday.

Grad fittings this week

By Tasha E. Kelter Staff Reporter

It's clear the end is in sight when graduating seniors start getting fitted for their caps and gowns.

Seniors graduating in December, that is.

Those seniors expecting to graduate next month need to go to the University Bookstore in the basement of the Nebraska Union on Monday, Dec. 16.

4 and Tuesday, Dec. 5 to be fitted for caps and gowns. Fittings will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days.

The rental fee of the basic bachelor's cap, gown and tassel is \$14.86, including tax.

Students may pick up their caps and gowns Dec. 14-15 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the ballroom on the second floor of the Nebraska Union. Winter commencement will be held Dec. 16.

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