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**WEATHER:**

**Today - Mostly sunny & windy. Northwest wind 20 to 30 mph.**

**Tonight - Mostly clear. Low in the mid 20's**

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## Bosnia's Fragile Peace



Mehmed Atic and Adnan Pejcinovic stand outside a Muslim mosque in downtown Tuzla.

Staci McKee/DN

## Friends' wounds heal in different ways

By Matthew Waite  
Senior Editor

**T**UZLA, Bosnia-Herzegovina — They are as different as two people ever were. One is a 24-year-old electronics major at the university in Tuzla. He is a veteran of the three-year civil war — a Muslim who spent two years on the front lines defending his home. His thin face shows much age for a young man, and his eyes are sad. He

curses his time in the army and keeps his opinions to himself.

The other is also a 24-year-old electronics major. But his mind is not on studying.

A former student newspaper editor, he thinks more about the future of Bosnia than he does his own. His opinions are as strong as his face, which gives him the appearance of someone older than his 24 years.

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For the first time, the Daily Nebraskan will give its readers an up-close look at the largest European conflict since World War II. Senior Editor Matthew Waite and Photo Chief Staci McKee recently spent five days in Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina. Today is the final day of a three-part series.

**Today:**

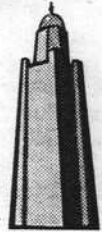
Two students tell about the war and their memories of conflict.

## Crime bill may impose tougher laws

By Ted Taylor  
Senior Reporter

Attorney General Don Stenberg asked lawmakers Thursday to take "bold and decisive action" by advancing a new crime bill brought before the Nebraska Legislature.

**Legislature '96**



Stenberg, who has been a staunch supporter of increasing punishment for violent criminals, testified for more than three hours Thursday afternoon before the Judiciary Committee.

"For the past several years, I have urged this committee to take bold, decisive action to protect our citizens against those in society who refuse to obey the law," he said.

"Enough has not been done. Things have gotten worse."

Grand Island Sen. Dan Fisher's bill, LB1182, outlines 11 basic points.

- Juveniles who commit violent crimes would be tried, convicted and incarcerated as adults.
- The word "escape" would be redefined to include escapes from involuntary regional centers.
- The bill would increase penalties to those committing a felony using a firearm, felons possessing firearms, drive-by shooters and those who voluntarily accompany drive-by shooters.
- Gang-related violent crimes would be punished at the next higher level penalty for the crime committed.
- The murder of a police officer and any gang-related murder would be added as aggravating circumstances to capital punishment laws.
- The bill would provide life imprisonment without parole for violent crime felony offenders who have been imprisoned in the past for a violent felony.
- Appeals would be limited to reduce delays and expedite the carrying out of capital punishment cases.
- Militaristic-style boot camps would be established.
- Major drug dealers trafficking crack, cocaine, heroin or amphetamines/methamphetamines would be punished more severely.

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## Five new cartoons to appear in paper

The adventures of Calvin and Hobbes may be over, but starting today Daily Nebraskan readers will have five new cartoons to make them snicker.

The nationally-syndicated cartoons "Dilbert" and "At the Zü" both will run every day, and three other cartoons will run once a week.

"Dilbert," a popular comic strip created by Scott Adams, exposes the all-too-real realities of life in the Information Age.

Dilbert, the hapless computer worker with a funny tie, deals with everything from bureaucratic disasters to unenlightened bosses to cubicle wars, while his

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## Regents to discuss engineering woes

### Proposal could end Lincoln-Omaha rivalry

By Julie Sobczyk  
Senior Reporter

The NU Board of Regents will be asked Saturday morning to approve a three-part plan to improve engineering and information science programs at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

**NU Regents**



The plan would improve existing engineering programs offered at UNO through the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

It also would create a UNO College of Information Science and Technology and an

institute to oversee the programs.

Joe Rowson, NU director for public affairs, said the new college would include programs dealing with computers and information management systems. Existing information science programs at UNO would be placed in this college, he said.

The final part of the plan would create the Omaha Institute for Information Science, Technology and Engineering. The institute would be jointly operated by deans from UNL's engineering college and UNO's information science college.

The Omaha Institute would coordinate UNL's engineering college and UNO's new college of information science with Omaha's business needs, Rowson said.

Regent Chairman Don Blank of McCook said he supported the Omaha Institute.

"It's a fine proposal," Blank said. "It's been worked on by a lot of people."

Blank said this proposal would lessen the engineering rivalry between Omaha and Lincoln.

"Many times it has been Omaha versus Lincoln," he said. "With the proposal, Omaha and Lincoln would be working together. It's a good resolution."

Blank said he would be "very surprised" if the board did not approve the proposal.

The board also will be asked to approve Great Plains Media Inc.'s proposal for exclu-

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