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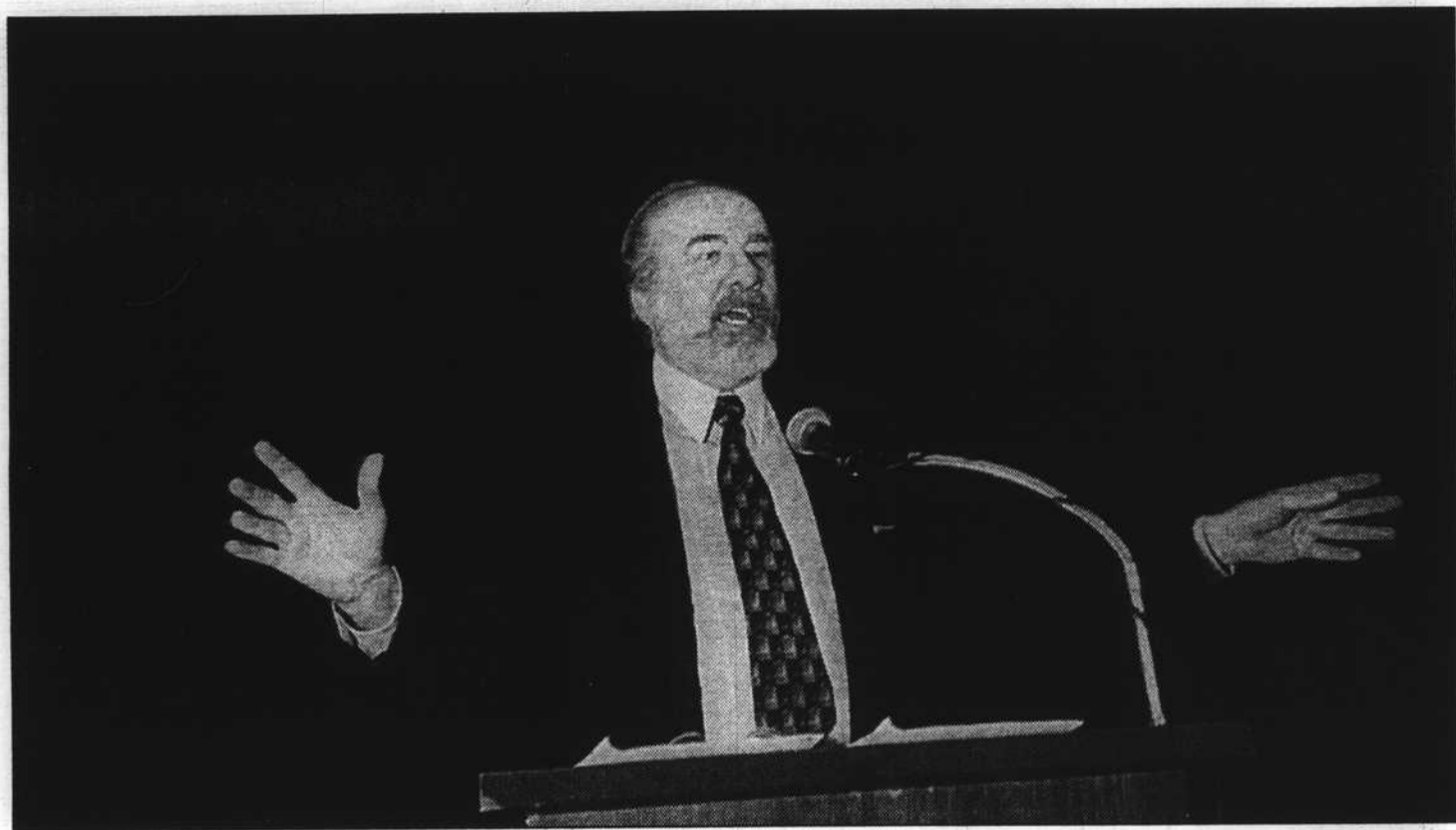
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Today - Mostly sunny.
Southeast wind 5 to 15
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**Tonight - Clear. Low in
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Matt Miller/DN

Ex-Chicago Mafia bookie Bobby Jay speaks to students Monday night at the Nebraska Union. Jay said he had fixed all kinds of chance games. He said other sporting events, such as 1988 Olympic basketball games, also could have been fixed.

On the money

Ex-Mafia man calls gambling a bad bet

By Erin Schulte
Staff Reporter

It's easy to turn a million dollars into two large pizzas and a six-pack — just play the lottery.

Bobby Jay, a former Chicago Mafia member told a crowd of 100 students at the Nebraska Union Monday that if one starts with a million dollars in a lottery and bets it all, it will be cut in half. The state takes 50 percent off the top in each bet.

The next bet would be \$500,000 and so on, until, after betting fifteen times, \$31.25 remains.

Jay, who spent three years in the witness protection program, spoke under a fake name for fear of Mafia repercussions.

And although his specialty is illegal gambling, he said legalized gambling in Nebraska will affect the state far more than illegal gambling.

"As despicable as mobsters are, they are not as ruthless and rat-hearted as the executives that manage licensed casinos," Jay said.

"The Mob targets the strong and successful. Casinos target everyone — the disabled, the elderly."

Promises of economic development and job creation would not be kept by casino operators, Jay said.

"They have an unbroken record of deception."

In fact, casinos would be happy if they didn't have to hire any employees, he said. Slot machines don't require employees and have a higher payoff for casinos — about \$100,000 a year per machine.

"They want to make a nation of slot junkies," Jay said. "Anyone with the IQ of a canned ham can be taught to play slots in twelve seconds."

Jay earned his experience as a gambling expert working as operating manager and bookmaker for illegal gambling operations in Chicago's Mafia from 1975-1990. To his family and the rest of the world, he was a newspaper editor and stockbroker.

Jay said he got into the mob for monetary

gain only, and avoided the social aspects of it, such as mob family weddings.

Some popular impressions of the media are false, Jay said. If someone owes money, certain measures are taken to make them pay, but they are not killed.

"You never get the money by killing somebody," he said. "If someone owes me money, I don't want to send flowers to the family. I want the cash."

"You may be in bandages, but you're going to work so you can pay."

When Jay decided to get out of the Mafia in 1990, he went to Treasury agents voluntarily, and revealed secrets that put about 20 mobsters in jail. He voluntarily entered the witness protection program and spent the next three years moving around 33 states.

Jay testified in front of Congress on gambling in the U.S. A senator asked him why anyone would want to bet with a criminal when they could legally gamble with the

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UNL policy for housing unchanged

By Chad Lorenz
Senior Reporter

The federal court decision to make UNK allow a freshman to live off campus will not affect a similar policy for UNL freshmen, Housing Director Doug Zatechka said Monday.

The University of Ne-

braska-Lincoln's freshman housing policy is slightly different from UNK's, Zatechka said. UNL allows students to live in university-approved housing, which may or may not be on campus. "For me the reason is less important than the approval," Zatechka said.

On Friday, U.S. Magistrate Judge David Piester ruled that the freshman housing policy at the University of Nebraska at Kearney was not equally applied. The ruling allows UNK freshman Doug Rader to live in Christian Student housing.

About 10 years ago, UNL allowed students to live in a religious house a few blocks south of campus, Zatechka said.

Although Zatechka said he hadn't spoken with the university's legal counsel about changing the policy, he said the current policy was appropriate and fair.

The housing office will continue to approach requests for exceptions from the policy — even if based on religion — the same as it always has, Zatechka said.

"I think we should be 'a-religious.' I don't think we should favor it or discriminate against it. I think we should be as fair as we can to all reasons."

The housing office has granted exceptions for students who live with close relatives and students with severe documented health problems, Zatechka said.

Dean Bresciani, residence life director at UNK, said Friday's ruling did not grant blanket permission to all students.

"Some people may think that it opens the door for them," he said. "This was a case specific to Doug Rader."

"I don't think we should favor it or discriminate against it. I think we should be as fair as we can to all reasons."

**DOUG
ZATECHKA**

UNL Housing Director

Olympian to talk about his life

By Julie Sobczyk
Senior Reporter

Facing life's challenges and dealing with hardships will be the topics of a speech by an Olympic gold medalist Wednesday night.

Greg Louganis will talk about being an Olympic athlete, dealing with AIDS, being gay and being dyslexic.



Louganis

"He'll talk about his hardships while growing up and what he's doing today," Schmid said.

Louganis began diving when he was 9 years old. By the time he was 16, he had won a silver medal in platform diving at the 1976 Olympics.

When he was 24, Louganis won two gold medals in the platform and springboard diving events.

He repeated that feat four years later, becoming the first man to take the gold in the platform and springboard in two consecutive Olympiads.

His speech is sponsored by UPC, the NU Athletic Department and the Nebraska AIDS Project.

Schmid said she thought students would be interested in listening to Louganis.

"We thought he'd be educational," she said. "He should hit a lot of different areas in his speech."

Because many people are interested in Louganis and his life, she said, the Centennial Ballroom in the Nebraska Union should fill quickly.

"We're expecting to fill our capacity," Schmid said. "Students will need to show up early to get a seat. I'm afraid people from the community will show up before students, and we'll have to turn students away."

The Centennial Ballroom can hold about 1,100 people, she said.

The speech will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets will go on sale at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$4 for students and \$8 for nonstudents.

If students would like their copies of Louganis' book autographed, Schmid said, they need to bring the books to UPC, 117 Nebraska Union, today. Books can be picked up on Friday.

Militia expert touts tolerance

By Ted Taylor
Senior Reporter

When Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols were arrested and charged with last April's Oklahoma City bombing, many were surprised that Americans could carry out such terrorism on fellow U.S. citizens.

But Morris Dees Jr. was not.

Dees, author of a newly released book, "Gathering Storm: America's Militia Threat," said Monday from his office in Montgomery, Ala., that there were many more Americans who had the same deep-seated hatred — and the ability to act out in violence against the United States.

"There are a lot of people who have the stuff," Dees said, "and the blinding hatred of the federal government."

Dees will be the keynote speaker Thursday

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