

Big Red Invasion

The day you've been anticipating all summer has finally arrived. Here's your gameday guide from dawn to dusk.



Avoid spit: don your red

BY STEVE WILLEY
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With the official start of Husker football less than 24 hours away, it's probably wise to get an idea of what you're going to wear to the big game. Without a doubt, your best bet is to wear something red. This can be anything from a completely red ensemble to a scanty red G-string. Truly, anything red, including face-paint, will suffice. Do not, however, wear anything green, the color of Michigan State. Tomorrow in Nebraska, green apparel will become the universal color of morons and will undoubtedly produce less-than-desired results. By this I mean that if you wear green, everyone in the stadium is going to try to spit on you. (I'm kidding, of course. Husker fans know better than that. We're go-

ing to throw CUPS OF SPIT on you.) The point to all of this is that it is imperative to find something red to wear. If you are color-blind and can not tell the difference between red and green, I urge you to seek counsel from a priest prior to the game. When you arrive, ask him or her the following question: "Does what I'm wearing make you want to spit on me?" If the priest says, "No, my child," you are probably safe with what you have on. However, if the priest begins to twitch and exclaims "Are you a friggin' lunatic?! Don't you know who we're playing tomorrow?" politely thank him or her, change your clothes and, after the game, promptly change your religion, as priests should not say these things.

If you're like most students, you may not have the money to purchase expensive red clothing and body paint. Therefore, I would like to suggest a couple of cheap, yet effective means of getting red. For the first method, you will need 42 packets of fruit punch flavored Kool-Aid and a snorkel. Before the game, you will need to run a warm bath over the Kool-Aid granules. Next, using the snorkel only to stir, submerge yourself in the liquid for three to 10 hours.

(WARNING: This will leave a stain in your tub that will never come out; therefore, it is crucial that you inform your landlord that your tub is now the official tub of the Nebraska Cornhuskers — at least mine bought

it.) The Kool-Aid will ultimately give you, as well as any future children you may have, that perpetual scarlet pride that all Nebraskans will envy.

The other method of cheap body painting is to attend the game in the nude. By the time you get to the stadium, -and once the whisky has worn off- Mother Nature will take over and provide your face with the flush color of crimson.

Now that we've established what you should wear, let's take a moment to discuss what others will be wearing.

For those of you who will be attending your first Husker game, don't be alarmed by what you might see. Here are a few things to expect.

Be prepared to see 97-year-old grandmas wearing 50-gallon, red cowboy hats and spray-painted muscle shirts that read, "SPARTANS SUCK."

Finally, if you see what first appears to be someone from the movie, "Coneheads," relax. It's merely a Husker fan showing their support by donning a latex hood that resembles an ear of corn. If you see these people, be a friend and inform them that if the corn-head-hat is not removed at least periodically, they will more than likely develop a permanent afro underneath.

They probably won't listen, however. It's considered the price you pay for being a Husker fan. So dress appropriately tomorrow, and if you do your part, the Huskers will assuredly do theirs.

After all, the Huskers, too, will be wearing red.



Spirit squad busy with pep

BY CHRIS RAFF
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While the Cornhusker football team's day won't start until 11 a.m., by kickoff the Nebraska cheerleaders will have completed what seems to many a full day's work.

The cheerleaders, also known as the Nebraska spirit squad, will arrive at Memorial Stadium at 7:45 a.m. Then, the team will travel around Lincoln for various pep rallies and other pregame activities.

"We will be making six appearances on Saturday," director Renee Swartz said. "We are helping get fans ready for Saturday's big game."

The squad will be at the University

Club, Nebraska Club, Kmart Super Center, Hy-Vee, the Wick Alumni Center and the Pinnacle Sports Network tent.

In addition to the squad's performances, Herbie Husker and Lil' Red will make a special visit at the Chancellor's Breakfast.

"We're trying to create a pep rally-like atmosphere at these appearances," Swartz said.

After touring Lincoln, the squad will return to the stadium and prepare for the game. Once kickoff begins, they will lead the crowd in hopes of a Husker victory over the Spartans.

The game's end may mean the football players are finished, but it's hardly the case for the spirit squad members. After the game, the squad will prepare for the Nebraska volleyball team's match against Michigan State Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the NU Coliseum.

This might keep anyone busy, but the spirit squad's lineup still isn't complete. The cheerleaders will also be presenting a new 1996-1997 calendar Saturday. The calendars cost \$10 and proceeds go to a general scholarship fund for the squad.



Game day gets fans into bars

BY SEAN MCCARTHY
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For as long as Nebraskans have dressed up in red and white and cheered for the mighty Huskers, the time-honored tradition of heading to the bars before and after the game has become almost as ritualistic.

But for those planning to hold a campus tailgate party rather than head for the bars, Ken Cauble, UNL chief of police, has words of warning.

"We patrol the lots to see if there's any open use of alcohol and we will stop and make contacts if there is any use," Cauble said.

Cauble said that it is difficult to watch for the safety of the 100,000 people flocking to campus for game day. Although this number is large, he reported few problems in the past with regards to tailgating.

For those die-hard fans heading to the bars, Lincoln definitely won't leave anyone out in the streets.

Husker fans will be given plenty of opportunities to party before kickoff tomorrow. Some bars open their doors

at 7 a.m. For example, P.O. Pears, 322 S. Ninth St., is serving sausage, pancakes and beer for patrons. Bars will be readily staffed to prepare for the expected rush before the game.

Bob Jergensen, owner of P.O. Pears, estimated that thousands of people visit his place during football Saturdays. Jergensen said the hour before the game starts is the busiest time for them.

Reg McMeen, owner of Duffy's Tavern, 1412 O St., said 80 to 130 people come in before the game starts. Duffy's Tavern usually opens at 4 p.m., but to accommodate fans, the bar opens at 9 a.m. on football Saturdays.

"It slows down a bit during the game," McMeen said. "More people are coming into town now and watching the game at Duffy's."

McMeen also owns Woody's Pub, 101 N. 14th St., which will also open its doors at 9 a.m. rather than the regular 4 p.m. For the game, Woody's will have drawings for Husker memorabilia, including tickets for the next home game.

McMeen estimates that 200 will visit before the game starts and as many as 300 visit after the game.

With the increased hours that the bars are open, both owners said they have to keep a careful eye on problems with intoxicated customers.

"That's one of the unfortunate things that come with the territory," McMeen said. "The laws are written for us to try to keep them from trying to do that."

Jergensen said that P.O. Pears has only had to call the police once in the last two years because of alcohol problems with a customer.

"We keep a real close eye on that," he said.



10. Laugh at the cheesy smiles and waves you see on the HuskerVision screen but then try to do the same thing when the camera is on you.

9. Remain elusive to flying cups of spit (or other bodily fluids) while trying to catch hot dogs intended for the people behind you.

8. Something new this year: Laugh at the fat guy in front of you who grabs his ass and shakes his hips while trying to do the "Macarena."

7. For all the guys: Laugh at the women who have to miss a quarter of the game while standing in line for the restroom. For all the girls: Laugh at the male anatomy displayed when the guy on the steps behind you begins urinating.

6. Something to do early in the season: Watch for the band member who turns and marches the wrong direction during "Hail Varsity."

5. Start a riot among the politician workers handing out stickers before the game by enthusiastically yelling out their opponent's name.

4. Place bets with your friends to see when the first fifth-string Husker player enters the game.

3. Pray that you are actually at the game when Lil' Red finally explodes.

2. Sing "Na Na Na Na, Hey Hey Hey, Goodbye" to the fan being carried away by the cops. Another fun one is to take bets on how long he will be passed out in the stands before someone notices.

1. An oldie but a goodie: Pass the flask.

—Mike Kluck



Weekend teens with activities

BY CHRIS BENDET
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While football may be on everyone's mind this weekend, don't miss the action before and after visiting Memorial Stadium. Traditionally this weekend is a time that no one dares to call boring.

First of all, a lot of local talent will be playing at the bars all weekend.

For all of the Deadheads out there, be sure to rock with the Dead-style rock of The Grateful Dudes tonight and Saturday night at the Zoo Bar. Showtime is at 9 p.m. with a \$4 cover.

There's plenty of entertainment at Knickerbockers this weekend. Tonight, get ready for the local sounds of Side-show Opium Taylor and special guest For Against. Showtime is 9 p.m. with a \$3 cover.

Saturday night, get ready for another double shot at Knickerbockers with the alternative sound of Molotov and Grasshopper from Columbia, Mo., and local special guests Beill-e-roo-bin. Showtime is at 10 p.m. and with a \$3 cover for both bands.

At P.O. Pears, rock the weekend away with a no-cover show by the Fishheads. Showtimes are 9 p.m. for both nights.

Also, for the early-rising Husker fans (or maybe the ones who never went to bed,) the game day can start out right with a \$3 pancake feed beginning at 7 a.m.

Duggan's definitely has it going on with local favorites Baby Jason and the Spankers. Showtimes are at 9 p.m. both nights with a \$3 cover charge.

Blue Moon Ghetto fans should be appeased as well. Get ready because The Brass Rail booked these local favorites for a one-night-only show in the hopes of celebrating a Nebraska victory. If you haven't seen these Omaha natives in action, don't miss them. The show starts Saturday night at 9 p.m. with a \$4 cover charge.

At WC's this weekend party the night away with the always-entertaining Lie Awake. They'll be rocking the house tonight and Saturday night.

If you feel like dancing after the football game Saturday, stop by Wallaby's. A live disc jockey will be starting at 9 p.m. with no cover charge.

If you'd rather celebrate in the comfort and quiet of your own home, try renting a movie. The action/thriller "From Dusk till Dawn," starring Quentin Tarantino and George Clooney, is my recommendation.

If you feel like catching a show this weekend try the Lincoln Community Playhouse. "Crazy for You," a George Gershwin musical about the twists and turns of the road to love, will be playing Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Adult tickets are \$20 for Saturday night and \$18 for the Sunday matinee. Phillips' probation may be revoked