

## Spirit plate proceeds to aid NU athletes

#### From Staff Reports

Honk if you're a Husker. A prototype of the new Nebraska Cornhusker spirit license plate unveiled Wednesday at UNL will give dedicated fans a chance to show their loyalty and help the university.

The plates are \$70, plus a \$3 fee for new plates and usual registration fees. The Department of Motor Vehicles will receive \$30 per order, and \$40 will go to the Spirit Plate Proceeds Fund.

The first \$3 million of the fund will go to establish an endowment fund for scholarships to former NU athletes. The rest of the profits will go toward academic support for NU athletes and repair and maintenance at Nebraska colleges and universities.

Those interested in purchasing spirit plates may pick up an application from any of the 100 State of Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicle sites starting Nov. 1. The plates will be delivered to county treasurer offices starting the week of Jan. 2, 1997.



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STATE SEN. Kermit Brashear of Omaha shows off one of the new Nebraska Cornhusker spirit license plates Wednesday morning. The plates will cost \$70 plus a \$3 fee for new plates and registration.

Gabel will challenge charges

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The man accused of murder in the 1995 slaving of a UNL student will be given a chance to challenge the charges

against him. Greg Gabel, 32, appeared in Dis-



A man exposed himself to two women at a toy store Tuesday, but re-assured one of their husbands that it was the last time.

He was wearing a long shirt and his pants were open. He pulled his shirt up and showed his penis to them, Sherrill said.

One of the women's husbands found the man and asked him if he had exposed himself.

He replied, "Yes, I did and it will never happen again." He fled the store before police arrived, Sherrill said.

He was described as a white man weighing about 165 pounds, 5 feet 10 inches tall, with brown, curly hair and glasses. He was wearing a shirt with cows on it and dark, multicolored pants.

for first-degree murder and use of a weapon to commit a felony.

Instead, Lancaster County Deputy Public Defender Scott Helvie challenged the charges because Gabel had not been indicted by a grand jury. Helvie also contested the wording

of the charges: that the murder was premeditated, and murder was committed in conjunction with another felony.

Gabel was arrested in June on suspicion of murdering Martina McMenamin, a sophomore at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Police matched DNA from his blood to DNA in a blond hair found at the crime scene.

Gabel will appear before Lancaster County Judge William Blue on Oct. 18 for a hearing on the motion.

# Tuition hike one option to pay for maintenance

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-dered solely by tuition, students would face a 6 percent tuition increase, Van Horn said.

Luckily, that's not likely to hap-

"Tuition is only one of the pos-sible sources," Van Horn said. "The university match could be done in a lot of ways, like reallocation."

NU Regent Nancy O'Brien of Waterloo said she agreed.

"Putting the entire burden on the students is highly unlikely," O'Brien said. "President Smith has no intention of nickel and diming the students for every issue that comes along.

O'Brien said the only projects Smith would fund through a substantial tuition increase would be information technology improvements to directly benefit students,

or physical campus improvements, which do include deferred maintenance.

O'Brien said she supposed that bond funding would be handled through internal reallocation of funds as well as a small tuition increase.

Putting the improvements off will just mean paying more in the future, Van Horn said.

The cost of renovation rises every year, as construction inflation is about 5 percent each year, he said. Deterioration doesn't take a break, either, so the longer restoration is put off, the worse the problem gets.

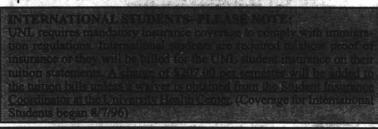
The bond issue has to be approved by the Nebraska Legislature before final decisions on how to fund it are made. The next Legislative session will begin the first week of January 1997.

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Two women were shopping at Toys R Us, 5520 N. 27th St., when a man approached them in an aisle, Lincoln police Sgt. Terry Sherrill said.

