

Shutout loss stuns Husker faithful

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would tell them not to pack the season in just yet.

"You can't get down just because you lost a game," Ludemann said. "We've been in this same situation before. Two national championships, then come back the next year and lose a game. It might be somebody else's turn this year, but you never know."

Back in Lincoln, Husker fans waking up Sunday morning realized Saturday night was not just a bad dream.

The hangover of the first Husker loss in two seasons sickened fans with a morning-after feeling they hadn't felt in years.

Some fans were so distraught by the loss as to wander into Nebraska Spirit, 1120 P St., needing to talk about Saturday night.

Michaele Kujath, the operations manager at Nebraska Spirit, said people came in to share their grief.

"If you've got a quarterback who can throw the ball and you're behind, you stay with the quarterback who can throw the ball."

DANNY LEGGIARDO
fan from Lincoln

To help grieving fans, the store showed Nebraska's first national championship Orange Bowl win over Miami two years ago throughout the store.

Tricia Swiercek, a freshman psychology major and Nebraska Spirit employee, said they played the game to take fans' minds off Saturday's loss. "We're just trying to get everybody happy," she said.

Swiercek watched the game at her boyfriend's house, she said, and her group tried to stay calm.

"They made fun of (the Huskers), but they weren't really down on them," Swiercek said. "Some of us are true Nebraska fans."

Ryan Furstenu of Lincoln agreed that the loss was an anomaly.

"We shot ourselves in the foot," he said. Furstenu said he couldn't believe what he was watching.

"I was like 'What's going on?'" he said. "It wasn't real."

But what is real, Kujath said, is that the Huskers will not give up after the loss.

"They're going to come back harder than ever," she said. "They are going to come back mean."

Sports editor Mitch Sherman and senior reporter Matt Waite contributed to this report.

"Send Scott back to Stanford and bring Matt in. You can see what happened. We don't have a quarterback this year. That's the bottom line."

DANA WECKER
fan from O'Neill

Alliance unites minority alumni

By LINDSAY YOUNG
Staff Reporter

A new alumni organization hopes it can foster a spirit of unity and commitment among minority graduates and students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The Alliance of Minority Alumni, a branch of the University Alumni Association, went through almost a year of development before Reshell Ray, coordinator of the ethnic minority program, put it together.

Ray said the alliance was organized to help retain minority students and to provide an opportunity for undergraduate students to interact with minority alumni through educational and social programs.

The alliance will do this through student recruitment, career networking,

mentoring and role modeling, developing leadership and social support systems and identifying minority alumni, she said.

During its first meeting Wednesday, the alliance members commended their commencement.

Christine Vu, an administrative assistant for the Nebraska Commission for National and Community Service, spoke about her experiences as a minority student at the university.

She said she was excited about the alliance, which would give support to other Asian students.

"It's about time," she said. "Let's pull our resources together and give back."

Marty Ramirez, psychologist at the University Health Center, commended Ray and her committee for forming the alliance.

"What you're seeing today in the concept of alumni wasn't here five

years ago," he said. "This concept is in pioneer stages. We are planting the seed."

Marcella Gilbert, an outreach worker for the Lincoln Action Program, encouraged all minority students to finish school.

"You can do this. You can finish," she said.

More than 30 people of various ethnic backgrounds attended the meeting at the Culture Center.

Ray said she hoped the majority of the alliance's activities would correlate with the Culture Center, which has helped minorities since 1972.

The next event is Friday when Ron Brown, Nebraska assistant football coach, will speak at the Culture Center from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. His speech will be followed by a performance by Christian rap artist and UNL alumna Jacquie Gines.



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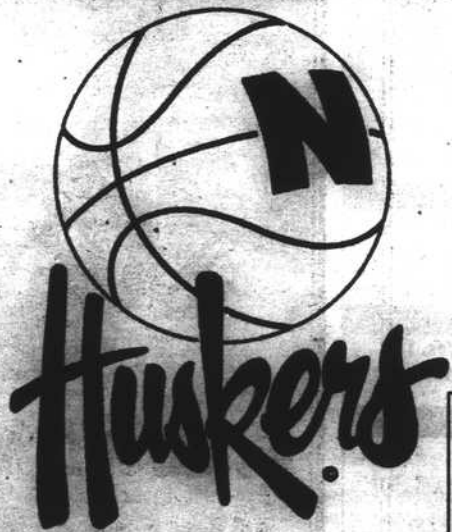
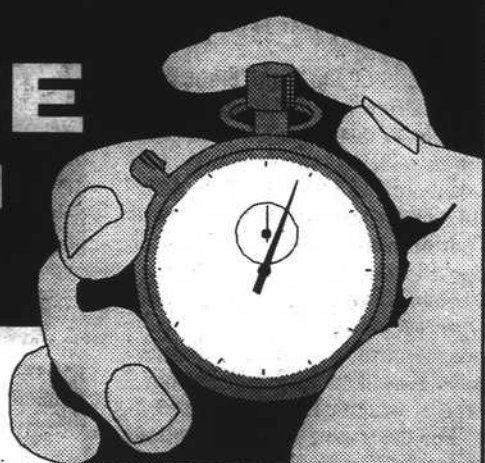
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