



Roped pokes

The Nebraska basketball team beat Oklahoma State 77-69 Wednesday night keeping alive hopes of a berth in the NCAA Tournament. **PAGE 7**



Dance delays

Several roadblocks have delayed the opening of Lincoln's newest dance club, Temptations. But the club's owners say it will open soon. **PAGE 9**

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Partly sunny, high 30. Drizzle tonight, low 22.

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Husker Authentic worries competition

BY ERIN GIBSON
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Proximity concerns Big Red Shop

A neighborly welcome may not come to the Husker Authentic shop, a new university-owned retail store planned for Stadium Drive — one block from the Big Red Shop.

The shop, approved by the NU Board of Regents last weekend, will be built in a new University of Nebraska-Lincoln parking structure across from Memorial Stadium and will showcase exclusive Husker athletics merchandise.

Lorraine Livingston, manager of the Big Red Shop at 701 N. 10th St., said the store's purpose makes its location a little too close for comfort.

"I don't like it," she said. "I think it's quite unfair."

The university-owned store will be better prepared to compete for customers this fall, she said, because it will not pay utility bills as a uni-

versity store.

Livingston said the Athletic Department already receives royalties for Husker merchandise, including items sold in the Big Red Shop. There is no reason the department needs to squeeze more money from Nebraskans, she said.

"They're the Donald Trump of the Plains," Livingston said.

The Big Red Shop has built a large base of customers during its 18 years of business, she said, and business is good.

The Big Red Shop should be able to compete with Husker Authentic, but only if the store only sells its exclusive brand of merchandise, Livingston said. University officials promised her that, she said, but she does not believe them.

She should, said Paul Carlson, UNL associate vice chancellor for business and finance.

Before Husker Authentic received the regents' approval, the university talked to Livingston's son Cliff Livingston, owner of the Big Red Shop, to make sure he had no problem with the creation of Husker Authentic, Carlson said.

Carlson said 95 percent of all merchandise sold in the store will be "high-priced" Husker Authentic merchandise that other retailers could not or would not sell. Socks, calendars or other small items could make up the remaining 5 percent.

Husker Authentic's parent, the Athletic Department, will pay for more than \$200,000 of the parking structure's annual operating costs, which includes utilities, Carlson said.

The department also will pay for much of the parking structure's construction costs and the store's entire \$587,000 price tag, he said.

"Athletics is not going to be getting a free

ride here," Carlson said.

Melvin Jones, UNL vice chancellor for business and finance, said the Athletic Department did not want to put the Big Red Shop out of business.

The store was designed to generate money for an athletic department that operates completely without state funds, he said.

Profits from the store will go to support sports that generate less money for the university, including women's sports, and to pay for facilities maintenance and renovations, Jones said.

Regent Nancy O'Brien of Waterloo said such aspects of Husker Authentic should make it a great benefit to the university. O'Brien said she did not know any store objected to Husker Authentic when she voted to approve the store's proposal last Saturday.

Because the merchandise sold will be only Husker Authentic brand, the store would not compete unfairly with the Big Red Shop, she said.

Federal funds lost if state bills fail on child support

Legislature

BY ERIN SCHULTE
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Nebraska could lose \$22.9 million in federal funding if a bill modifying child support payments is not passed.

The Judiciary Committee Wednesday heard testimony on LB752, introduced by Sen. Chris Beutler of Lincoln. The bill would fulfill requirements set up for states under the 1996 Federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act.

The act, which currently provides funds for families unable to collect child support, requires that every state provide its own legislation this year for collecting money from non-custodial parents. If Nebraska does not pass its own law, the state forfeits its right to federal funds.

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Speaker shares date-rape story, seeks prevention

BY BRAD DAVIS
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People on City Campus learned "it could happen to them," as 24-year-old Katie Koestner spoke about her date-rape experience Wednesday night.

Koestner's speech at Wick Alumni Center, sponsored by the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, the Women's Center and other campus organizations, highlighted prevention methods people can use to help lessen the risk of sexual assault.

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BEER

FROM A PINT TO A KEG, A TRADITION FOR 6,000 YEARS

Duffy's, Brass Rail vie for status

Editor's note: This is the fourth in a five-part series about beer: when to drink, where to drink and how to make your own.

BY ERIN SCHULTE
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Call it the downtown shuffle. Out goes Billy Frog's, in steps Old Chicago. Goodbye, Mudslide Slim's; welcome, Bodega's Alley. Those looking for Chesterfield's now will only find Huey's.

Despite all the changes, there are a few places downtown that have held college crowds captive for not just months but decades.

A playful dispute between the Brass Rail and Duffy's is ongoing over which holds the title of oldest bar in Lincoln. Both are around 60 years old. They show their age in their

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TOP: MATT SAHS, left, Bryan Hudkins, Jason Loth and Mark Lowallen drink a few beers and a fishbowl at Duffy's Tavern, 1412 O St., Friday evening.

ABOVE: A CHECK from 1935 establishes the Brass Rail's claim as the oldest bar in Lincoln.

LEFT: THE CROWD begins to pour into the Brass Rail, 1436 O St., around 11 p.m. Friday.

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