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Scrum-ptious

Women's rugby has made a name for itself at NU. After only one year of existence, it has rivaled the success of the men's team. **PAGE 6**



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You're too sexy

A cavalcade of models cavorts on the catwalk at Club 1427 Saturday to raise money for The Nebraska Children's Home Society. **PAGE 9**

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City ready for Sunday liquor sales

By TED TAYLOR
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Bye-bye, "Blue Law." Hello, Sunday off-sale. With his signature two weeks ago, Mayor Mike Johanns erased Lincoln from the list of cities, towns and entire counties across the nation that still abide by laws dating back to colonial New England — laws that strictly restrict Sunday recreational activities, including the buying and selling of alcohol.

Beginning Sunday at noon, for the first time in more than 50 years, the first day of the week is not off-limits for off-sale liquor in Lincoln.

The new ordinance has spurred mixed reactions from area business owners and managers who saw their stores dark and liquor aisles empty on Sundays for the past half-century.

The change in the city ordinance came following an Aug. 21 court order handed down by Lancaster District Judge Earl Witthoff, who ruled the ban of off-sale Sunday liquor sales unconstitutional.

Witthoff stayed his decision until Sept. 24. If the City Council had not voted on the matter by that date, both Sunday off- and on-sale would have been prohibited. Council members unanimously passed the ordinance on Sept. 8.

Lincoln was a completely alcohol-free city on Sundays from 1957 to 1984 when the City Council passed a new ordinance that allowed bars and restaurants to sell alcohol on their premises.

Most liquor and grocery store owners said they didn't expect much to change once they are allowed to sell booze on Sundays, but Betty Harder, owner of T's Fast Mart, certainly expects things to be different — and quieter.

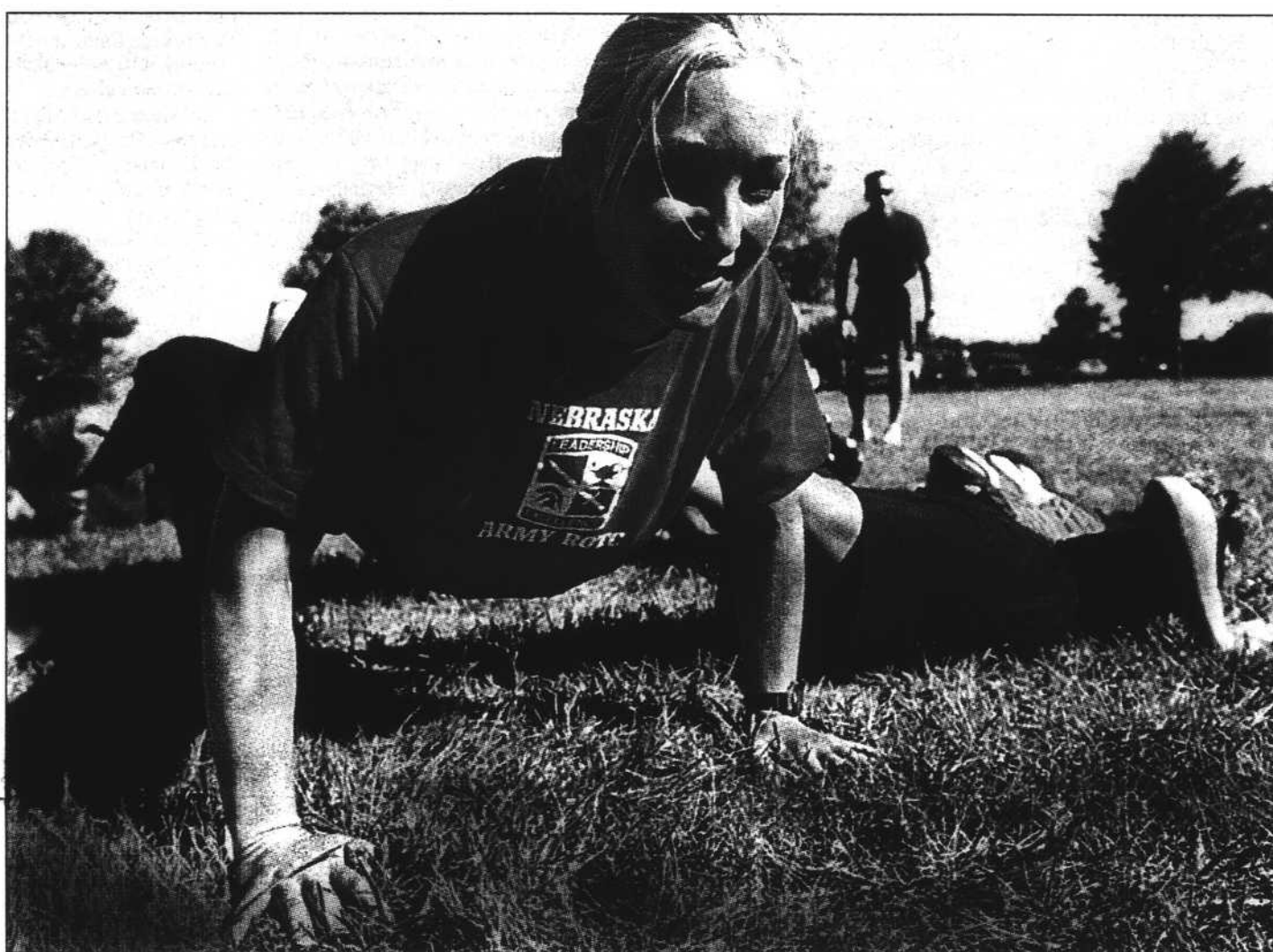
Located just outside the Lincoln city limits, next to the Prospector Restaurant at 640 W. Prospector Court, T's was the spot where most Lincoln residents chose to buy liquor when they craved it on Sundays. Now they won't have to go as far.

"Business will absolutely slack off," Harder said. "We'll go from having nine people working on Sundays to probably five."

She also said the three people normally required to keep the shelves and coolers full on Sunday nights will be reduced to just one.

But less money in the registers isn't the only

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STEPHANIE ARTZ, a junior speech pathology major, does four-man push-ups with her teammates Thursday afternoon in Oak Lake Park, First and Charleston streets. Artz, who attended Camp Buckner at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., this summer, hopes to someday be a military police officer.

SANDY SUMMERS/DN

MISSION: A SUCCESS

■ A UNL cadet excelled in leadership and teamwork at West Point's summer training camp.

By KIMBERLY SWARTZ
Staff Reporter

This summer, junior Stephanie Artz woke up at 5 a.m. every day, ran 800 meters uphill in 90-degree heat, dropped 30 feet into a cold lake and pushed a jeep full of rocks for

two miles — and she loved every moment.

The speech pathology major was one of three Army ROTC cadets chosen to attend the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. Artz was chosen from 4,000 Army ROTC cadets nationwide to spend the summer at West Point's Camp Buckner.

Artz received three commander coins (coins honoring excellence) for her outstanding performance during the eight-week training camp, she said. She received the first coin for her leadership as a M1A1 tank commander, the second for placing top

female in a 20-hour training exercise called RECONDO and the third for her acceptance into West Point.

Artz has also been named the cadet command sergeant major, which is the highest position a noncommissioned officer can hold in the ROTC program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Lt. Col. Ricardo Barerra, commander of the ROTC unit at UNL, said Artz's selection was based on her academic record, ROTC

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Johanns optimistic about gubernatorial run

By BRIAN CARLSON
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After 18 months and 55,000 miles on the road, Mike Johanns is happy with his campaign's progress.

The Lincoln mayor, who is seeking the Republican nomination for governor of Nebraska, said he has received positive feedback from citizens in his travels through all of the state's 93 counties.

"It's been very positive," he said. "I talked to

thousands of people, and they were anxious to know what's on my mind."

Johanns said his campaign message reflects his conservative views. He favors smaller government and reduced taxes, which he said will promote economic development by allowing more money to enter the economy.

"My message is that government needs to be smaller, leaner and more responsible," he said. "We shouldn't take one more tax dollar than is absolutely necessary."

First elected mayor in 1991, Johanns was re-elected in 1995. He served as Lancaster County

commissioner from 1982-86 and was a member of the Lincoln City Council from 1989-91.

Johanns is one of four announced GOP candidates for governor. State Auditor John Breslow, 2nd District U.S. Rep. Jon Christensen and former Tecumseh Mayor Lavern Bartels also will be on the May primary ballot.

Nebraska GOP Chairman Chuck Sigerson said Johanns was one of several quality candidates in his party.

"Johanns brings the skills that come with being mayor of the state's second-largest city — people skills, dealing with bureaucracies and

handling budgets," he said. "He brings outstanding administrative skills."

Johanns said he is not concerned about his party's primary elections becoming too hotly contested. He vowed to run a positive campaign and focus on the issues.

"I see a hotly contested primary as a positive," he said. "Someone will win, and whoever wins it will get a heck of a boost."

But Johanns did contrast himself with the other GOP candidates in terms of leadership

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