



SPORTS

Big 12 champions

Nebraska erased last year's Big 12 Championship loss to Texas with a 54-15 victory over Texas A&M Saturday. **PAGES 8-9**



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Walking the walk

In "Godspell," a local theater troupe turns the Gospel according to Matthew loose on modern times, maintaining a message for all. **PAGE 13**

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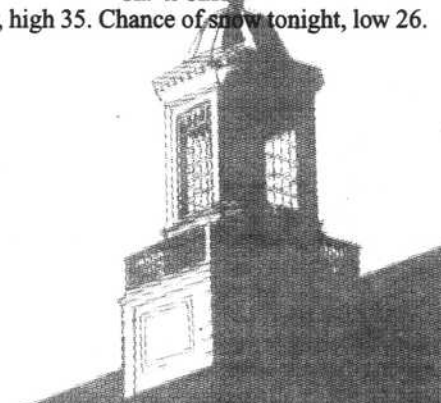
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12 down, 1 to go for Miami-bound Huskers



NEBRASKA COACH TOM OSBORNE rides away with the Big 12 Championship Trophy on a golf cart after the game. Nebraska defeated Texas A&M 54-15.

RYAN SODERLIN/DN

BY SAM MCKEON
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska football team is starting to develop a pattern.

Another undefeated season, another trip to the Orange Bowl, another shot at a possible national title.

The second-ranked Cornhuskers will play Tennessee in the 64th Orange Bowl on Jan. 2 at Pro Player Stadium in Miami as the top game in the Bowl Alliance, Orange Bowl executive director Keith Tribble announced Sunday. This is the first meeting between the two teams.

"I'm pleased to be playing them," Husker Football Coach Tom Osborne said. "I'm glad for the opportunity."

Both teams were automatic qualifiers for the Bowl Alliance, which consists of the Orange, Sugar and Fiesta Bowls. Nebraska, who finished the regular season undefeated

at 12-0, qualified as the Big 12 Champion by defeating Texas A&M 54-15 in the Big 12 Championship game on Saturday in San Antonio, Texas; and Tennessee (11-1) got by Auburn 30-29 in the SEC Championship Game in Atlanta Saturday night.

Nebraska will be making its fifth trip to the Orange Bowl in the '90s, having last visited South Florida last year in a 41-21 win over Virginia Tech.

Osborne, who will be making his ninth trip to the Orange Bowl, is happy to be going back to familiar stomping grounds.

"It's a good setting to play in," Osborne said. "The players have grown accustomed to going on the beach. It's kind of become traditional."

Tennessee is less familiar with Miami. They have not been to the Orange Bowl since 1968, and this will be their fourth appearance over-

all.

The Volunteers feature Heisman Trophy candidate Peyton Manning, who threw for 3,819 yards and 36 touchdowns this season. Freshman running back Jamaal Lewis leads the Volunteers on the ground with 1,364 yards.

Tennessee finished 11-1, its best finish since 1995, with its only loss coming to Florida 33-24 on Sept. 20.

Tennessee was selected for the game ahead of Florida State, who was chosen to play in the Sugar Bowl against Ohio State.

The Volunteers maintained a small lead over the fourth-ranked Seminoles in both the USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll and the AP Poll.

Tribble said heavy consideration was given to FSU, who also lost to Florida 32-29, but in the end, the Orange Bowl decided to go with the

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Powwow provides dose of American Indian life

BY LINDSAY YOUNG
Staff Reporter

When Mike Grant arrived on campus as a freshman in 1994, he left behind a large part of his American Indian culture on the Nebraska reservation where he grew up.

This weekend Grant and other University of Nebraska-Lincoln American Indian students were able to return to those roots, if only for a short time, at the University of Nebraska Inter-Tribal Exchange's Eighth Annual Inter-Tribal Powwow.

Grant, a junior business major and former UNITE president, said the powwow was a way to bring to school the culture in which he was

immersed at home.

"It really brings a closeness to all of us," Grant said. "I cherish every moment of it."

John Lasley, who was selling material for costumes at a booth, said the powwow was a good release for the American Indian students on campus from everyday university life.

The powwow was Saturday and Sunday in the Great Plains Room in the Nebraska East Union.

The event started at 1 p.m. both days, and colorful costumes decorated with feathers, beads and jingles and the steady beat of one of four drum groups filled the room through-

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Santa Cop collects toys for needy Lincolniters

BY KELLY SCOTT
Staff Reporter

While children and adults played on the exhibits at the Lincoln Children's Museum Friday evening, other Lincolniters visited the museum to drop off their donations of dolls, puzzles, crayons and books for the Santa Cop Program.

The Lincoln Police Union Charities held its drive for program donations Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the museum, 121 S. 13th St. Donors could give toys or cash donations. For their donation, donors were offered a cup of North Pole coffee or elf blend hot chocolate.

"It's a fine program. The Santa

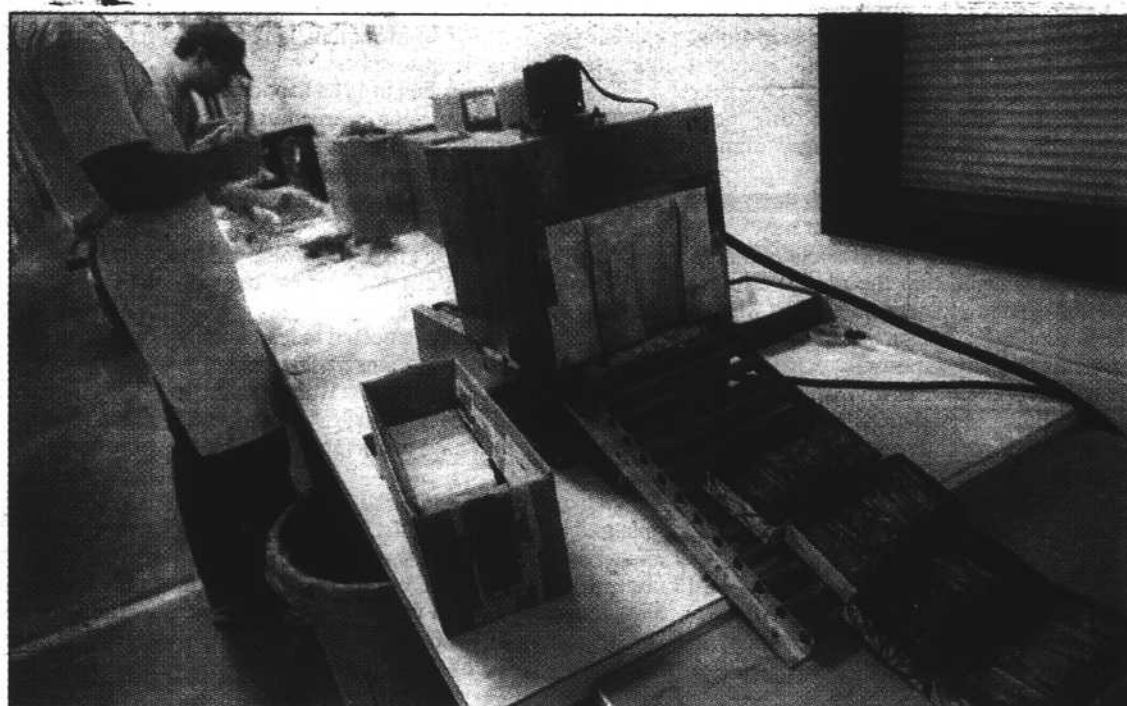
Cop Program helps kids and kids are what the museum is all about," Tom White, marketing director for Lincoln Children's Museum, said.

Officer Tom Duden, president of Lincoln Police Union Charities, said the success of the program has grown yearly and this year has been the most successful.

The program began this year on Nov. 22 with a Santa Cop auction. Items donated from local businesses were auctioned to raise \$13,000, Duden said. A pair of Wrangler jeans signed by Garth Brooks sold for the highest price at \$600.

The money was used to buy toys and other Christmas gifts for children of families in Lincoln who can't afford

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SANDY SUMMERS/DN

UNL FOOD SCIENCE MAJORS wrap cheese gift packs which will be sold over the holiday season at the East Campus Dairy Store.

UNL makes holiday cheese

BY ERIN GIBSON
Senior Reporter

Ask most Nebraskans what items they associate with the holidays and they might answer: "Christmas trees, sparkling lights, oranges, mistletoe and wreaths bound with floppy red bows."

But ask some who work on East Campus, and their answer resounds: "20,000 pounds of cheese."

Each year, University of Nebraska-Lincoln students and staff members spend months making enough cheese and other holi-

day food items to fill more than 8,000 holiday gift boxes.

The boxes, sold by the UNL Dairy Store and shipped nationwide, contain all university-made products, including a total of about 3,500 pounds of summer sausage, 1,000 jars of honey, and, of course, 10 tons of cheese.

Prices start at \$7.50 for a one-pound box, and customers include NU President Dennis Smith and UNL Chancellor James Moeser.

Each Saturday, a handful of dairy plant and store employees spend the day making the boxes by hand, packing small blocks of Husker Cheese and seven other

cheese varieties into scarlet-colored boxes.

Then they stuff Easter grass — a total of about 40 pounds worth — around the holiday goodies.

"It's definitely the worst part," said Tom Dobesh, a three-year cheese box-making veteran and student.

Dobesh, who has made "more boxes than he'd care to count" wrapped a box with plastic wrap, then coaxed it through a small heater to shrink the wrap.

Kathy Vokoun, Dairy Store

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