

## Volleyball when?

Big 12 administrators must decide in the spring between keeping the current volleyball conference format, having Friday/Saturday matches, or switching to Wednesday/Saturday matches. **PAGE 7**



## A soulful rendition

Thirty years after the plane wreck that took his life, Otis Redding is remembered for making a fan's life a bit more soulful. **PAGE 9**

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## A PARTRIDGE IN A BARE TREE

Chance of snow, high 30. Tonight, flurries, low 20.

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## THE Schling is the THING



**JASON POPE, a freshman mechanical engineering major, prepares to test-fire his group's pneumatic hot dog launcher Tuesday night at the Cook Pavilion. Engineering students were attempting to improve the design of the current Der Viener Schlinger.**

SCOTT McCLURG/DN

### Two teams tie for win in contest

BY JOSH FUNK  
Assignment Reporter

Everyone in the upper deck better pay attention next year. The Fairbury man is out to get you.

With the help of two UNL engineering classes, Fairbury Brand Meats is re-engineering its fabled Der Viener Schlinger to reach those fans in the upper decks of Memorial Stadium.

Tuesday night the top four schlinger designs from Suzanne Rohde's mechanical and Dean Sicking's civil engineering classes were unveiled in a head-to-head competition in Cook Pavilion.

The winning design will be the basis for the next generation of Fairbury's Der Viener Schlinger.

The four designs in competition were chosen on the basis of cost effectiveness, practicality and expected performance, Sicking said.

Students worked in groups of four all semester to develop their designs and 50 turned out to see the wieners fly.

"It was a cool project because it

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## Osborne vows fewer than 10

BY DAVID WILSON  
Senior Reporter

Confronting rumors at his weekly press conference Tuesday, Nebraska Football Coach Tom Osborne said his retirement may follow a planetary path.

"The thing you need to know about my retirement is, the first thing I will do is talk to the assistant coaches," Osborne said, "and then I'll talk to the players, and then I'll talk to (the media).

"So once that happens — it's kind of like when the stars and the moon line up."

Though most media members laughed at Osborne's comment, the planets are currently aligned along the ecliptic and close to being in the same quarter of the sky, said Don

Taylor, associate professor of physics and astronomy.

The last time this phenomenon happened was in 1982. It can happen every 15 years, but Osborne's plans don't call for him being around for the next one.

Coincidence or not, the 60-year-old Osborne said he did not plan on coaching for another decade. In 25 years as the Cornhuskers' head coach, Osborne has compiled a 254-49-3 record and boasts the second highest winning percentage in Division I-A at .835.

But being a head coach, he said, is no easy task.

On average, Osborne said he spends between 13 and 14 hours a day at work. And on game days,

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## UNL campus gives charity from hearts

BY ANN MARY LANDIS  
Staff Reporter

The giving spirit of Christmas apparently hasn't missed the UNL campus.

The Salvation Army angel tree, which has been in the Nebraska Union since Nov. 24, has been a success, said Diane Podolske, the assistant director of Student Involvement.

The tree holds two types of ornaments, with 160 of each kind. One type asks people to bring two cans of food. The other ornaments gave the gender and age of a child and asked the person to bring a gift worth at least \$8.

Both the food and the gifts are to be brought to the Student Involvement office by Friday.

People have taken all the gift ornaments off the tree. Of about 160 requests for gifts, about 100 gifts have been returned. Podolske worries some children will be disappointed if the other presents aren't returned by Friday.

Ornaments asking for food are still on the tree. The sponsors didn't plan on asking for food until Salvation Army employees said some children got presents but didn't have food to eat. The organizations then took 160 food ornaments from the Salvation Army so the presents would come with a bundle of food.

Even though some presents haven't been turned in and food ornaments still hang on the tree, Podolske

is impressed with the people's charity.

"I'm just amazed by the generosity of people on this campus," she said. Podolske was especially pleased with the Residence Hall Association, which teamed with Student Involvement to co-sponsor the tree.

The members of the Athletic Department also helped by taking 75 ornaments before they were put on the tree.

Jan Eby, secretary to Athletic Director Bill Bryne, said she thought the department could have taken even more. "We have a lot of good hearts over here," she said.

The department's employees apparently aren't the only ones with good hearts.

When the Residence Hall Association introduced a bill to donate money to the project, Husker Residence Hall representative Larry Willis personally offered to match any amount the association donated.

Willis, a sophomore accounting major, gave \$100. He said he wished more students would have given, but called the tree successful anyway.

"If you can bring happiness to just one kid, that's a success," Willis said. Though people are more generous around Christmas, Willis remembered need is year-round and can be filled in different ways.

"Charitable giving is good and it doesn't have to be just at Christmas, it can be throughout the year. It doesn't just have to be money, it can be time," he said.

## Celebration exalts human rights

BY SARAH BAKER  
Assignment Reporter

The rights of women, minorities and homosexuals are at the core of the celebration during this year's Human Rights Day.

The celebration is being held in the Nebraska Union Centennial Room from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. today. Activities are open to all.

Pat Tetreault, sexuality education coordinator at the University Health Center, is giving one of six workshops as part of the event.

"The goal of the event is to bring attention to the need and support for human rights for everyone," Tetreault said.

Vern Williams, coordinator of career counseling at UNL and the chairman of the human rights day

activities, said he hopes to accomplish increased awareness.

"I am hoping to get people to make a commitment to come to some follow-up activities," Williams said. "I want to bring the global issue of human rights to Lincoln and take action on a local level."

Tetreault said the activities may give local residents an idea of what they can do with civil rights.

"There is still a lot of work to be done," she said.

Williams said he hopes the activities make an impression on the participants.

"If the interest in civil rights ends here, I won't be satisfied," he said.

The schedule of activities include:

■ 2 p.m. — Poster session and informal tables.

■ 2:45 p.m. — Interfaith affirma-

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tion of human rights and poster contest winners named.

■ 3 p.m. — Keynote Address: Emilia Gonzales-Clements, "Face To Face: Working together for Human Rights."

■ 4 p.m. — Workshops on gender and sexuality welfare; basic needs and the economics of human rights; racism; ending sexual orientation employment discrimination; disability and human rights; and faith and human rights.

■ 5 p.m. — A repeat of the workshops

■ 6 p.m. — Food and entertainment

■ 7 p.m. — Closing: Video "Celebrate Living"