

## Boys of summer?

Minus the presence of its new head coach, the Nebraska baseball team opened practice Tuesday inside Cook Pavilion. **PAGE 7**



## Large and in charge

House of Large Sizes, an Iowa band with an enthusiastic Lincoln following, will perform at Duffy's Tavern Sunday night. **PAGE 9**

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"TORRID" TWENTIES

Morning flurries, high 25. Cloudy tonight, low 15.

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## Banner for Osborne available for signing

By JOY LUDWIG  
Staff Reporter

The 20-foot red-and-white banner spread across two tables in the Wick Alumni Center says it all — words that express gratitude, best wishes and appreciation for Nebraska Football Coach Tom Osborne.

"Thanks, Coach! On our sidelines for 36 years, in our hearts forever."

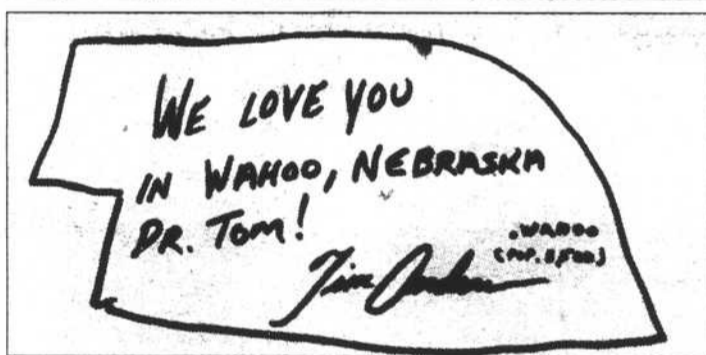
Every day this week, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., faculty, staff, students and the Lincoln communi-

ty will have one last chance to sign their names and write messages on the banner.

Andrea Cranford, Nebraska Alumni Association director, said she hoped people would come during the next few days, despite the cold weather. A few people already had come Monday and Tuesday.

"We're just hoping to get not just people from the community but staff and students as well to come in here," she said.

The idea of a banner came from some members of the association who wanted to do some-



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**TOP:** UNL JUNIOR Kris Rempe, a junior exercise science major, signs a banner at the Wick Alumni Center Tuesday.

**ABOVE:** NEBRASKANS show their support for Coach Tom Osborne.

thing special after Osborne announced his retirement.

"We just thought it would be a neat deal to thank him for all he's done," she said.

Members of the Alumni Association towed the banner

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## Professor honored for service

■ The city of Lincoln awards the Antelope Valley Study chairman as the volunteer of the month.

By LINDSAY YOUNG  
Assignment Reporter

UNL Sociology Professor Keith Parker found his inspiration to volunteer in an unlikely place.

It was a few days before he was to receive his doctorate from Mississippi State University. He was getting his hair cut in a barber shop and was planning to skip the graduation ceremony. He said he "had worked so hard, and the thrill was gone."

An elderly black man in the shop told him, "If you're not willing to do it for you, do it for me." Parker attended the ceremony, and the old man's advice still influences Parker's actions today.

His dedication to service was recognized by the city of Lincoln as he was awarded volunteer of the month recently.

"Those of us who are fortunate enough to take advantage of opportunities need to give back," said Parker, also director of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's African American and African Studies program and the special assistant to the dean of graduate studies.

Parker said he realized he has received opportunities the man in the barber shop did not have the chance to take advantage of.

The January Volunteer of the Month award was sponsored by the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program with the county commissioners and the city and county governments. Parker was nominated by Mayor Mike Johanns.

Parker is one of three chairmen for the Antelope Valley Study Project. It involves the study of flood plains, neighborhood revitalization and economic development of the Antelope Valley area of Lincoln.

"The hope is to keep the downtown area the center of the (economic) activity," Parker said.

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# Academic Senate decides against fall break

By IEVA AUGSTUMS  
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## Academic Senate

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Academic Senate Tuesday voted down a proposal that could have provided a fall break for students.

Leo Sartori, a physics and astronomy professor and member of the NU calendar committee, brought forward the past resolution and asked the senate for a final vote.

"Students have indicated that they were in favor of a fall break, and many faculty feel it is sloppy to go to school for one week and then have a break," Sartori said.

The motion would have eliminated the Tuesday vacation day after Labor Day and inserted a two-day mid-semester break after the eighth week of the fall semester. It was defeated 31-15.

Academic Senate President James Ford spoke against the idea.

"I am opposed to reducing the number of school days and I can see no benefits coming from the reduction of one school day from the academic calendar," Ford said.

Sartori said he was not disappointed on the senate's decision but said it would have been nice to have a little break.

Sartori did not feel as strong about the fall semester break as he did about the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, but he still supported the resolution.

Sartori also brought to the floor a

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JAMES FORD  
Academic Senate president

resolution to move up the week of spring break. Spring break now falls after the 10<sup>th</sup> week of the spring semester.

With a vote of 35-11 in favor, the senate supported moving up spring break a week, allowing it to fall after the ninth week of the spring semester.

Sartori will report the senate's votes to the calendar committee later this

month.

The committee will make a recommendation — based on faculty senate and student government votes — to NU President Dennis Smith, who will make a decision on the academic calendar.

In other senate business, Chancellor James Moeser told the faculty he wanted more academic rigor at the undergraduate level.

Moeser asked members of the senate to talk to colleagues in their respective departments about reviewing and studying their undergraduate teaching materials.

"Some things we might want to ask ourselves is if our teaching materials are rigorous enough and if UNL is living up to its highly regarded teaching reputation," Moeser said.

Identifying the increasing cultural change at UNL, Moeser said he was concerned with helping raise the graduation rate and decreasing the dropout rate of students between their freshman and sophomore years.

E. Wesley Peterson, chairman of the teaching council, commended the chancellor's remarks and said the teaching council is supportive of his future efforts regarding academics.