

Sports Illustrated devotes special issue to Osborne

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along," Ellis said. "Based on what happened Thursday and Friday two weeks ago kind of threw a wrench in our work, so we combined the two."

The issue is divided into nine articles, including stories about the 1995 Orange Bowl, 1996 Fiesta Bowl, the 1997 season and the 1998 Orange Bowl.

The issue also has a pictorial section highlighting Osborne's 25 years and a section showing the 16 Sports Illustrated covers featuring Nebraska throughout those 25 years.

"With this being Tom's last season, we think this is particularly appropriate that Tom go out a winner like this and honor him for it," Byrne said.

Osborne has been on the road helping new Head Coach Frank Solich with recruiting and wasn't present at the commemoration.

Ellis said 80 to 90 percent of the sales of the issue will be concentrat-

ed in Nebraska, but the issue will be available on some newsstands in airports throughout the country.

The issue marks the 29th commemorative edition Sports Illustrated Presents has published since 1993. The most recent recognized the 1997 Michigan Wolverines football team, which won The Associated Press national championship.

It is only the second time Sports Illustrated has honored a coach since last fall, when an issue paid tribute to retiring North Carolina Basketball Coach Dean Smith.

It is the third time Sports Illustrated has devoted a special issue for the Huskers, having dedicated issues for the 1994 and 1995 national championship seasons.

"It's terrific, but I'm especially pleased for Tom (Osborne)," Byrne said. "Imagine three national championships in five years. Nobody else can say anything like that in the modern era of football."

Former Husker fullback robbed of memorabilia

By JOSH FUNK
Senior Reporter

One former Cornhusker football player learned not even memories are sacred anymore after finding his house burglarized Wednesday.

Patrick Borer, a walk-on fullback from 1980-82, lost precious memorabilia, including his Orange Bowl rings, during the theft.

Someone broke into the Borer home at 6138 Leighton Ave. by shattering a window in the back door and unlocking the deadbolt lock, Lincoln Police Sgt. Ann Heerman said.

The thief then had a snack from the kitchen while ransacking the house for valuables, Heerman said.

In the bedroom the thief took Borer's 1982 and 1983 Orange Bowl rings, his 1983 Big 8 Championship ring, an Orange Bowl watch and some of his wife's jewelry.

Borer's Nebraska helmet from his senior season was also taken from the attic.

The loss was valued at \$2,216,

but Borer said it is tough to put a price tag on memories.

"These things reminded me of my time with the Huskers and Coach (Tom) Osborne," Borer, a Lincoln firefighter, said.

A native Nebraskan, Borer grew up with the dream of becoming a Cornhusker.

After a season with the University of Nebraska at Omaha Mavericks, Borer transferred to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and realized his dream.

The theft, however, may be a lose-lose situation for both Borer and the thief.

Because the items are unique - some are even engraved with Borer's name - it may be impossible for the thief to sell them.

This makes recovering the rings difficult for police, Heerman said.

But all that matters to Borer is recovering his memories.

"It was an honor to be affiliated with the Huskers," Borer said, "and these things were my only reminder of that time."

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