

## Cool hand Lue

NU point guard Tyronn Lue scored a game-high 24 points as the Cornhuskers defeated Oklahoma 53-43 Sunday. PAGE 7

## The Big "0"

Zero Street Records has a new owner in Kevin Chasek, but the store's faithful patrons shouldn't expect any drastic changes. PAGE 9

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CAN ANYBODY SAY 'HOT CHOCOLATE?'

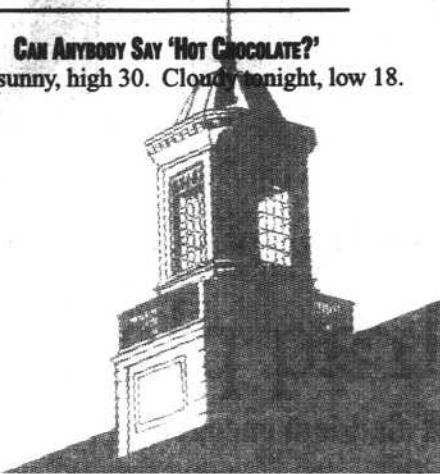
Partly sunny, high 30. Cloudy tonight, low 18.

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## Residence halls approved for UNO

BY BRAD DAVIS  
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In what could mark the beginning of a new era for the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the construction of residence halls means students at UNO will now have a place to live on campus.

The NU Board of Regents passed a proposal 7-1 at Saturday's meeting that will allow Century Development Co., of Houston, to build six residence halls on the UNO campus.

Construction of the privately owned residence halls could be complete by the fall of 1999, UNO promotional materials stated.

Regent Charles Wilson of Lincoln was the lone dissenter among the regents, and warned that residence halls could mark the beginning of UNO's transition to a residential campus.

"There's a clear feeling that this is not a single, targeted dormitory, but that it is the start of a residential campus at UNO," Wilson said.

He said the expansion of UNO's doctoral and athletic programs, coupled with residence hall construction, represented "misplaced priorities," and marked a "major shift" in UNO's mission.

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Joey Sanchez disagreed. He said students at UNO were worried about the future of their campus without the residence halls.

"There's terrible apathy at UNO. (The residence halls) are critical and very necessary," he said.

Regent Chuck Hassebrook of Walthill supported the residence halls, but said clear distinctions were needed in the missions of the NU system's campuses.

He said if UNO were a residential campus, it would create another option for students that would normally attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

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## Turf to be christened 'Tom Osborne Field'

BY BRAD DAVIS  
Senior Reporter

A new head coach won't be the only change at Memorial Stadium next year.

A newly christened field bearing the name of retired head coach Tom Osborne will also be unveiled for next year's football season.

Saturday, the NU Board of Regents unanimously voted to name the field at NU's Memorial Stadium in honor of Tom Osborne, who coached the Cornhusker football team to 25 winning seasons and three national championships in 25 years.

Osborne, who originally was against the idea of naming the field, said he spoke to several administrators and regents who thought it was important to name the field in his honor.

After those discussions, Osborne decided the idea wasn't so bad after all.

"It's nice for them to do that," Osborne said. "I let them know that it wasn't anything I particularly desired."

Osborne said he did not need a field named after himself to feel good about his experiences at UNL.

"I was honored and flattered," Osborne said. Regent Charles Wilson joked that Osborne's initial reservations were due to the condition of a highway near Hastings that was named for Osborne.

Wilson said Osborne said he had found pot-

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holes in the highway bearing his name.

"If we promise Tom we will not allow any defects or tears in the Astroturf, maybe he'll feel better," Wilson said two weeks ago.

Osborne said he wanted to leave the field unnamed for reasons of "tradition and sentiment."

"I just felt that when I left I'd just kind of like to leave things the way they were — that seemed like the thing to do," Osborne said Sunday.

The resolution had initially proposed that the field be named "Osborne Field," but a friendly amendment tendered by Sen. John Payne of Kearney suggested the field be fully named "Tom Osborne Field."

"The coach has been known as Tom Osborne for 25 years," Payne said.

The amendment, which passed, required regents to disregard board policy developed in 1993, which required a five-year wait before a facility could be named after a person who retires, leaves or dies.

Wilson said the regents always could override existing rules, and that the naming rule was meant more for "upper-level administrators."

"This is truly unique," Wilson said. "You just don't have someone that has made this kind of contribution often."



BILL LOPEZ, leader of the Student Education Association, chuckles during the group's meeting last Wednesday. In only his second semester as leader, Lopez is credited with the increase in association members and improving the group as a whole.

## Lopez brings ideas, enthusiasm to SEA

BY KELLY ROMANSKI  
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Bill Lopez says he doesn't really have any new ideas to introduce to the Student Education Association.

He is more comfortable letting the officers take the organization in their own direction. "I find I do a better job just sitting back and letting them handle it," he said.

Lopez is the new adviser for the SEA, a pre-professional organization for those seeking careers in the education field. Modest as he seems, he has been credited with improvements during his first semester as adviser.

The members say he's suggested ideas that have strengthened the group and brought about changes, such as a newsletter and efforts to recruit racial and ethnic minorities.

SEA President Abby Barnes said Lopez "is really motivated ... and has a lot of creative ideas, ideas that we would have not thought of on our own."

Last semester, SEA's membership jumped after Lopez took over. Membership is at 105, up

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from last year's total of 78.

"I'm hoping the membership will grow. We have a lot to offer Teachers College students," Lopez said.

Lopez said the membership boom was largely due to the automatic entry into the National Education Association.

Membership in the NEA, as well as the SEA, is attractive because the students' dues pay for liability insurance to cover any potential lawsuits arising during student teaching. This allows University of Nebraska-Lincoln students to start teaching early, Lopez said. Some start student-teaching as early as their freshman year, mainly at the elementary and middle levels of school.

The fall semester also saw the introduction of the SEA's first official newsletter, The SEA Insider.

"Bill suggested more communication among the department," said junior elementary

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