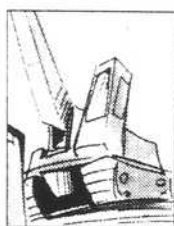




Big stick

NU's Ken Harvey, who leads the Cornhuskers in 10 offensive categories, looks to help Nebraska as Texas A&M travels to Lincoln today. PAGE 7



Constructive criticism

A group of architecture students will make their feelings on free speech known today without saying a word. PAGE 9

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SUMMER SLACKING

Mostly sunny, high 67. Clear tonight, low 48.

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Huskies, Michigan meet with Clinton

By SHANNON HEFFELFINGER Senior Reporter

WASHINGTON, D.C. - It took the influence of the most powerful man in the United States to bring together the two most successful teams of the 1997 college football season. President Clinton accomplished Thursday what the NCAA Bowl Alliance could not on Jan. 2, as the USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll national champion Nebraska football team met face-to-face with Michigan, the Associated Press national champion.

Clinton honored both teams at a ceremony held in the White House.

"We've had a lot of heavyweights in this room, but nothing compares to this," Clinton said. "The entire season, everyone has been trying to get these two teams to meet, and it looks like I'm the only one who could pull it off."

"Seeing how it's sunny outside, maybe we should go out and settle this whole thing right now."

The two teams, of course, declined Clinton's invitation.

Instead, the Wolverines' captains presented the president with a Michigan hat and a UM football jersey.

Aaron Taylor, Grant Wistrom and Jason Peter, the Cornhusker captains, gave Clinton a Nebraska jersey and a football autographed by the entire team.

Clinton praised Wolverine Coach Lloyd Carr on setting a precedent at Michigan and commended former NU Coach Tom Osborne on a "fine career."

"The Orange Bowl was a fantastic finish to your undefeated season," Clinton said to Osborne. "With three national titles and 255 wins, Tom Osborne is truly one of the great coaches in college football history. And I want to thank you for the way you did it, and the example you set."

Osborne, scripting a final highlight in his

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PRESIDENT CLINTON

storyed career, said a short goodbye. "The senior leadership this year was the best I've ever seen," Osborne said. "They decided last January what needed to be done, and they did it. It was a gratifying ending to 36 great years, and I have a lot of people to thank for that."

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor James Moeser, along with the assembled athletes, coaches and staff from both teams, enthusiastically applauded Osborne's speech, which NU kicker Kris Brown called "emotional."

"You definitely got the feeling that something was ending," Brown said. "But you look back on everything, and this ending seems like a really fitting one. It's great for Coach Osborne to cap everything off at the White House."

The teams stayed in the White House after the ceremony to shake Clinton's hand and pose for pictures with the president.

"It was a great opportunity," UNL senior Jay Gates said. "It's not every day that someone flies you out to Washington and the president is there waiting for you."

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PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON received a Husker football jersey and an autographed football during a ceremony honoring both the Michigan and Nebraska national championship teams at the White House Thursday. Michigan players accepted the split championship. SEE STORY PAGE 8.

MATT MILLER/DN

Edge to change to classic rock

From Staff Reports

Omaha alternative rock station KDGE-FM (101.9 The Edge), is set to become your older brother's favorite station.

Anonymous sources at the station said Thursday that the station, sometime today, will become a classic rock station.

The Edge is owned by Mitchell Broadcasting Co., which also owns at least six radio stations in Nebraska including Omaha stations KQKQ-FM (98.5 Sweet 98), KKAR-AM (1290) and Kearney's KGFV-AM (1340).

When contacted at his home Mitchell Broadcasting owner Marty Mitchell declined to deny the change.

"Give me a call tomorrow and we can talk about it then," he told the Daily Nebraskan late Thursday night.

Bookstore seeks buyer

By BRAD DAVIS Senior Reporter

Within two years, students might actually enjoy standing in line waiting to pay for their books at the University Bookstore.

UNL administrators said they hope students will encounter a coffee-house atmosphere so it's fun to hang out at the bookstore in the basement of the Nebraska Union when renovations are complete.

But unlike other remodeling around campus, the university won't be footing the bill for these changes.

Instead, talks are under way to privatize the University of Nebraska-Lincoln-owned bookstore that has been a staple of the campus for almost 40 years.

James Main, assistant vice chancellor for business and finance and director of University Services, said

four firms are interested in buying the store, which draws \$9 million to \$10 million each year in gross revenues.

A committee formed of students, professors and administrators examined initial proposals submitted by the four interested companies and has narrowed the field to two, which are submitting detailed proposals, Main said.

The committee is a response to NU President Dennis Smith's 1995 call for the university to evaluate its operations and increase efficiency.

To ensure negotiations remain confidential, Main said they would not give the names of the firms the committee is considering until a final decision is made around the first week of May.

But he would give students a clue as to what they might expect in their bookstore by the summer of 1999.

Along with an atmosphere similar

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Democrats square off in gubernatorial forum

By BRIAN CARLSON Senior Reporter

OMAHA - The Democratic candidates for governor agreed on the need for property-tax relief but clashed on several other issues during a televised forum Thursday night.

During a forum broadcast statewide by KPTM-TV (Fox 42), Bill Hoppner and Jim McFarland each said the property tax is the first tax that state government should seek to slash.

But the two parted ways on issues including hog-confinement regulations, new prison construction and abortion - and more fundamentally, on their respective appeals to the people of Nebraska.

Forum rules prohibited the candi-

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dates from speaking directly about their opponent, but McFarland clearly indicated that, come November, Hoppner would not be elected in Republican-dominated Nebraska.

"A pro-choice, liberal Democrat cannot win in Nebraska," McFarland said.

But Hoppner, who favors abortion rights and has expressed displeasure at Nebraska business leaders' efforts to enact further business-tax incentives, said he has his finger on the state's pulse after six months of campaigning.

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