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The Swiney patrol

Erwin Swiney battled through pain to play a big game against Washington. He looks for more of the same against Oklahoma State. **PAGE 9**



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Punk plaza

Four young entrepreneurs have joined forces (and cash) to build a fully operational punk epicenter in downtown Lincoln. **PAGE 7**

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HAZY SHADES OF FALL

Partly cloudy, high 87. Cloudy tonight, low 63.

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REINER BOSMAN AND SANDER NOOIJ, both theoretical physics majors from Amsterdam, Netherlands, will bike from Valentine to Norfolk as part of their international exchange project, which looks at the culture of bicycles. Bosman and Nooij plan to leave Lincoln this week.

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Dutch duo spokes-men for trip

BY JOSH FUNK
Senior staff writer

Bosman hope to meet some interesting people and see the wide-open spaces of Nebraska's Sandhills.

"We are looking for Forrest Gump on wheels," Bosman said when describing his ideal interview on the road.

Robert Fuller, one of three American project directors and a UNL physics professor, said the project uses the bicycle to study scientific and cultural concepts.

Project participants will use their research to create a CD-ROM program that will be a

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"They have no idea that they can pedal for hours without seeing anybody."

ROBERT FULLER
physics professor

In the spirit of exploration and understanding, two Dutchmen came to Nebraska to "see the emptiness" - by bicycle.

The two UNL students plan to ride their bicycles about 187 miles through the sparsely populated area between Valentine and Norfolk this week as part of an international exchange project to study the scientific and cultural aspects of the bicycle.

On their ride, Sander Nooij and Reiner

City Council



City OKs \$10,000 to defend lawsuit

BY ADAM KLINKER
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The Lincoln City Council voted unanimously Monday to use \$10,000 to defend against a lawsuit filed by anti-abortion rights protesters.

The money will be moved from the city's general fund into a legal fund, establishing a contract with Rembolt, Ludtke and Berger, a Lincoln law firm hired to defend the city in the case.

The suit was filed Sept. 23 in U.S. District Court by the anti-abortion rights group Rescue the Heartland. It says an ordinance passed Sept. 14 that outlaws picketing on religious premises is unconstitutional.

Mayor Mike Johanns vetoed the ordinance, but the City Council overturned it in a 5-2 vote on Sept. 21.

Wednesday, a hearing will be held at 2 p.m. in U.S. District Court for an injunction against the city, filed by Rescue the Heartland members along with their lawsuit against the city.

Lincoln City Attorney Bill Austin said if the judge granted the injunction, the city would be prevented from enforcing the ordinance against picketing.

Attorney Dan Klaus of Rembolt, Ludtke and Berger will represent the city.

In turn, the firm has enlisted the help of the Washington, D.C.-based law firm Wilmer, Cutler and Pickering.

If the latter firm is allowed and it accepts the case, it would do pro bono work for the city, including research and writing briefs, Austin said.

Austin said the firm employs more than 275 lawyers in nine different areas of legal work and is known internationally for its pro bono work.

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Campus plan prompts parking changes

BY LINDSAY YOUNG
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shuttles from the structures and the structures themselves.

Tad McDowell, manager of Parking and Transit Services, and James Main, assistant vice chancellor for business and finance, announced Monday at the Parking Advisory Committee meeting that the plan may be presented at the committee's October meeting.

Similar plans are being drafted for the other NU campuses.

The need for parking structures on the perimeters of both UNL campuses is a result of the possible elimination of about 4,000 parking spots because of construction.

UNL's Preliminary Master Plan will create a more pedestrian-friendly and aesthetic campus by decreasing the number of streets running through campus, McDowell said.

Parking lots are the main areas at UNL that can be developed in that plan, McDowell said.

Some of the construction projects proposed under UNL's master plan include a new visitors center, a new honors residence hall and an addition to the athletic department, all of which will knock out much-needed spaces, Main said.

Main estimated the cost of the parking structures to be about \$50 mil-

lion. He said consultants are looking at the best way to pay for the bonds that will cover the cost of the structures.

"You are going to see a vast change in the cost of parking on campus," Main said.

But, he assured the committee, the increase in the cost of permits will not happen overnight.

Plans already are in the works for a structure on City Campus at 14th Street and Avery Avenue that will cost about \$13 million. McDowell hopes to have those plans on the NU Board of Regents' December agenda for approval.

In other business, McDowell said

Parking Services is working on upgrading its electronic ticket writers to better identify vehicles that are registered with the university and that hold permits.

That may cut the hassle of the process permit holders must go through to reduce a \$25 ticket for not displaying a hang tag to a \$5 ticket after proving the car is registered.

Alfred Arth, a professor in the Teachers College and Academic Senate representative, said he was proposing the formation of a senate ad hoc committee to write more user-friendly regulations regarding the absence of a parking hang tag.