



A tough loss

The Nebraska wrestling team lost a dual to Minnesota 22-9 Sunday, dropping several close matches. **PAGE 7**

Plains literature

The University of Nebraska Press operates quietly in Lincoln but is heard around the world. Its catalog includes titles as diverse as basketball and classic science fiction. **PAGE 9**

So-So

Mostly cloudy, high 50. Snow possible tonight, low 30.

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Acquittal spells relief for many students

“*In a way it wasn't anyone's business. But even if you are the president, what he did was wrong.*”

TRACY O'DONNELL
UNL freshman

By BRIAN CARLSON
Staff writer

After the Senate's acquittal of President Clinton on Friday, University of Nebraska-Lincoln students' reactions were mixed.

An unscientific survey of students studying in the Nebraska Union on Sunday found a variety of reactions — disappointment, satisfaction, apathy and relief — that the 13-month saga had ended.

The Senate voted to acquit Clinton on articles of impeachment alleging the president committed perjury and obstructed justice as he attempted to conceal his relationship with a young White House intern, Monica Lewinsky.

Clinton under fire



Ben Mueller, a freshman who has not declared a major, shared the ambivalence many Americans have expressed about the Clinton-Lewinsky scandal.

“I would have voted to acquit, even though I think Clinton's a sleazebag,” he said.

Although Clinton lied to the American people and tried to cover up his relationship with Lewinsky, Mueller said, the president was technically not guilty of perjury and obstruction of justice. The House prosecutors failed to prove those charges, he said.

“He didn't commit an act that designated that

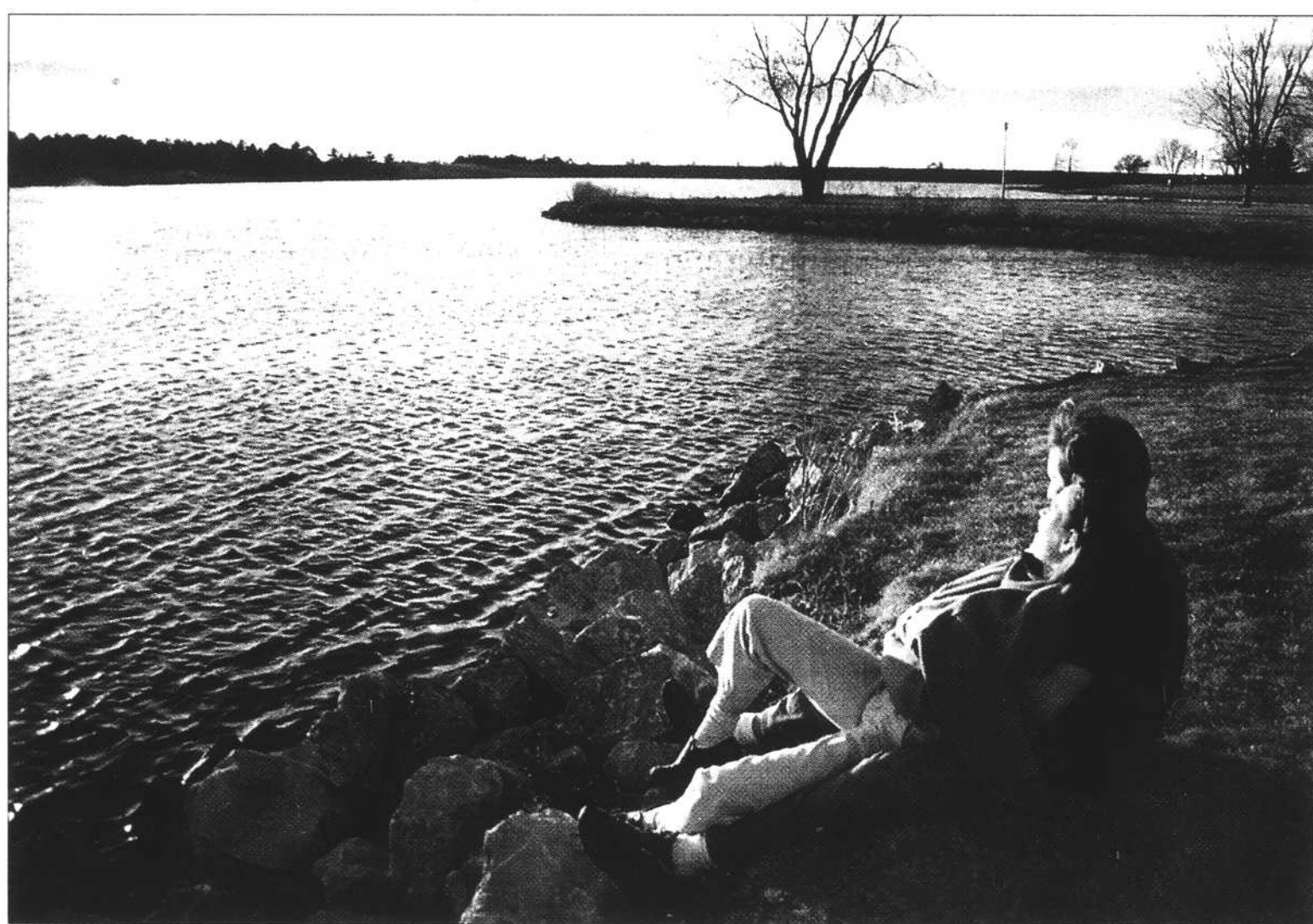
he should be removed from office,” Mueller said.

Perjury and obstruction of justice, however, would merit conviction and removal if proven, he said.

Most of all, Mueller said, the scandal disgusted him. He said he was most disturbed by the constant media attention to the scandal and the crude details contained in the report produced by Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel.

“The Starr report pretty much made the American government look like a joke in front of the rest of the world,” he said. “You have to have tact, and we didn't.”

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CHRISTINE MEYER, a senior horticulture major, and **Craig Wagner**, a senior English major, cuddle on the shores of Holmes Lake on Sunday evening.

Need for teachers adds up

■ **A report projects an increased demand statewide for teachers, gratifying education students.**

By IEVA AUGSTUMS
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University of Nebraska-Lincoln students seeking a teaching career in the state won't have to look hard for a job.

According to a report released Friday by the State Board of Education, the state could need 1,200 to 2,000 more teachers than are currently available by the year 2003, and 1,400 to 2,400 more teachers by 2008.

“That makes me feel good,” said Jennifer Seeman, a UNL junior elementary education major. “It's almost like I am going to be assured a job once I graduate.”

Mike Britten, a consultant who performed the study for the Nebraska Department of Education, told board members the high demand stems from young teachers looking for out-of-state jobs and older teachers taking early retirement.

Nebraska's 835 public and private school districts, along with the state's 17 teacher preparation institutes, were asked to provide statistics for the study that sought to find the need and availability of K-12 teachers for the years 2003 and 2008.

A preliminary report last month showed the state could have 1,600 unfilled teaching positions by 2003.

Board member Rick Savage said the study might not accurately project a shortage, because only 51 percent of the state's school districts responded to the survey.

But Teachers College Dean James O'Hanlon said he was not surprised to

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Valentines please some, peeve some

By SARAH FOX
Staff writer

Cutie pie. You go girl. Wwww.cupid. Is this what St. Valentine was thinking of when he was beheaded in Rome?

Valentine's Day customs have changed since ancient Rome, and so have peoples' attitudes. This year, the holiday may have seemed like a “Single Awareness Day,” a day celebrating friendship or a day to celebrate true love.

Valentine, a Christian bishop, didn't intend to start a holiday in 270 A.D. when he opposed Claudius II, “mad emperor” of Rome, by performing secret marriage ceremonies.

According to the Encyclopedia Britannica online, <http://www.eb.com/>, when Claudius discovered Valentine was performing the ceremonies, he was stoned and beheaded.

Valentine left behind his lover, to whom he wrote a letter signed “From your Valentine.”

Two hundred years later, a Roman fertility festival was changed into a Catholic church holy day, and Valentine was chosen as the day's patron saint.

However, some University of Nebraska-Lincoln students wished the saint had never existed.

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Love or loathe