

Cowboy Up

Though the NU defense surrendered more than 200 yards to OSU in the second half, Linebackers Coach Craig Bohl sees no reason to worry. PAGE 10



All Aboard

The Fremont Dinner Train attempts to take riders back to the 1940s, when train travel was chic, romantic and abundant. PAGE 12

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TOING THE LINE

Sunny, high 67. Mostly clear tonight, low 40.

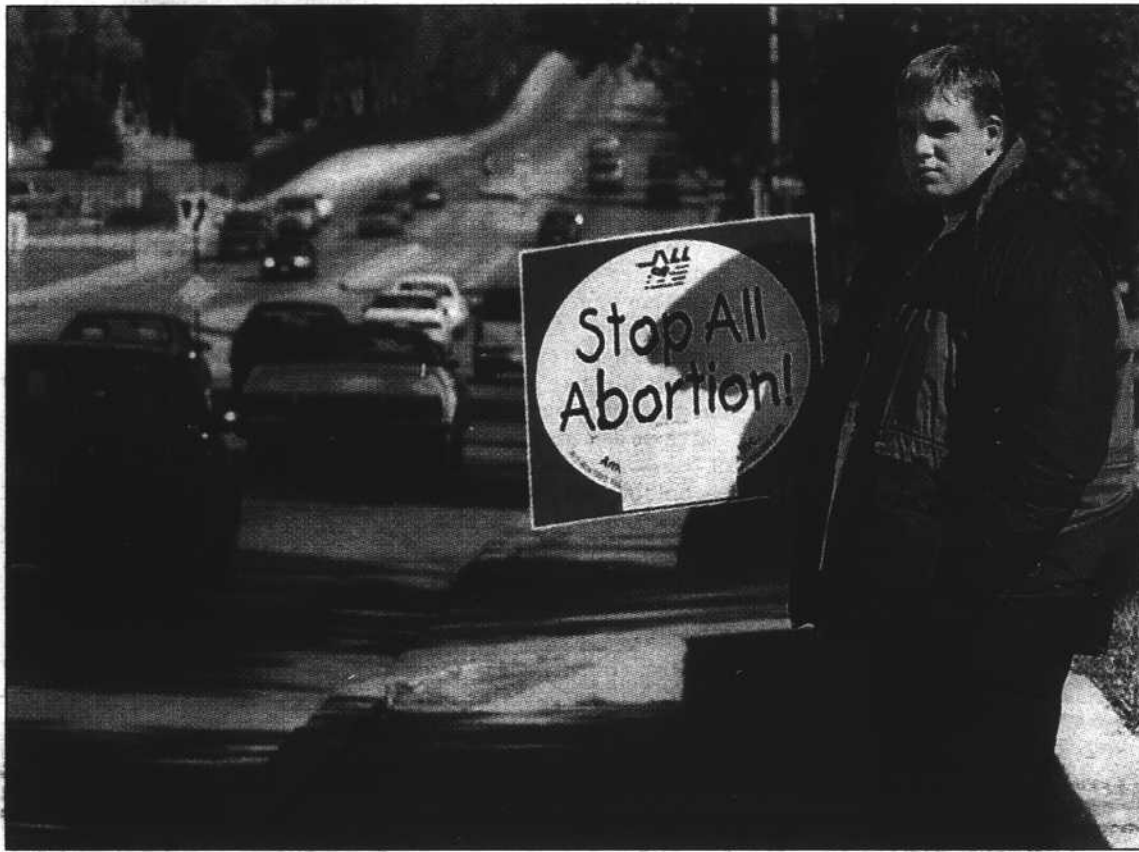
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Taking a stand



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CHRIS COULTER, 16, of Lincoln participates in the Life Chain, an organized anti-abortion rally on O Street on Sunday. The rally was organized by Lincoln Right to Life. Denise Way, vice president of Lincoln Right To Life, estimated between 1,500 and 2,000 people took part in the chain, which stretched from 27th Street to 70th Street.

Students rally for new schools

BY JOSH KNAUB
Staff writer

Nearly 75 local high school students braved the cold Sunday afternoon to show their support for building two Lincoln high schools.

Lincoln residents will vote Tuesday on a \$100 million school bond to fund the new schools. The bond would cost property owners 8.33 cents per \$100 of property value.

Students waved signs reading "Stop School Overcrowding," and "Help Me, I'm Claustrophobic," during a half-hour rally on the steps of Lincoln High School.

The rally was organized by Lincoln High's Young Democrats.

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ANITA MCROY
Lincoln city councilwoman

Janet Eckerson, a student and president of the organization, said other Lincoln high school students were among those at the rally.

"We even had some Lincoln High Young Republicans," she said.

Lincoln City Councilwoman Annette McRoy said she was at the rally because the new schools were necessary.

"You are my experts," McRoy told the students. "I support this school bond because my experts are telling me it is needed."

McRoy said overcrowding at Lincoln schools was a sign that Lincoln is growing quickly. She said new schools were essential to growth.

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Student dragged in train accident

Conductors blew horn several times but couldn't awaken man who lost part of leg.

BY JAKE BLEED
Senior staff writer

A University of Nebraska-Lincoln student lost part of his right leg early Saturday morning after being hit by a fully loaded freight train, police said.

James Jurgens, 21, of Firth was taken to BryanLGH West after the accident near 14th and New Hampshire streets.

Capt. David Beggs said the train cut Jurgens' leg off 8 inches below the right knee.

Jurgens, who lives in the 1000 block of Y Street, is a business administration and accounting major.

A BryanLGH West spokeswoman said she did not think doctors would try to reattach the leg. She said Jurgens was in fair condition Sunday night.

Conductors on the train saw

Jurgens sitting slumped next to the tracks at about 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Beggs said.

The conductors pulled an emergency break and blew the train's horn several times, Beggs said, but were unable to wake Jurgens.

The eastbound Burlington-Northern Santa Fe train was traveling about 12 mph, Beggs said, and could not come to a complete stop in time.

The train hit Jurgens and dragged him for about 300 feet, Beggs said.

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Regents

Council on deck for stadium vote

BY KIMBERLY SWEET
Senior staff writer

NU regents said they hope to hear the cracks of bats hitting balls in a new baseball stadium by March 2001.

The NU Board of Regents voted 7-0 on Friday to allow the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to cooperate with the city of Lincoln and Nebco Inc. to build a \$25.9 million baseball and softball complex.

The complex would be home to NU's baseball and softball teams as well as a minor league professional team.

But before the building begins, university officials are hoping to hear the sounds of dollars dropping.

NU President Dennis Smith told the regents during their monthly meeting the project would be funded completely by private donations.

"We're not intending to use state sources or tuition money to fund this," Smith said.

The university's Athletic Department will have to raise \$10.6 million to contribute to the project.

Construction of the baseball stadium, which will include walkways and skywalks connecting it to neighboring city campus and the Haymarket, will cost about \$12.25 million.

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NU president

UNL will use \$3 million of its contribution to build a 2,500-seat softball stadium for the women's softball team.

The 4,500- to 5,000-seat baseball stadium also will include a \$200,000 practice field next to it.

Lincoln Regent Charles Wilson said he supported the project but wanted to make sure people understood where the money to build the project was coming from.

"I understand the concern that at the same time we're making cuts we're talking about a \$25 million baseball stadium," Wilson said. "I think it's very important to emphasize that money will not be drawn from academic programs."

Smith said a specific group of donors was interested in investing in

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Board backs education plan

BY KIMBERLY SWEET
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With the cooperation of state boards of education, students will be more prepared for college and teachers will be better able to prepare them.

At least that's what the NU Board of Regents and the State Board of Education hope will come out of a new initiative that seeks to give leaders of educational institutions — from preschools to colleges — insight into education.

After meeting with the State Board of Education on Friday, the regents voted 7-0 to support the Nebraska P-16 initiative.

The initiative provides guides to state executive and governing bodies of public and private institutions through research, evaluation and communication.

One of the goals of the initiative

is to graduate and admit into college students who meet rigorous academic standards.

The second goal is to evaluate teacher preparation programs in colleges to ensure that new teachers are prepared to provide students with a rigorous academic environment.

NU President Dennis Smith, also a member of the National Association of System Heads K-16 Network, said he supports the initiative.

Smith said the quality of the teacher is usually the overriding factor that determines a student's success.

"The data shows that very bright students with low-performing teachers essentially never recover," Smith said. "Poor students with high-performing teachers excel and continue successfully from there on."

The initiative would make

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