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Former NU Football Coach-turned candidate for congress, Tom Osborne, addresses a crowd Sunday from a train in Columbus. Osborne is pictured with his wife, Nancy, and Jim Pillel, who works for the campaign.



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## Osborne train tour stresses ag issues

BY BRIAN CARLSON

COLUMBUS - Tom Osborne said he is running for Congress in Nebraska's 3rd district because, with its agricultural economy struggling mightily, it is where his efforts can do the most good.

"This is where the greatest challenge in the state of Nebraska is," Osborne told a crowd of several hundred on Sunday.

Osborne, the former Nebraska football coach who won three national titles with the Cornhuskers, joined his opponents, Democrat Rollie

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Reynolds and Libertarian Jerry Hickman, in a political forum at a downtown park.

Osborne appeared at the forum after making a whistle-stop tour of Platte County earlier Sunday. He spoke at three rallies from the back of a caboose, drawing crowds of as many as 400 people, his campaign manager Bruce Rieker said.

The sprawling 3rd district begins at the western border of Nebraska, covers the central portion of the state and ends

about 40 miles west of Lincoln.

With 75 percent of Nebraska's counties ranked among the nation's poorest 25 percent of counties, and farm commodity prices dropping precariously low, the district faces serious problems, Osborne said.

"But I don't look at the glass as being totally empty," he said.

Osborne said the agricultural economy should unite behind a common agenda to lobby Congress most effectively for change.

The federal government

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### Big Red Bungee

Senior Justin Clark, left, and junior Bill Garvey compete for distance while tied to a bungee cord at Big Red Welcome on Sunday night. The Residence Hall Association sponsored the game for students gathered along R Street for the annual event held from 6-8 p.m. Hundreds of students, young and old, perused the booths of student organizations recruiting members and commercial establishments hocking their wares - albeit most people were out to fill their bags chock full of free gear. The yearly event was expanded from a one-night soiree and information fair to an all-weekend extravaganza celebrating the new school year and introducing students to the university. The weather was a special treat for students and organizers in attendance, as highs for the day reached into the low-80s. Even more of a treat, some said, were the free hot dogs, pizza and cola handed out.

## Case of the freshman blues got you down? There's hope

New students can suffer from anxiety their first year away from home, but experts say getting involved on campus and opening up can help

BY MARGARET BEHM

You've spent 18 years living at home, and you think you're sick of it. Then you finally go to college, and suddenly you're homesick.

Marty Ramirez, a counselor at the University Health Center, said being homesick is nothing to panic about.

"Homesickness is normal," he said. "When you have people coming to UNL, it's a big adjustment, especially for freshman."

Ina Lühring, a complex program director for Housing, said students see a shift in their lifestyles when they go to college.

"There's nobody here to look over their shoulder and say, 'You need to be doing this,'" she said. "It's a whole new way of life, so it's an adjustment."

Ramirez said students also may come from small towns where they felt comfortable.

"For many students, they were the big fish in the little pond," he said. "But they come to UNL, and they find people brighter, more athletic or more pretty than them. So university life is a big adjustment."

Ramirez said it's important for students to deal with their feelings right away because

they can get in the way of classes.

"Don't be afraid to let others know you're feeling bad," he said. "The demands of the academic world are high. So if you're coping with stress issues too, watch out."

Services are available for students at the Counseling and Psychological Services at the University Health Center. The first three sessions are free for students.

Lühring said that students who live in residence halls can always turn to their residence assistants for help with academic or personal problems.

"RAs are there to help students work through the transition from high school to college and to make this their new home," she said.

Students who are homesick are overwhelmed and want to return home to where they feel secure, Ramirez said. They can help their situations by not going home the first few weekends of school, he said.

"On the Friday evening of the week of the 21st, you'll see a mass exit of people heading home," he said. "Don't go home that first weekend. You'll find yourself going home every weekend."

Students also should limit phone calls home to once or twice a week, Ramirez said. If they start feeling really sad, they should write home, he said.

Homesick students should remember to take care of themselves, Ramirez said. They need to establish regular routines of eating, sleeping and going to class.



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Experts say one way to beat freshman year-homesickness is to get involved on campus. Junior Ronnie Rothe encourages students at Sunday's Big Red Welcome to join the Campus Life Christian organization. Hundreds of students attended the get-involved festival.

It's important that students also plan time for social activities, Ramirez said. They have to replace the familiarities they're used to with new skills, interests and people.

"It often amazes me when I hear about all kinds of students who stay in their rooms," he said. "You've got to get out and meet peo-

## Interim leader draws ovation

Perلمان is the first-ever chancellor to answer questions in a State of the University Address.

BY VERONICA DAEHN

What began in July as a new leadership position continued at the Lied Center on Friday morning with a standing ovation.

Interim Chancellor Harvey Perlman finished his State of the University address by breaking from tradition and answering questions from the audience.

Perlman was the first chancellor to ever open himself for questions after the speech.

Afterward, those in attendance rose to applaud the new chancellor for his 25 years of service at the university. Perlman, who was a law professor before the chancellor appointment, was the dean of the NU College of Law from 1983 to 1998.

Despite the audience's enthusiasm for Perlman's upbeat speech, the interim chancellor acknowledged he had challenges ahead because of key leadership positions at the university that remain empty.

"It is a fact of modern university life that administrators come and go," he said. "But faculty and staff are the true source of stability, energy and insight within a university."

Perlman urged the university community to help him move the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

forward, despite the loss of top-level administrators, including James Moeser, who left UNL to become chancellor at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

"A great university emerges not from the offices of chancellors and deans but from the daily commitment to excellence by faculty, students and staff," he said.

UNL has things important to its future happening, Perlman said.

The Kauffman Center, which will house the J.D. Edwards honors program, is nearing completion.

And the Othmer endowment, now nearing \$140 million, will allow the university to hire a more experienced faculty and enhance programs of study, he said.

"The trend for the university - the forward momentum - is unmistakable," Perlman said.

Joel Schafer, president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, said he was pleased with Perlman's address.

"He understands some of the problems facing the university very well," Schafer said. "Times are tight with budgetary restraints, and there are tough issues, emotional issues, for a lot of people on campus."

Perlman said the agenda for this year must continue to build on the existing momentum.

He noted two task force reports that "provide a blueprint

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## Stenberg: I'm part of team; Nelson: I'm independent

BY JILL ZEMAN

U.S. Senate candidates Don Stenberg and Ben Nelson further distanced themselves from each other Thursday when the two participated in a televised debate sponsored by the Nebraska Broadcasters Association.

Stenberg, the state's attorney general, and Nelson, former governor, both used their political experience as leverage in the debate.

Stenberg aligned himself with fellow Republicans George W. Bush and Sen. Chuck Hagel, which he deemed the "Bush-Hagel-Stenberg" team.

Nelson, a Democrat, took an opposing stance and continually emphasized his theme, "Partnership, not partisanship."

"I don't want to have to make a conference call with my team so I can decide how to vote," Nelson said. "Nebraska needs someone to reach out beyond party lines, rather than hide behind them."

The candidates are vying for the position being vacated by Sen. Bob Kerrey, who is the lone Democrat representing the state.

Stenberg said he thought it was important for Nebraska's sen-

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ators and representatives to work together to benefit the state.

"To me, it doesn't make any sense to send a senator to Washington who will cancel out Chuck Hagel's vote," Stenberg said.

The two remained divided on many issues but clearly expressed their differences in regards to Social Security benefits.

Stenberg said he supported a plan that would allow younger workers to invest a portion of their payroll taxes in private investments.

Currently Social Security earns about two percent interest, but other investments could earn a greater amount of interest, Stenberg said.

Nelson strongly opposed Stenberg's plan and said he supported a "lock box" system for Social Security, a system which could be accessed only for Social Security benefits.

The candidates briefly agreed on one issue: prescription drugs

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