

# Professor: Reach outside of your world

■ The speaker is involved in an exchange with predominantly black Alcorn State.

BY GEORGE GREEN

Professor Robert Butler told an audience Thursday that it is important to break out of their security cocoons.

Butler, a professor from Alcorn State University, which has an exchange program with UNL, spoke of his time in Lincoln.

In his address titled "Out from the Cocoon: An Exchange Faculty's First Impressions," Butler spoke about the feelings of J. Alfred Prufrock in T.S. Elliot's poem, "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock."

In the poem, Prufrock feels too secure in his place in society and never leaves or moves around, Butler said.

Butler said that it is important to break out of security cocoons and meet new people.

"You find that everywhere you go, beneath the externals, people are people," he said.

Butler spoke in the Nebraska Union as part of the Scholarship in Society speaker series sponsored by Graduate Studies.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln has a partnership with Alcorn State University, a historically black university in Lorman, Miss., where students and faculty go on semester-long exchanges.

Butler, an English professor, arrived in Lincoln about three weeks ago to teach English classes during the fall semester.

In comparing UNL with his home university, Butler said that Alcorn State has 2,800 students, most of who are black, and is in a rural area.

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school, Butler observed that UNL students are more willing to ask questions and disagree.

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But he said that UNL students were equally polite.

Bill Alcorn, a senior construction management major at UNL, spent last spring at Alcorn State with the exchange program and liked the university.

Alcorn said he enjoyed the smaller campus because he saw people more frequently, which helped him establish relationships.

"Southern hospitality is a true thing. Southern people are very friendly," he said.

Billy Booth, a senior biochemistry major at Alcorn State, is at UNL this semester for the program.

He said that he appreciated the research opportunities available at UNL.

Booth also agreed with Butler about people being the same.

"People are people, that is the constant. Wherever you go you will find the good and the bad," Booth said.

## Law and Order

### Teens caught with beer in complex parking lot

Two teen-age non-students were caught with beer in a Harper/Schramm/Smith complex parking lot Wednesday night.

About 11:30 a Community Service Officer saw the two men standing near the back of a car loading beer cans into a T-shirt, University Police Assistant Chief Mylo Bushing said.

When an officer arrived, 18-year-old Spencer Mayer of Hebron admitted that he had beer in his car and offered to open the trunk.

University Police found three cans of beer wrapped in a shirt and another 13 in a box. Then Mayer volunteered he also had some vodka in a gym bag.

Police seized the alcohol and cited Mayer and his companion, Roland Silva, 18, of Seward, for

being minors in possession of alcohol.

### Police arrest man caught sleeping in stolen car

Lincoln Police arrested a man Tuesday sleeping in a car he had allegedly stolen from Eppley Airfield in Omaha.

Someone reported that there was a man sleeping in the back of a running car parked along P Street between 14th Street and Centennial Mall at 12:20 p.m., Lincoln Police Sgt. Todd Beam said.

When police contacted Troy Starks III in the back of the white 2000 Ford Explorer, he lied about his name and said he had just moved to the state, Beam said.

Starks, 18, was arrested for car theft and providing false information.

Compiled by Josh Funk

# Police prepare for influx of gameday traffic

BY JOSH FUNK

Police are once again preparing for the downtown congestion that accompanies every Nebraska home football game.

By taking a few simple precautions, such as arriving early, parking legally and locking their cars, fans can avoid most gameday problems.

"For the first game of the year we usually tow 100 to 150 cars for doing things they are not supposed to be doing," Lincoln Police Capt. Joy Citta said.

Fans must park in legal, marked spaces or risk towing. Tenth and Charleston streets

will serve as the fan drop-off and pick-up point. No one will be allowed to drive on Stadium Drive.

Police recommend arriving early and parking in a downtown parking garage, several of which are within four blocks of the stadium.

Citta said the downtown arterial roads are expected to be clogged with the Big Red faithful by 10 a.m. for Saturday's 11:30 a.m. game against San Jose State.

Fans also should work to make themselves and their cars less attractive targets for theft.

Citta said fans should lock their cars and make sure any valuables are removed or at least

out of sight.

Alcohol is not allowed on any public property, which includes the stadium and state and city parking lots. It is also illegal to consume alcohol on city sidewalks and streets.

Another parking option for fans who do not want to deal with downtown traffic is to park in a satellite lot and ride the \$2 shuttle, which starts 45 minutes before kickoff.

There are seven satellite lots around Lincoln: Holmes Lake, 70th Street and Normal Boulevard; Southeast Community College, 88th and O streets; State Department of Roads, 14th and Burnham streets; Super Kmart, 27th Street

and Cornhusker Highway; Sam's Club, 27th and Superior streets; Gateway Mall, 61st and O streets; and South Pointe Pavilion, 27th Street and Pine Lake Road.

After the game, police will change the direction of three downtown streets to help the crowd disperse.

Tenth Street will be one-way northbound from Military Avenue to Sun Valley Boulevard.

Fourteenth Street will be one-way northbound from Avery Street to Cornhusker Highway.

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# U.S. begs for release of hostage who is ill

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines — An American held by Muslim rebels in a southern Philippine jungle is seriously ill, U.S. officials said Thursday. They appealed for his immediate release on humanitarian grounds.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Thomas Skipper said U.S. government officials learned from the family of Jeffrey Schilling that he had serious medical problems and needed regular prescription medicine.

"From a humanitarian standpoint, he should be released as soon as possible," Skipper said. He said he did not know the nature of Schilling's condition.

Abu Sayyaf guerrillas announced Tuesday they had abducted Schilling, of Oakland, Calif.

They threatened to behead him if the United States rejected their demands, including the release of several Arab terrorists in American jails.

The group, which says it is fighting for a separate Islamic state in the impoverished southern Philippines, still holds 18 other hostages on southern Jolo Island.

It released six Westerners earlier this week for what negotiators said was \$6 million paid by Libya.

Philippine negotiators said they would send an envoy to an Abu Sayyaf camp Friday to try to arrange the release this weekend of six more Westerners, including two French television journalists.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the U.S. was not interested in bringing in a third country to help mediate Schilling's release and repeated the government's hard-line stance against giving in to terrorist demands.

"The government of the Philippines is in charge of the effort. We are certainly willing to see negotiations by the government of the Philippines, but I

think our policies on concessions and ransom and those sorts of things are well known," Boucher said.

Shilling is held by a different Abu Sayyaf faction — the same one that was responsible for the kidnapping of about 50 schoolchildren and teachers in March on neighboring Basilan Island. The group beheaded two teachers after the United States ignored its demand for the release of Arab terrorists.

The Philippine government, embarrassed by the kidnappings, is considering a tougher approach.

"This thing has become a revolving door. There are hostages coming in and hostages getting out," Defense Secretary Orlando Mercado said. "I think one of these days we should close that door."

The Abu Sayyaf said earlier that they were willing to begin negotiations with U.S. Embassy officials as early as Thursday for Schilling's release. They demanded that representatives of North Korea, China, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Libya take part — which Mercado called "really out of this world."

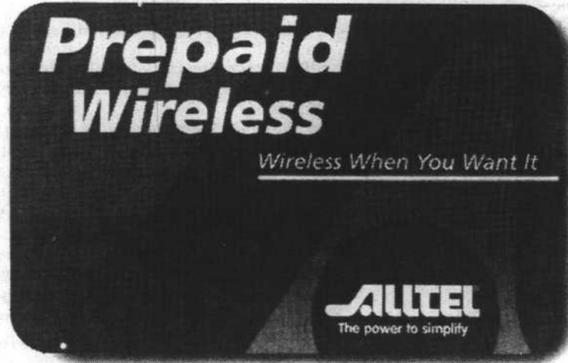
Philippine officials said they would try to negotiate before they resorted to military action. They said talks were unlikely to involve a third country, apparently referring to Libya, which played a prominent role in the release of the other hostages.

The U.S. State Department has ruled out paying ransom and any deals with the rebels. Skipper said the policy "does not preclude us from negotiating ... What we can offer I'm not really certain."

Shilling's mother, Carol, called local radio station DXRZ from Oakland and appealed to the rebels to release her son and give her a chance to talk to him.

"I would really very much like him to be released and returned home to me safely," she said. "My son is very important to me."

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