

Spade show may lose money

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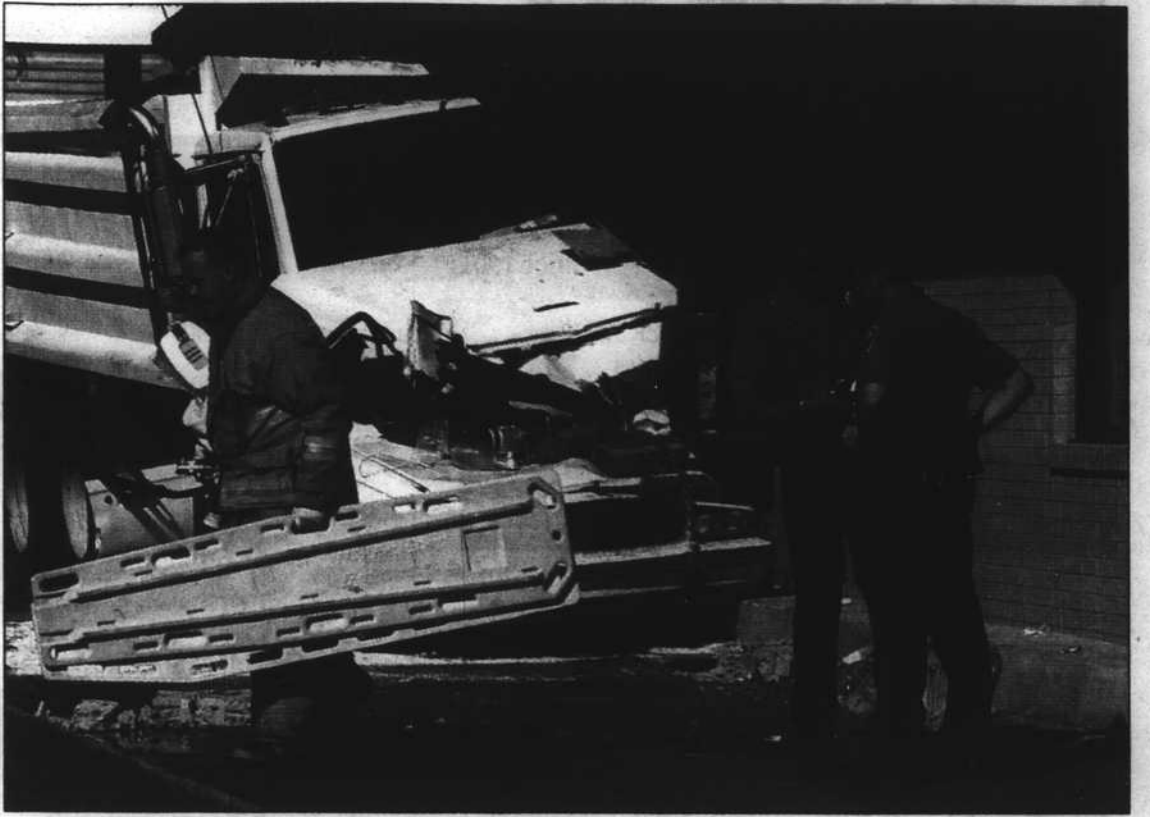
tickets. The public can buy tickets through TicketMaster for \$16.75 by calling (402) 475-1212. Jill Braband, ASUN Homecoming Committee co-chairwoman, said the ticket price is the lowest that could be charged to allow the sponsors to make money or at least break even. "We would have loved to have the event be free, but we couldn't because he is a pricier person to bring in," she said. "The price we based the tickets on was the lowest cost for students and the public that will hopefully allow us to break even." Marlene Beyke, director of development for student govern-

ment, said a well-known performer like David Spade is what students have been asking for. "Of course it's a lofty goal, but we think students are wanting major entertainment in Nebraska," she said. "So we're looking for them to attend the performance." Posters, local television, newspapers and radio have carried advertisements, Beyke said. Wills said because student response to the tickets has been paltry, advertising will be concentrated off-campus at local high schools, restaurants and bars. Braband said even though there are a lot of tickets left, she thinks that everything will work out. "I'm optimistic because of student interest," she said. "There

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has been publicity. I think the word will spread." If advertising does not help ticket sales, ASUN has a contingency fund in its Homecoming budget. Beyke would not comment on whether the fund could cover any loss from the event.



Lincoln police officers work on reports while a Lincoln firefighter puts away backboards after one of the two victims was pronounced dead Thursday. *Scott McClurg/DN*

Osborne dismayed by George article

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The article painted Hastings and Nebraska as poor and struggling, when in fact the communities are doing quite well, he said. Nebraska Republican party members agree that Osborne was misled by Platt and unfairly portrayed in his article. Ben Kiser, executive director for the Nebraska Republican Party, said he didn't read the

article but said it sounded "ridiculous." Nebraskans in the 3rd District know Osborne is honest, and he receives incredible support, Kiser said. "Nebraskans find him to be honorable and a man of integrity," he said. Loyal Republicans are not the only people backing Osborne regarding the article. Anne Boyle, chairwoman of the Nebraska Democratic Party, said the article did not accurately

ly portray Osborne. Despite partisan differences, Boyle said, she believes Osborne is a father figure to many Nebraskans. "He truly cares about the young people he works with," she said. Beyond the controversy, Osborne said getting misrepresented is sometimes just part of being under the public spotlight. "You take your hits when there is no way to duck," he said.

Burger King accident kills 1

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police cleared the wreckage. Lincoln Police Capt. Al Soukup said police were unable to determine what caused the dump truck's driver to lose control. The dump truck was esti-

No damage estimates were available Thursday, though both the Buick and the Honda were totaled. Firefighters also had to contend with a sizable diesel-fuel spill from the truck.

mated to weigh 10 tons when empty and as much as 25 tons when loaded. Company officials told The Associated Press the truck was loaded with dirt from a construction site at the time of the accident.

Yugoslav students warn newest leaders

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia - Now that Slobodan Milosevic has been ousted, the youthful activists who were the soul of the pro-democracy movement that swept him away have a message to Yugoslavia's new leaders: "We're watching you." That is hardly an idle threat, coming from a student movement which Milosevic's loyalists were never able to subdue despite often-severe repression. "Milosevic's removal was just the first step," explains 23-year-old Teodora Smiljkovic. "The job that still lies ahead is great. People's minds need to change." Otpor, which means "resistance" in Serbian, knows the price of struggling for its beliefs. More than any other group, Otpor activists took the brunt of the regime's repression in the pro-democracy movement that led to Milosevic's defeat in Sept. 24 elections. About 9,600 Otpor activists have been arrested by police in the past year, spending some 26,000 hours in jail. Many of them were beaten. When Sept. 24 elections were scheduled, Otpor launched a campaign to encourage Serbs to vote against Milosevic, telling them, "He is finished." The phrase became the motto of the pro-democracy movement. "We have become the heart and soul of the Serbian people," said one leader, Pedja Lecic. Lecic has a point: Thousands of people have flocked to group's offices after police returned two tons of the group's prized memorabilia. Even the police pilfered some of the items, returning only 32 of the 600 T-shirts seized in pre-election raids. Otpor's clenched fist symbol can be seen on buildings, signs and shop windows everywhere. Though it had thousands of

members, Otpor's strength lay in its reach: The loose-knit organization had chapters even in the tiniest villages around the country. Otpor gained attention with colorful publicity stunts intended to make ordinary people reconsider longtime political beliefs. They inspired optimism in a nation almost without hope for its future. The group, which once erected a giant cardboard telescope in Belgrade to let people watch the falling star "Slobotea" and offered people a chance to punch a Milosevic effigy for a penny, says it won't give up its antics and wants to make sure the new government stays on track. "We are warning those who came where the communists used to be, to rule honorably," Lecic said. "The whole system has to change." First on their agenda is a reform of Belgrade University, Yugoslavia's premier institution of higher learning, which was virtually purged of professors who didn't support the old regime. Otpor plans to file criminal charges against Milosevic and other officials who tried to rig last month's elections. A lawyer will take up residence in Otpor's Belgrade offices to take evidence and testimonies from ordinary people on corruption and crime. At the same time, Otpor is preparing an action dubbed "Resistance bulldozer" - a reference to the Oct. 5 uprising when the demonstrators stormed state institutions on a bulldozer, and took over power.

'Incubator' gives space, support

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mistakes of others, Henderson said. "The Technology Development Center creates a win-win situation for the university," Frayser said. The goal of the center is to assist new technology companies and in turn strengthen the economy and provide greater opportunities for Nebraskans. The center can help retain faculty and give students employment opportunities, Frayser said. "Faculty are less likely to leave the state if they have a business here," he said. "When a student graduates we want them to know there is a tech park and employment opportunities in Lincoln," Henderson said. "Hopefully we can keep them here instead of having them leave for Denver or Chicago."

Full corn recall may be impossible

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - Genetically engineered corn linked to a nationwide recall of taco shells may have spread further than expected into the human food supply. The grain's developer said Thursday it was uncertain of ever retrieving the entire crop. The corn was not approved for human consumption but some of it was mixed with other grains and sold to food processors. About 9 million bushels, or about 10 percent of this year's crop, have not been accounted for, said officials with Aventis CropScience, which developed the grain. "Obviously, we're going to do everything we can to try and track it down. With 100 percent absolute certainty it's hard to know" whether the missing corn will be found, Aventis spokesman Rick Rountree said. The corn, known as StarLink, was approved only for animal feed or industrial uses because scientists were unsure about its potential to cause allergic reactions. Federal officials say the health risk is remote. "The vast majority of this corn

is controlled," said Susan McAvo, a spokeswoman for the Agriculture Department. "We're working with Aventis and vigorously attempting to locate the remainder." Aventis has canceled its government license to market the crop and agreed to reimburse the Agriculture Department for the cost of buying up all of this year's harvest. The corn found in taco shells was traced to a single mill in Texas. Aventis has since tracked StarLink to a variety of locations. Among the corn products in grocery stores are taco shells, corn chips, and breakfast cereals. Aventis' inability to track the corn has left food processors up in the air, said Gene Grabowski, a spokesman for the Grocery Manufacturers of America. "Everyone understands that con-

sumer sensitivity on this issue is highly important even if there is no evidence of harm," he said. Mills nationwide have started testing both incoming corn and unshipped flour for signs of Starlink, said Betsy Faga, president of the North American Millers Association. She was unaware of any positive tests. Archer Daniels Midland Co., a leading grain handler and processor, started testing deliveries at its elevators a week ago and has turned away "a handful of trucks out of hundreds," said company spokesman Larry Cunningham. Aventis was required by the Environmental Protection Agency to make sure that farmers did not sell the corn for food use. Company officials now acknowledge that some farmers either were not told of the restriction or forgot about it.

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