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## Cornhuskin' storms in again

By Allison Carter

Once the rain dissipated, the evening events for Cornhuskin' 1996 got underway. Shannon MacFarlane and Sara Muse, MRA Cornhuskin' co-chairs, asked the class of 2000 and all of their 2000 Maniacs to lead the student body into the amphitheater.

Once the freshman had found their seats, the Disco Dancin' sophomores danced their way to the song "YMCA" as they entered the theater. The juniors marched and cheered their way down the steps as they shouted "3-2-1 We're Back in the Ballgame."

The seniors followed moments later, lighting the way as if the steps were an airport runway. It was their way to let the rest of the students know that it was "time for them to fly."

The five judges were as follows: Chrissie Bumgardner, Director of First Year Experience; Dean Sharon Cannon, Dean of Students; Amy Avery, Career Center counselor; Lisa Pace, class of '84; and Betsy Morrison, class of '77.

Once the judges introduced themselves, the events began. Cornshuckin' and apple bobbin'

brought loud cries of encouragement for each class representative and the faculty representatives.

Dr. Lyn Aubrecht, psychology department, shucked some corn as Dr. Carolyn Happer, history department, donned her swimming cap prior to bobbin' for apples. Students cheered Dr. Happer on as she retrieved the last of the remaining apples in her tub.

The 1998 Bathtub Ring, sponsored by the PHI'S, entertained the crowd with a few of their favorite songs such as "Have Mercy," "Rocky Top," "Seven Bridges Road," and ending with "Mountain Dew."

Each class presented their skit, followed by Hog Callin', and then Tall Tale. The sophomore class was disqualified from Tall Tale because they ran over the three minute time limit.

After all acting skits were performed, the freshmen class started off the songs category. Unlike last year, the rain did not wash any song sheets away or drown out the words.

WINGS performed a take-off of the popular soap opera "Days of our Lives" when they See **CORNHUSKIN'**, page 4

## Stalking of students a growing campus problem

By Tory Hoke

A stalking victim can change her phone number, her vehicle, her daily routine and even her place of residence, but most people do not have the resources to change their places of employment and education. Thus the college a person attends can become the home base for a stalker's attention.

A 1990 FBI release estimates 1 in 20 American women will be stalked in their lives - about 200,000 victims per year - and 30% of all homicides of females are committed by a victim's current or former husband or boyfriend.

Stalking became a national concern with the 1989 shooting death of "My Sister Sam" actress Rebecca Schaeffer at the hands of obsessed fan Robert John Bardo. California, the site of this murder, became the first state to establish anti-stalking laws in 1990. Twenty-nine states had similar laws by 1992, and the rest within three years. Although Schaeffer did not know her assailant, experts estimate 75%-80% of all stalkings are domestic - the stalker is an intimate of the victim. According to the Cornell Women's handbook, "stalkers are likely to be someone that we know, and stalking is much more than just being followed."

Often there is little a stalking victim can do on her own to end the stalking. According to a report by Clinton Van Zandt, head of Van Zandt & Associates, a major crisis management and corporate security consulting company centered in Virginia, the stalker "believes that all he has to do is pursue her a little harder, a little further, and she will give in to him. 'I can make her love me' [Van Zandt's emphasis] becomes the stalker's goal and obsession." The report goes on to say that the simple obsessional individual, one with a prior relationship to the victim, may say 'If I couldn't have her, no one was going to have her.' Police departments and security offices all over the world have heard this type of irrational reasoning used to justify the stalking and eventual assault upon a victim by her obsessed pursuer.

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Seniors wait inside the Park Center for the weather to clear up so the Cornhuskin' parade can begin.

## Area schools look at drinking problems

By Carey Gore

It's a scene we all know well, as well as one we come to expect while trudging by tailgaters en route to the football games. After all, what's a tailgate party with the works without a cooler full of beer? Or any party, for that matter? A large majority of college students would be quick to answer that question with a resounding "not much!"

According to last Sunday's News and Observer, officials at NC State, Duke, and Carolina trying to crack down on the "alcohol-soaked campuses" are finding the task rather difficult. Many agree that the trend, which once encompassed mainly college-age students, has become worse driven by the number of high school students who consume in excess.

NCSU freshmen Anita Reed and Jamie Rencher agree that high-school alcoholism is becoming an increasing problem.

"A lot of my friends' parents didn't care if they drank as long as they did it at home," said Reed. "They would buy it for them most of the time. One of my friends convinced her dad to rent a keg for her 16th birthday party."

Rencher nods in agreement as both girls laugh.

"Seriously, though" said Rencher, smiling. "About 15 to 20 percent of our senior class were alcoholics."

Dan Spence, a 1988 Carolina graduate, had his first taste of alcohol during his freshman orientation.

"My O.C. (Orientation Counselor) took us

on something he called "The Fishbowl Crawl," he said. "We had to order and consume one drink at every bar on Franklin Street. After about the ninth bar I got separated from my group and had to somehow find my way back to my dorm. I can't remember being sicker than I was that night in my entire life."

Measures have therefore been passed to try and curb these "introduction procedures." Duke has delayed its rush for both fraternities and sororities until next spring, and this year's freshman class was relocated to East campus, which has a reputation for being "dry." Carolina's rush was shortened by a week at the request of the chancellor, who also increased campus police patrollers. Other attempts at strengthening drinking policies at both schools include the banning of kegs and enforcing B.Y.O.B. rules so that students can not be held responsible for distributing alcohol.

Recent crackdowns are believed to be a direct result of last May's Phi Gamma Delta fire in Chapel Hill that claimed the lives of five teenagers.

"One of the girls that died was a classmate of mine. But alcohol and fraternities go hand in hand. I just don't see how they're going to enforce these policies. They can't be everywhere, and just because people get caught doesn't mean they're going to stop" said UNC-CH senior Leigh Krolczeik.

Meredith, with its bone-dry campus policy, has had very few problems enforcing its alco-

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