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FOOTBALL PREGAME

10/20/01

WELCOME:

Good afternoon! I am John Owens, and it is my good fortune to be Vice President and Vice Chancellor of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Chancellor Harvey Perlman certainly regrets that he cannot be present at today's pregame reception. His daughter is being recognized at Ak-Sar-Ben in Omaha, and he's celebrating this very special occasion with his family.

And speaking of family, I would like to introduce my wife, Dr. Virginia Owens. This probably is the right time for me to confess that both Virginia and I are graduates of Texas Tech. Now, we want everyone to know that "alumni loyalty" can go just so far ... and we always CHEER for the Huskers! HOMECOMING QUEEN!

This afternoon's program is intentionally brief and is intended to provide you with an "inside report" on tonight's football game with Texas Tech and also to provide you some insight about one of our key-academic programs. Since arriving at the University in January, I've traveled over 15,000 miles across Nebraska getting to know many of our citizens and learning what Nebraskans think about our university and its statewide mission. I've found that Nebraskans truly love the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, and they have high-expectations of our students, our staff, and our faculty. Nebraskans are proud of both our athletic and our academic successes. By my count, UNL fulfills its land-grant university mission and responsibilities better than any other such university in the nation. And it is a privilege for both Virginia and me to be Nebraskans. To quote an adage of which we've both become fond, "we weren't born in Nebraska, but we got here as FAST as we could!"

INTRODUCTIONS:

INTRODUCE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

It's a "special treat" for those of "us" on UNL's faculty and staff to have several "outstanding" high school students here today from Nebraska "with" their parents and guests. Would "you" Nebraska high school students please stand and be recognized?

INTRODUCE BILL BYRNE:

~~Now,~~ for a "scouting-report" on Texas Tech, let me introduce one of the nation's "most-successful" and innovative Directors of Intercollegiate Athletics, Bill Byrne.

INTRODUCTION TO VIDEO:

We all have so much to be proud of at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with programs that touch the people of Nebraska, not only on this campus in Lincoln, but also in each of Nebraska's 93 counties. Indeed, many of UNL's programs reach across the globe. Today, we want to share with you a brief video presentation spotlighting a sample of the people and the programs that make UNL unique. Watch and listen, I think you'll agree, "There is no place like Nebraska."

INTRODUCE SHARON EVANS:

Dr. Sharon Evans is an Associate Professor in the Department of Educational Psychology. She received her Ph.D. in Biomechanics from Michigan State University, and she joined the UNL faculty in 1988. Dr. Evans is an expert on the physics of human movement, and she will be talking about her work in clinical biomechanics in the Institute for Rehabilitation Science and Engineering, which has been facilitated through a partnership agreement between UNL and Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital.

Thanks Dr. EVANS!

CONCLUSION:

Thank you so much for joining us this afternoon. Please feel free to remain here as long as you like and visit with your friends and associates. Go Big Red!