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Goals galore

The Nebraska women's soccer team racked up 18 goals in two victories this weekend to improve to 6-2 for the season. **PAGE 10**



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More Pleasant-ness

Singer/songwriter Wally Pleasant returns to Lincoln with more lyrical satire and acoustic-based wit. **PAGE 12**

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Seeing red



BRIAN ROTE, left, a junior business administration major, roars intensely as the Cornhuskers take the field at Memorial Stadium for Saturday's football game against the University of Washington. Rote and some other members of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity painted their faces and chests in a show of Husker spirit.

MATT MILLER/DN

States on guard against terrorism

By **TODD ANDERSON**
Senior staff writer

When it comes to securing protection from terrorist attack, Americans can breathe easy knowing a bevy of local, state and federal agencies has been recruited to maintain security in the United States.

But for the city of Lincoln, that means coordinating the activities of more than 10 federal, state and local agencies that all have a role in defending the country against deadly biological and nuclear weapons.

Responding to a recognized security risk, Congress passed the Defense Against Weapons of Mass Destruction Act of 1996, which autho-

rized the Department of Defense to train the first responders nationwide how to respond to a terrorist attack threatening the population's health and safety.

In 1997 the Chemical/Biological Rapid Response Team sent out groups from its training grounds in Maryland to eight U.S. cities to work directly with police officers, firefighters and health and hospital personnel.

Although Lincoln and Omaha help make up the list of 120 cities the Department of Defense aims to visit, neither has received training, and only Omaha has a training visit scheduled for February 1999.

But the gap in training from Army experts has been filled by regional and state efforts to prevent an attack and prepare a timely response

to save lives and property.

In 1997 Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa worked together to train specialists in how to handle weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear and biological weapons.

And in 1996, a commission appointed by Gov. Ben Nelson was given the task of putting together a plan to work with Nebraska's communities.

War at home

According to a 1997 FBI report, the number of domestic attacks, such as the Oklahoma City bombing of 1995, and international terrorist

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Award named for professor's contribution

By **KIM SWEET**
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Retired UNL English Professor Louis Crompton remembers very clearly another "coming out" besides his own.

Standing in front of an audience that packed a small room and the adjacent hallway in December 1973, Crompton gave his historic presentation entitled "Gay Literature" at the annual meeting of the Modern Language Association.

The speech prompted the audience to form the gay and lesbian caucus of the MLA.

That historic event led the association to give an award annually in the name of Crompton and co-founder, Professor Dolores Noll. The national award, which is in its 19th year, is given to the writer of the best essay in lesbian and gay studies.

"The award is for essays that graduate students would be writing for a scholastic journal," Crompton said.

The professor emeritus said he gave his presentation after attending a past annual meeting and seeing among the topics a gap that needed to be filled.

"I didn't know anyone else who was interested in gay literature at that time," Crompton said.

"I didn't know a single other gay or lesbian teacher at that time."

But after the professor gave his speech in the crowded room, it was obvious Crompton was not alone in his interest. Those who attended the speech were ready to form, Crompton said.

"It was obvious that I pushed a button," Crompton said. "It took practically no effort to attract a large number of people to get organized."

Though it was easy to form the group within the MLA, bringing gay literature and history

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Validity of state probe questioned

■ Tribes ask for a federal inquiry into the university's handling of American Indian remains.

By **LINDSAY YOUNG**
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Tribal representatives discussed Friday their request for a federal investigation into whether UNL researchers violated an act protecting American Indian remains.

The group finished its two-day meeting at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln by discussing investigations and reburial procedures and planning a training session on the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990.

The group was formed at the request of UNL to discuss details of the repatriation of about 1,700 remains.

Chancellor James Moeser signed an agreement Sept. 1 stating the university would return affiliated and unaffiliated remains.

The State Patrol and a university-hired attorney have separate investigations under way to determine whether the university violated NAGPRA.

Randy Thomas, co-founder of Grassroots NAGPRA in Lincoln, expressed doubt about the validity of a Nebraska State Patrol investigation, citing state connections to people within the university system.

Several tribes have said the university studied and mishandled American Indian remains without tribal permission. That would be a violation of NAGPRA.

The Omaha Tribe of Nebraska updated the group on the progress of preparations for reburial of the remains. The group hopes to have the remains reburied before winter.

The tribe said it would accept about 670 remains not linked to any specific tribe. The remains will be reburied by all tribes involved with the repatriation effort.

A tribal spokesman said the remains would be reburied near Homer, but officials don't know how large to make the site because the amount of space the remains would take up is unknown.

The spokesman said no members of the news media would be allowed on the site and the university would cover costs of reburial.

At the meeting, the group also discussed a five-day training session for tribal representatives.

During the session, the group would review the NAGPRA act of 1990, review regulations and discuss strategy and how to write a repatriation request, said Sebastian LeBeau, the preservation officer for the Cheyenne River Sioux tribe. LeBeau will lead the training next month.

The tribal group will meet again in South Sioux City during the week of training.

Vice Chancellor for Research Priscilla Grew said she was pleased with the progress made at the meeting.

"(The group) resolved a number of issues," she said.

"They've been very helpful."

Tribal leaders ask university for respect in the handling of remains. See page 7.