Manstedt combination

By Bob Hill

Teammates and friends call him "Stead" opposing coaches call him "menace". The combination of these two can lead to only one man Nebraska's senior defensive end. Steve Manstedt.

Nebraska is fortunate it has the talented All-American candidate. "Originally, I had planned to attend

Northern Colorado University. However, a series of misunderstandings brought me to Nebraska," he said.

Manstedt, born and raised in Wahoo, admits he found UNL "a little frightening his freshman year." Residing in a dormitory, he developed "many of the common freshman traits" including an almost nonexistent social life and "the habit of heading straight for home every weekend."

"Recently I've been experiencing difficulty sleeping nights," he said. He added that his insomnia is perplexing since he has "absolutely no worries concerning the forthcoming season."

"This year's fall camp is by far the hottest I've ever experienced. Temperatures reach near 135 degrees with no noticeable wind at all on that Astroturf," he said. "Some days you just wish you had a gun and could end it all right there."

The Huskers are more mentally prepared for UCLA this year, Manstedt said. This year the team knows what to expect, and it will be ready, he said.

Manstedt said he has one goal for the season: bringing the national championship back home to Nebraska.

