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Wesleyan group offers gay support

The rebirth of the two-year-old gay-lesbian support group at Nebraska Wesleyan University is making some people nervous, the group's adviser said.

But most of the community is fairly tolerant, the Rev. Jim Stillman said.

"People have varied reactions," Stillman said. "A number of people are supportive . . . others feel it is absolutely not appropriate."

Interest in the support group has renewed because of new leadership and new enthusiasm, Stillman said.

The group does not advocate homosexuality, Stillman said. But he said that, like all people, homosexuals deserve community and social support.

Stillman said the support group functions as an on-campus organization, meeting Tuesday nights. Those interested in participating, Stillman said, can contact Mary Smith in the English Department, or Stillman, to set up a visitation appointment.

Kodak, UPC present photography seminar

"An Experience in Photography," presentation sponsored by the Eastman Kodak Company at 7 tonight in the Love Library Auditorium is designed to help amateur photographers expand their visual awareness.

Robert Harris, directing photographer for Kodak's multimedia travel productions, will conduct the slide presentation which covers many subjects. Harris' work has been featured in *Popular Photo*graphy and other magazines.

The presentation is part of the University Program Council's Talks and Topics series.

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Off The Wire

National and international news from the Reuter News Report

Probable AIDS cause found, researchers say

WASHINGTON — U.S. researchers announced Monday they had discovered the probable cause of the disease AIDS which has caused panic in the homosexual community and said they could be within two years of developing a cure.

Speaking on behalf of a research team from the government-funded National Institutes of Health, Margaret Heckler, secretary of Health and Human Services, told a news conference, "Today's discovery represents the triumph of science over a dreaded disease." AIDS, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, which leaves its victims open to a series of wasting diseases by affecting their immune systems, attacks hemophiliacs, drug users and recipients of blood transfusions as well as homosexuals.

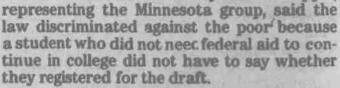
In the United States about 40 percent of the more than 4,000 people afflicted with the disease since its discovery in 1981 have died. Heckler identified the probable cause of the disease as a varient of an unknown human cancer virus called Human T-cell Leukemia Virus (HILV), which attacks human T-cells, an essential element of the immune system.

She said the discovery at the Washingtonbased National Institutes of Health had come at the same time as a similar discovery of an AIDS-causing virus in the Masteur Institute in • France.

Court hears draft-aid case

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court Monday hearda constitutional challenge to the federal government's ruling it would deny federal aid to male university students who fail to register for military conscription. The case was brought by a Minnesota group against a 1983 law which makes men who fail to register for the draft as required by law ineligible for any form of federal aid to higher education.

The Minnesota Public Interest Research Group argued that forcing men to sign a statement that they had registered for the draft as a condition of getting aid forced many to make a choice between self-incrimination, perjury or losing the aid. Protection against self-incrimination is guaranteed by the fifth amendment to the Constitution. Attorney William Keppel,



Libyans to leave before deadline

LONDON - Libyan diplomats ordered to leave their besieged embassy here after the shooting death of a London policewoman said Monday they would remain until a few hours before the expulsion deadline next Sunday. The British government braced for possible reprisals over last night's order expelling them and severing diplomatic relations with Libya. Libyan radio broadcast an editorial warning Libya would strike "painful blows" against Bri-tain in alliance with Irish guerrillas fighting British rule in Northern Ireland. At the embassy in central London, armed police continued a stakeout that began last Tuesday when bullets were sprayed at an anti-Gaddafi protest outside the mission, killing policewoman Yvonne Fletcher, 25, and wounding 10 demonstrators.

Ansel Adams dead at 82

MONTEREY, Calif. — Ansel Adams, one of the world's greatest photographers whose work portrayed the rugged of beauty of the American landscape, died Monday at the age of 82. He spent most of his life building up a giant collection of more than 50,000 negatives of landscape photographs, mostly taken in California. He died of an undisclosed illness in a Monterey hospital after a stay of several weeks.

Director Landis to stand trial

LOS ANGELES — Film director John Landis and two colleagues Monday were ordered to stand trial for the involuntary manslaughter of actor Vic Morrow and two children while shooting *Twilight Zone*. If convicted, Landis, and his colleagues, pilot Dorcey Mingo and the chief of a film special effects crew, Paul Stewart, could each be sentenced to six years imprisonment. Los Angeles Municipal Court Judge Brian Crahan ordered the three to stand trial amid criticism from members of the film industry that an increasing public demand for more spectacular stunts is jeopardizing the lives of film crews.

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