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Weather: Today will be mostly sunny and warmer with a high of 47 (8C). Monday night, partly cloudy and not as cold with a low of 32 (0C). Tuesday, increasing cloudiness, windy and warmer with a high in the mid-50s (13C).

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Fear of flying?

Kansas tailback Robert Mimbs leaps for two yards over several Nebraska defenders in fourth-quarter action of the Huskers' 41-7 victory Saturday in Lincoln. Nebraska is expected to leap into the top spot in the national rankings because of Texas and Washington losses. Story on Page 8.

2 UNL students, Beatrice woman die in weekend accident

By Suzanne Teten
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Two UNL students and one Beatrice woman were killed Saturday morning and five others were injured in a car-pickup crash on U.S. Highway 77 about 1 1/4 miles north of Cortland.

Jane Ortmeier, 21, of Fremont, Nancy Seeman, 21 of West Point and Irene DeRyke, 66, of Beatrice were killed after the 1979 Ford Granada driven by Ortmeier hit a quarter-mile-long patch of ice, skidded and went out of control, hitting broadside a 1973 Chevrolet pickup driven by DeRyke's 69-year-old husband, Francis, said Lt. William Coleman of the Lancaster County Sheriff's Department.

The victims and the five injured people were transported to Lincoln General Hospital by about 25 rescue volunteers from Cortland, Hallam, Clatonia and Lincoln, said David Niemeyer, Cortland fire chief.

As of 5:45 p.m. Sunday, DeRyke was listed in fair condition. Two of the passengers in the Ortmeier car, Rhonda Benne and Maureen Chapman, both 21-year-old UNL students from Fremont, were listed in fair condition at Lincoln General Hospital.

LeAnn Kolbert, 21, of Hastings, was listed in good condition. Kathleen Kehoe, 21, also of Hastings, was listed in critical condition Sunday evening.

Chapman, Benne and DeRyke all have improved since they were admitted. Kehoe's condition has remained critical, according to a hospital spokesperson.

In a Sunday Omaha World-Herald article, Trooper David Morris of the Nebraska State Patrol said troopers found 36 unopened and opened cans of beer inside the young woman's car.

Blood tests have been ordered for both drivers. Trooper Steven Gill said the test results should be available this week.

"We don't think (the alcohol) was the cause of the accident at this point," Gill said.

An investigation may be conducted, he said, depending on the test results.

Gill said the patrol cannot determine how fast Ortmeier was driving because of the extreme icy conditions. Since the road was clear before and after the patch, he said, the young woman didn't expect the ice.

"It just took her by surprise when she hit it," Gill said.

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RHA, Greeks agree on goals

By Kevin McCoy
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Presidents of the UNL Residence Hall Association, Panhellenic Association and Interfraternity Council agree that feuds between fraternity and sorority houses and those who live in residence halls are unnecessary and steps should be taken to alleviate them.

The leaders spoke during an open forum on Greek/residence hall relations at an RHA meeting last week. They said that while relations between hall residents and fraternity and sorority members are improving, better communication and effort by both parties are

needed for relations to continue to improve.

RHA president Dave Edwards said hall residents have complained in the past that fraternities and sororities are elitist and unconcerned about the interests of hall residents, and that they tended to try to dominate the Homecoming committee and student government.

Interfraternity Council president Jim Willett said he thinks open dialogue between the groups is a positive step that might allow them to do things they have not done before.

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Lincoln remembers war dead on Veterans Day

By Kevin Warneke
Daily Nebraskan Senior Reporter

I have cried, pained, and hoped . . . but most of all, I have lived times others would say were best forgotten.

At least someday I will be able to say that I was proud of what I was . . . a soldier.

George L. Skypeck

Few people have experienced what U.S. veterans did when protecting our country for the sake of freedom, said Lt. Col. Robert Robeson at a Veterans Day program Sunday at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Lincoln.

Few have seen a burning corpse or smelled a 20-day-old wound inflicted with gangrene.

But Americans, for more than two centuries, have risked life and limb to protect that which is right, he said.

Robeson, state recruiting and retention manager for the Nebraska Army National Guard, spoke at one of the state's many activities observing remembrance of Veterans Day today.

"We've done our duty, paid our dues," he said. "Some have paid the highest price."

Robeson told of his experiences in Vietnam. Of a comrade who died trying to save a friend.

He told of talking with a 19-year-old soldier about writing and war during a lull in the fighting.

Then fighting resumed and many died. The screams of a soldier badly wounded could be heard over the sounds of war. He was caught in the line of fire, Robeson recalled.

The young soldier said, "He shouldn't have to die alone," Robeson said.

Their two bodies were found, executed at short-range arm-in-arm, Robeson said.

"His sacrifice and heroism I will carry with me until I too do die. It still affects me 15 years later."

Millions of Americans have donned uniforms to serve their country and many have never returned from battles, he said, all to protect our greatest resource: freedom.

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Nick Peterson, a World War I veteran from Lincoln, bows his head in prayer at a Veterans Day service Sunday at the Veterans Administration Medical Center.