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**CORRECTION**

An article in the Oct. 11 Daily Nebraskan incorrectly identified a character in Tartuffe. The character should have been Dorine, played by Missy Thibodeaux. The Daily Nebraskan regrets the error.

**SPORTS**

**Huskers up record against OU**



**MONDAY**



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Mostly cloudy and cooler today. Tomorrow continued clouds and slightly warmer.

## UNL delays tightening of standards for admission

By Susie Arth  
Senior Reporter

Tougher admissions standards for freshmen at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln probably will be postponed until 1997, an official said.

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs at UNL, said the effective date, which was originally 1996, was postponed so that all high school students would have four years to meet the new requirements.

The requirements probably will be introduced to the NU Board of Regents in November, he said. Griesen said university administrators were expecting a decision in December or January.

"I'm not that concerned (with the delay)," he said. "Most high schools are advising their students to meet the requirements even though they haven't been adopted yet."

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## Police caution citizens against phone con artists

By Shelley Biggs  
Senior Reporter

Telephone scam artists operating in Lincoln are impersonating police officers to swindle citizens and local businesses out of money, an official said.

Jeff Hanson, public information coordinator for the Nebraska State Patrol, said investigators were looking into two recent incidents — one in Lincoln and another just outside of Lincoln — in which people were asked to wire money through Western Union for pickup in another state.

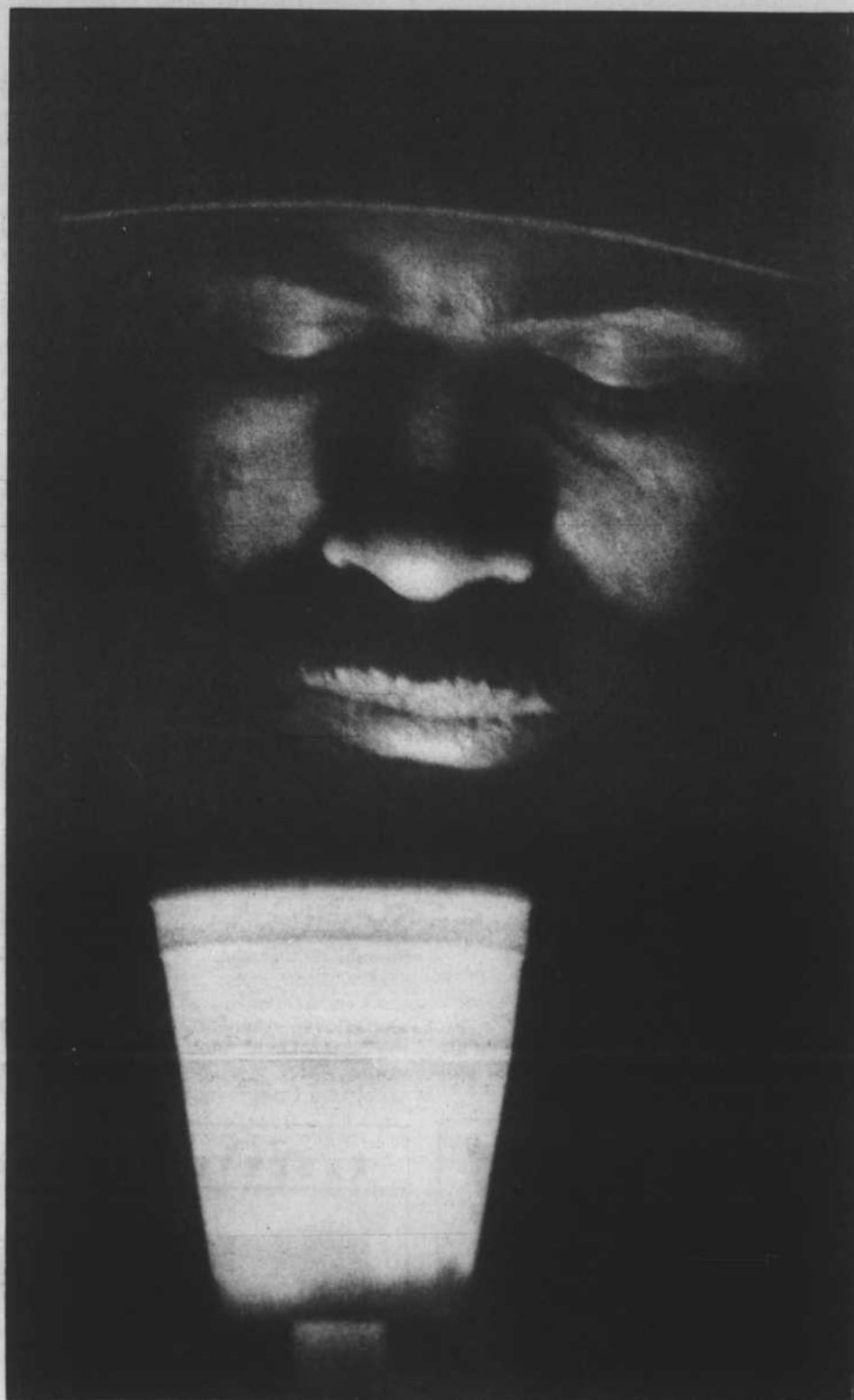
The con artists find out that someone is out of town, Hanson said, and then call the person's co-workers and relatives and say he or she has been in an accident. The con artists say they need money sent right away to release the needed paperwork on the accident, he said.

In a press release warning about the scam, the State Patrol reported that a Lincoln company wired \$250 to the con artists. Company workers had second thoughts and called Western Union within the hour, but the money already had been picked up.

A Western Union official said a person did not need identification to pick up money if a consensual message was given beforehand by the sender and the receiver.

Investigators are sure more than one person is involved in the scam, Hanson said.

The State Patrol wants Nebraskans to know that police officers do not call citizens to ask for money in any emergency, whether it be for bail, medical payment or paperwork, Hanson said.



Al Schaben/DN

Richard Nockai-Diaz, co-chairman of the Gay/Lesbian Coalition for Civil Rights, spends a silent moment in memory of AIDS victims during Friday night's candlelight vigil.

## Memory lane Vigil, walk call attention to AIDS

By Mindy Leiter  
Staff Reporter

About 40 people attended a candlelight vigil and walk Friday night to show their commitment to HIV awareness and to remember those who have died of AIDS.

Participants met at 12th and O streets and marched to the north side of the State Cap-

itol.

The fifth annual walk and vigil, sponsored by the Minority Aids Education Task Force, was a symbolic act to affirm members' solidarity against the disease and renew their commitment to AIDS victims, said Joel Gajardo, coordinator of the task force.

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## Sleepout offers brief glimpse of homelessness

By Jeff Zeleny  
Staff Reporter

Sleeping outside on hard, frost-covered grass was a one-night adventure for most people.

For Leonard, it was no adventure, only a part of everyday life.

Leonard is homeless and alone; but Friday evening, more than 100 people joined him at Centennial Mall for the Great Plains Winter Sleepout. People from different walks of life volunteered to spend one night away from their homes.

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Joan Hunter of Lincoln has a special interest in the homeless problem.

Hunter, 51, worked at the Peoples City Mission in Lincoln for three years, but said she didn't fully understand the problem until she became homeless after moving to Seattle.

"Living in the shelter was interesting because I got to see it from the other side," she said. "It taught me about how I treated people when I worked at the mission. If you work in a place like that, after a while you get jaded to it. You don't treat people like you did when you first started."

Hunter is now a counselor for the Lancaster Office on Mental Retardation, but she said she remained deeply concerned about the homeless problem in Lincoln and the United States. Just because people participate in the sleepout doesn't mean they know what it's like to sleep out every night, she said.

During the first part of the evening, speakers and entertainers performed for the crowd, but Hunter was distracted. Homeless solutions and politics were on her mind, she said.

"If we don't see a political turnaround soon, we'll see a lot more homeless," she said. "Inflation has hit most people hard, and George Bush doesn't care."

By 8 p.m., Hunter had donned her third pair of socks, while others were keeping warm with an endless supply of coffee and sandwiches supplied by the Salvation Army.

More than 1,500 cups of coffee were distributed by 7 a.m., said Jean Williams of the Salvation Army. About 2,500 cheese, bologna and peanut butter sandwiches were handed out at the Salvation Army Canteen.

As the 11 o'clock hour approached, the crowd thinned out, and the speakers left the stage. People started climbing into their sleeping bags to settle in for the cold evening outside. Others packed up to go home.

Hunter said she couldn't believe that people were leaving the sleepout early.

"If (homeless people) can do it all the time," she said. "We can do it one night."

By 2 a.m., silence fell over the remaining participants. The once bustling Centennial Mall

See SLEEPOUT on 6

## Freshman applications increase

Applications to attend UNL have increased 10 times compared to the same time last year.



Scott Maurer/DN

## UNL receives more applications

By Kristine Long  
Staff Reporter

The number of high school students showing interest in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has risen since last year at this time, a UNL official said.

Cari Kadavy, assistant to the director of admissions, said the office had received more than 10 times the freshman applications that it had received by this time last fall.

Last year at this time, the admissions office had received only 73 applications, she said. This year, the

office has received 763.

That increase may be deceiving, she said, because the admissions office sent applications to interested high school seniors two weeks earlier this year.

But Kadavy said the number of students who had their ACT or SAT scores sent to UNL also had increased.

Lisa Schmidt, director of high school and college relations, said she thought interest in UNL also had increased, but she did not have exact numbers.

"We've seen an increase because we've been trying to generate more

interest," Schmidt said.

Schmidt said her office had been visiting more schools and responding faster to students' requests for applications.

Six years ago, the Office of High School and College Relations visited only about 75 schools each year, Schmidt said. In recent years, the office has visited 550 schools a year, she said.

Schmidt said Red Letter Days started Friday and would last through Dec. 4. She is waiting to see whether attendance increases, she said.