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## Hastings man dies in crash

By Brian Sharp  
Senior Reporter

Jeff Soucie was going home. He had planned to spend Thanksgiving with his family in Hastings. But his parents and two younger brothers will spend the holiday without him.

Soucie died in a car accident on Saturday morning in Lincoln. The 20-year-old was a redshirt sophomore football player at Iowa State University.

Many who knew Soucie have brought questions and grief to the Rev. John McCabe of St. Cecilia's Catholic Church in Hastings. McCabe was superintendent of St. Cecilia High School when Soucie played football there.

"Everybody wants me to tell them why," McCabe told the Daily Nebraskan on Sunday. "I don't have an answer to that question. Nobody has the answer to that question."

"If God knows why, then only he knows. Maybe we'll know someday. We'll see him again."

Soucie's father, Doug, said his son was coming home for Thanksgiving and had stopped in Lincoln to visit a friend when the accident occurred.

The Cyclones were in Boulder, Colo., on Saturday morning when Jeff Soucie got into the 1988 Honda Accord with four other friends. Abel Santos Jr., 20, was driving. Soucie was seated in the right rear passenger seat, Lincoln Police Lt. Steve Imes said.

Santos had been drinking, Imes said, but police reports do not indicate to what extent.

Police said Santos made a left turn at 23rd and Vine streets in front of a 1978 Plymouth Fury driven by Claude Epting, who also had been drinking.

Police reports state Epting's car struck the right rear passenger side of the Accord at 1:16 a.m. on Saturday.

Soucie was pronounced dead at Lincoln General Hospital.

Another passenger in Santos' car, Victor Atchity, was hospitalized, treated and released. Atchity, originally from Hastings, is a sophomore at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Santos and two other passengers in his car, all Nebraska Wesleyan University students, were not seriously injured. Police said Epting left

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## POWWOW



Jeff Haller/DN

Loule Thunder Hawk of Lincoln, a member of the Rose Bud Sioux Tribe, dances in Nebraska Union Saturday at the fifth annual UNITE powwow. Below, Marcella Gilbert, a UNL senior community health education major and a member of the Lakota tribe, shares a laugh with friends and fans herself with dollar bills she received after dancing.

## Drums set tempo of Indian celebration

By John Fulwider  
Staff Reporter

The second floor of the Nebraska Union shook this weekend to the beat of the American Indian culture during the fifth annual UNITE Powwow.

American Indians from 24 tribes gathered to celebrate their cultures and enjoy traditional dances and drum music in an event sponsored by the University of Nebraska Inter-Tribal Exchange.

Originally, the powwow was a ceremony to conjure the cure for a disease. American Indians also used the ceremony, which involved feasts and dancing, to help them succeed in war.

Although feasts were missing from this weekend's powwow, dancing was abundant.

The powwow began with the grand entry, a procession that honors the American Indian dancers, said Helen Long Soldier, an educational specialist in the Multi-Cultural Affairs office.

Grand entry participants, dressed in homemade traditional costumes, entered the Centennial Ballroom from the east side, a tradition that is symbolic for Plains Indians.

Colleen Flores, an internationally known Indian artist, said the Plains Indians customarily enter the powwow from the east "because that's where we come from."

Steven Tamayo of the Rose Bud Lakota tribe led the procession. He carried an American Indian flag made of eagle feathers.

The group of about 70 danced to the drum beat of the Wakiya Singers from Porcupine, S.D. The singers played a song to honor the flag and then a victory song to honor American Indian warriors who have fought in the wars.

The dancers formed a circle as they marched into the room. Using the circle, the dancers drew attention to the great spirit, Long Soldier said.

Drums are an integral part of the powwow, Scott Means of the



Lakota tribe said.

"The drum is like the heartbeat of the people," Means said.

Means, a member of the Wakiya Singers, said drumming was important to him.

"I sing for enjoyment and also as a responsibility to my people," he said.

Means said his forefathers

taught him to play the drums and sing the American Indian songs, so he must teach the next generation.

Drumming takes patience and humility, he said.

"The young guys mess up sometimes," he said. "It's a real hum-

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## Several Lincoln engineers opposed to new college

By DeDra Janssen  
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A Lincoln engineer said the creation of a second engineering college at the University of Nebraska at Omaha would not affect the firm for which he works.

Tom Thelen, senior vice president of HWS Consulting Group Inc., said a new college might even benefit the firm, which has offices in both Lincoln and Omaha.

But, he said he opposed the creation of a second engineering college because the overall cost would hurt the state.

"The bigger issue is what is the cost to every industry and business in the state of Nebraska to duplicate a college already established in Lincoln," Thelen said.

The benefits for his firm, however, would be twofold, he said.

"There would be some advantage in creating a second college only from the standpoint that there would be more students in Omaha to draw from," he said. "But, to be honest, that has not been a problem for our company."

A second college in Omaha also would allow the firm's Omaha staff to take courses to keep them up-to-date with new technologies, Thelen said.

But that, too, is not a problem for the company, because employees take classes in Lincoln — only 55 miles away, he said.

"The impact for us would be relatively insignificant," he said.

Other Lincoln engineers echoed Thelen's views. Although the creation of a second col-

lege at Omaha would not directly affect their firms, many said, they opposed the proposal because of its possible cost.

David Hayes, owner of E H Engineering LTD in Lincoln, said creating a second college in Omaha would not affect his five-man electrical engineering firm, but he was against the proposal.

"I don't think there's that much of a market in Omaha," he said.

Hayes said his firm would be unaffected by the creation of a second college in Omaha, because he rarely hired employees right out of college.

The University of Nebraska's engineering resources would be spread too thin if the regents authorize the creation of a second college, Hayes said. More bureaucracy also would

### TOMORROW

Omaha engineers react to a proposed engineering college at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

be added, he said.

Hayes said the university should take advantage of its current engineering resources. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln college should offer more evening courses, he said.

"There are a lot of courses I'd like to take, but they are only offered in the day," he said.

The Omaha program should offer core elec-

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