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WEATHER:

Today - Mostly sunny.
Northwest wind 5 to
15 mph.

Tonight - Partly cloudy.
Low in the mid 40s.



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"To all the people I'll never know"



Jeff Haller/DN

Peggy O'Neill, left, and Steve Logsdon view a piece of the NAMES Memorial AIDS Quilt Sunday. The quilt was on display Saturday and Sunday at Omaha Civic Auditorium.

Quilt display an emotional remembrance

By John Fulwider
Senior Reporter

Alan Paine. Arturo Torre. Roel Paulussen. The names of those whose lives were claimed by AIDS were read by volunteers in a slow monotone Sunday at the Omaha Civic Auditorium Arena where the NAMES Memorial AIDS Quilt was on display this weekend.

Hundreds came to see the quilt — some out of remembrance, others out of respect.

Quiana Smith said she didn't know anyone who had died from AIDS. She had come to pay tribute to victims she had never known.

The quilt section on display is composed of more than 1,000 memorials to loved ones. The entire AIDS quilt contains memorials to more than 30,000 victims.

Each remembrance measures three feet by six feet — the size of a standard grave plot.

Sewn-together squares of eight individual panels lay on the floor, filling the arena with pathways crisscrossing between them. The arena walls encircling the display also were

covered in colorful remembrance.

A box of facial tissue lay at each of the four corners of most squares. Most of the boxes were empty.

Tears flowed freely as long lines of people of all shapes, sizes, ages and colors filed solemnly past each panel.

Some knelt next to a particular panel to examine it more closely. Some placed flowers on the panel of someone they knew.

The panels themselves spoke volumes. One bore an airbrushed picture of a baby girl: "Our little angel Krystal: Born 8-10-85, Died 3-25-86."

Another had no picture or decoration. It simply read: "Greg, you're always in my heart. I love you and miss you, Mom."

In the center of the arena, a large, white sheet was covered with signatures and messages from quilt visitors.

John Fleming, a 1988 UNL graduate, knelt down with his daughter Corinne to write on the sheet.

"To all the people I'll never know," he wrote. Fleming's wife's cousin died of AIDS. He never met her.

At 5 p.m., the closing ceremonies began. Following a song by a women's choir, families brought in new panels to add to the quilt.

The announcer's voice broke when he read the first name.

The panels were carried in like coffins, with one person at each of the four corners. They were laid atop the white signed sheets by four members of the quilt's Omaha Host Committee.

Mothers dropped to their knees to kiss the panels before they were placed atop the others. Family members leaned on each other for support. More volunteers helped the family members on the long journey out of the arena.

The announcer said some final words, exhorting the people present to take what they had seen out into the community.

"To all of you who have seen this quilt, we thank you," he said.

As the day of observance came to a close, some found it difficult to leave; some wept. And as hundreds filed out of the arena, all that remained were the names.

Jake Oxford, Jim Hanlon ...

Computers causing stir in college

By John Fulwider
Senior Reporter

Computers are causing a stir in the College of Architecture.

Third-year architecture students are required to purchase portable computers for their classes. They were given the choice of buying IBM or Macintosh computers.

But some believe Macintosh computers were pushed on them.

Joe Davis, a third-year architecture major, said he got the feeling Macintosh computers were the college's computer of choice when he walked into his third-year design studio.

In the studio was a Macintosh — but no IBM's. There are four third-year design studios, and all have Macintosh computers.

Despite the push for Macintosh, Davis chose an IBM computer. He said he called several Lincoln architecture firms to find out what computers they used.

He discovered all but two used IBM. A Daily Nebraskan survey confirmed that few Lincoln and Omaha architecture firms use Macintosh computers.

Of 19 Lincoln and 20 Omaha firms surveyed, three used Macintosh computers and 34 used IBM's or IBM-compatibles. Two did not use computers.

Another complaint students had was with Form Z, a three-dimensional modeling program that runs only on the Macintosh.

Students said they were taught both Form Z and 3-D Studio, an IBM program, in their classes. Well, sort of.

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UNL leaders strive toward understanding

By Julie Sobczyk
Senior Editor

A small group of UNL student leaders spent the weekend preparing to take some big steps toward cultural awareness on campus.

The eighth annual Cultural Diversity Retreat drew about 46 students from several organizations to the 4-H camp near Gretna for the two-day event.

"The retreat strives to provide cultural education for our student body," said John Harris, director of the retreat and special assistant to the vice chancellor for student affairs. "It showed our students we can make a difference to work against racism and prejudice."

The retreat featured discussion, videos, cultural simulations, activities and an open forum for participants to examine the need for diversity and understanding at UNL and in America, Harris said.

Donny White, vice president of the Afrikan People's Union, said the retreat changed his perceptions of race relations on campus.

"Before, I thought everyone kept to themselves," White said. "I thought there was very little interaction between races on campus and that the races were very cliquish."

"Now, I feel there are a lot of key players on campus, people to bridge the gap between races," he said. "I learned not to prejudge and to give people a chance by not giving them a label such as being racist or arrogant."

Participants discussed these labels, as well as the issue of greek versus non-greek in the open forum section.

One important issue discussed was Affirmative Action, Harris said. The problem with Affirmative Action turned out to be that people looked only at how it affected them, not that

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Group studies sportsaholic tendencies

By Kelly Hansen
Staff Reporter

It has been said that football is Nebraska. The same might be said of football and UNL senior Matt Heineman.

"As a little boy growing up in the heart of Nebraska, watching the Huskers was not a pastime — it was life," said Heineman, an agricultural economics major. "Football was a major part of my life, and as I got older the feelings and my actions only got stronger."

But according to one man's definition, such an obsession could be the makings of a sportsaholic.

Kevin Quirk, director of Life Change, has studied sportsaholicism. Quirk is conducting a nationwide survey on the affliction. His national organization, based in New York, was set

up to help people deal with major life changes.

"Sportsaholicism affects nearly 45 percent of the people in every major city," Quirk said in a telephone interview. "If you find yourself watching ESPN at every free moment, subscribing to every major sports magazine, calling to place your bets, you may well be a sportsaholic."

The national survey explores the habits and passions of men whose lives are consumed by sports and helps them discover the role sports play in their lives and relationships.

The five-page survey poses questions such as:

- What else other than sports moves you with the same kind of interest and passion?
- If you have friends who do not follow sports, how difficult is it for you to enjoy their company?
- What was it like for you the last time one

of your favorite teams won a major championship?

• What kind of fantasies have you ever had about getting married at a sports stadium or arena?

• How often do you watch ESPN's SportsCenter?

• How often do you watch a regular news program?

Several male students across campus said they watched sports often, but did not consider it a problem in their lives.

Nathan Perry, a junior engineering major, said he "would do anything to see the Huskers win another national championship."

"I enjoy watching and playing sports," Perry said, "but by far am not a sportsaholic."

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