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CATHY CARVER and her service dog Cappuccino relax in Henzlik Hall Wednesday afternoon.

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Student, dog make team for life

Cathy Carver's golden retriever is more than a pet to her, he's a pal.

BY LORI ROBISON
Staff Reporter

They can be seen on campus, an inseparable team, traversing their way through throngs of students on the way to their destination.

Casual observers may glance up and see only a woman in a wheelchair with her pet — a loveable golden retriever called Cappuccino — cruising through campus.

But this duo is much more than that. They are an extension of each other, a team work-

ing together to overcome any obstacle placed in its path.

For Cathy Carver, a senior elementary education major at UNL, having Cappuccino (nicknamed "Capp") this past year has meant a life with more independence and mobility.

"You don't get a manual about how to live with a disability," she said.

In fact, after hiring several students to assist her in getting around campus for her first three years here, Carver decided a less expensive, more reliable alternative was needed.

After a friend suggested getting a service dog, Carver submitted an application to Kansas Specialty Dogs, a Washington, Kan., nonprofit school that specializes in training service and guide dogs.

"As life goes on and things progress,"

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He's really an extension of me.”

CATHY CARVER
senior elementary education major

she said, "I just thought a dog might be something I might really need." Indeed, public demand for the animals has led to a year-long waiting list for service dogs from KSDS, the largest breeder and trainer for the dogs

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Suspect takes own life in jail before trial

OMAHA (AP)—The suicide of a man who allegedly named his accomplice in the 1992 murder of Kenyatta Bush may pose problems for prosecutors.

Adam Barnett, 21, of Omaha committed suicide Wednesday in the Washington County Jail in Blair. Barnett had told police he and Jeremy Sheets committed the murder, prosecutors said.

Douglas County Attorney Jim Jansen said he did not know how the death of Barnett would affect the case against Sheets.

"It's way too early to make any prediction about what this means to our case," Jansen said.

Barnett and Sheets, his longtime friend, were charged last month in the abduction and murder of the former honor student and homecoming queen candidate. Her death shocked the community four years ago. About 3,000 people attended her funeral.

Barnett had pleaded innocent to first-degree murder last month after waiving his preliminary trial. Authorities had said he played a lesser role in the slaying.

Barnett told police that Sheets stabbed Bush to death while raping her and that Barnett held her down, said police Detective Bill Jadowski during a preliminary hearing Wednesday morning for Sheets.

Sheets, 22, was ordered to stand trial Wednesday on first-degree murder. His attorney, J. William Gallup, had argued that charges should be dismissed on the grounds that police have no physical evidence linking Sheets to the crime.

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What if Barnett said Ben Nelson or anyone else in this courtroom committed the crime? ... Would you bind them over?”

J. WILLIAM GALLUP
attorney for Jeremy Sheets

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'Inkless' fingerprints to deter fraud

Businesses, banks to use wipe-off ink to catch check forgers in action

BY CHAD LORENZ
Senior Reporter

Nebraska's newest crime fighter is an invisible agent.

Businesses and banks in the state will soon battle check fraud with "inkless" fingerprint pads available from the Nebraska Bankers Association.

Fingerprint signatures have been successful nationwide as an easy, effective way to deter fraud without hassles for customers.

Customers can expect to soon use the system when they cash a check at a business or bank, even if it is one where they do not have an account, said Kerry Jorgensen, Nebraska Bankers Association communications direc-

tor. Banks and businesses may also use the identification pads for all check transactions.

To cash a check, the customer would have to leave a thumbprint on the back of the check. The special ink wipes right off and does not stain clothes or hands.

"It just rubs off and disappears," Jorgensen said.

If the check is fraudulent, police investigators can use the print to identify the suspect, Jorgensen said. The print is just as clear and dark as a print made by conventional inks.

Police laboratory experts could enter the fingerprint into Lincoln Police Department's Automated Fingerprint Identification System and search for a perfect match.

Lincoln police investigator Terry

Hruza said the system could speed up fraud investigations, which sometimes take three months to identify suspects.

"By that time, they're gone," Hruza said.

In a recent case, a man wrote \$75,000 in fraudulent checks in three days, she said, and was not found. Using the fingerprint signature system, Lincoln police probably would have caught him.

Two Lincoln businesses have been using the system for about a month, Hruza said.

Paycheck Advance turned a phony check over to police after the suspect left his fingerprint on the back, Hruza said, and investigators are close to

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Juveniles arrested in bombing spree

Four youths may be tied to rash of bombs found in Lincoln.

BY CHAD LORENZ
Senior Reporter

Police arrested four juveniles Wednesday afternoon in connection with a spree of pop-bottle bombings in Lincoln during the past week.

Three 13-year-old boys and one 15-year-old boy were booked for possession of a destructive device and using an explosive device to damage property, Lincoln police Capt. Frank Rowe said. Both of-

fenses are felonies.

About 15 homemade bombs have been found around northeast Lincoln since last Thursday. They have an explosive power equivalent to an M-80 firecracker, but can be made with household components.

Information the police received Wednesday morning, including a Crimestoppers tip, led to the arrest, Rowe said. The arrests clear six cases of pop-bottle bombs in Lincoln including a bomb left at Huntington Elementary School, 4601 Adams St., Tuesday, he said.

Rowe would not say what evidence led to the arrests or where the arrests were made. All four youths were referred to Youth Aid.