

Tournament blues

The Nebraska women's basketball team was not selected for the NCAA Tournament. The men are in the NIT and will play Washington. PAGE 10

Not-so-hot 'Jungle'

"Jungle 2 Jungle," a new Disney film starring Tim Allen, comes across as an unhumorous star vehicle rather than good entertainment. PAGE 12

On The Bright Side
Sunny, high 65. Partly cloudy tonight, low 27.

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NU settles over assault

University pays \$50,000 to alleged rape victim

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The University of Nebraska has agreed to pay \$50,000 to a former student who reported she was raped twice in 1991 by former football player Christian Peter, an NU statement announced Friday.

Joe Rowson, NU public relations director, said the sum was part of a Feb. 13 out-of-court settlement among Kathy Redmond, Ken



Peter

Redmond and the NU Board of Regents.

Redmond filed a civil discrimination lawsuit against the university in June 1995 that stated the Athletic Department violated her right to receive a fair education by failing to prevent sexual harassment on campus.

Redmond reported to University of

Nebraska-Lincoln police in December 1993 that Peter sexually assaulted her twice during the first week of fall classes in 1991.

An NU statement said the regents helped resolve the matter by "providing funds designated for the purpose of paying Ms. Redmond's expenses for necessary future health care and treatment."

According to the statement, all parties involved in the civil suit were satisfied with the settlement.

Peter was never tried in criminal court for the alleged assault of Redmond. Police told reporters in 1995 that charges were not filed because they didn't have enough evidence, even though a thorough investigation had been conducted.

Redmond said Peter first raped her Aug. 31, 1991, in Peter's Harper Residence Hall room. The second assault occurred two days later in her Smith Hall room, she said. Bello, a 1991 NU football recruit who never played for the team, allegedly touched Redmond during the second assault.

Redmond left UNL in 1994 and filed the civil lawsuit the next year. Redmond then lived in Littleton, Colo.

The suit, filed in the U.S. District Court in Lincoln, alleged the university violated Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits sexual harassment and discrimination.

"She was continually subjected to sexual harassment from students and faculty," the lawsuit stated. "This harassment included a pattern of overt sexual harassment, as well as a pattern of intentional failure to investigate her allegations of sexual assault ... thus permitting her attacker to remain a highly visible athlete."

Richard Wood, NU general counsel when the suit was filed, said in August 1995 that Redmond's claims had no legal merit.

NU Football Coach Tom Osborne has denied he and other university officials ignored Redmond's allegations. Osborne said Peter repeatedly denied assaulting Redmond.

Redmond has said she delayed reporting the alleged assaults for two years because she was afraid and humiliated.

Festival teaches culture, customs of Malaysians

BY LINDSAY YOUNG
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Guests at Malaysian Night '97 were there for a learning experience Saturday night.

The annual event introduces and teaches American and international students about the Malaysian culture, Wing-Kin Chay, senior marketing major and an event co-coordinator, said.

The event coordinators encouraged all students to attend.

"This isn't only for Malaysian students. It is for all in the community to get to know Malaysian culture," said Hendrick Van den Berg, Nebraska University Malaysian Student Association adviser. The association sponsored the event.

Sarah Burnor, a junior agri-business major, said she was skeptical about the event at first.

"I thought it was basically just directed toward Malaysian students. I didn't think it was for everyone," she said.

But she said she was surprised. "It taught me a lot about Malaysia and its people," Burnor said. "I learned about the different ethnic groups and how it was a lot like America in that way. I loved the dances and the music. It was very informative."

Burnor said her Malaysian roommate, Yeo Lee Chin, taught her about Malaysian culture, but she

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Humor a coping tool for life, comedian says

BY ANGELA HEYWOOD
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Humor is a serious thing. At least, it is according to comedian T. Marni Vos.

Vos, who addressed the 1997 Women's Leadership Conference Saturday morning, said humor can help the effectiveness of people in their daily lives.

If people want to take something seriously, she said, they should take humor seriously. It puts the absurdities and insanity of life into perspective.

"When things are in perspective, that's when we handle them best. It's the key to survival. It helps people cope," she said.

Vos, who graduated from UNL in 1981, said she was inspired by humor in the mid-1980s when she was a high school English teacher in Waverly. She said she was in a relationship that ended badly and couldn't imagine her life would ever be fun again.

But her outlook changed when she attended a humor conference and discovered how important humor was.

"It just put a fire in me," she said. "And I hope to God it never goes out."

Vos, who wrote a humor column for the Daily Nebraskan, said being humorous is something people need to work at.

"Everyone is granted with the gift of humor," she said. "It's just that some people don't open the package."

Vos used a car accident as an example.

Everyone causes a collision by accidentally entering an intersection on a

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T. MARNI VOS
comedian

red light sometime in his or her life, she said. That cannot be controlled.

What can be controlled, however, is the response to the accident, she said.

"You have the freedom to choose to respond to that," she said. "And you can choose to respond with a touch of class."

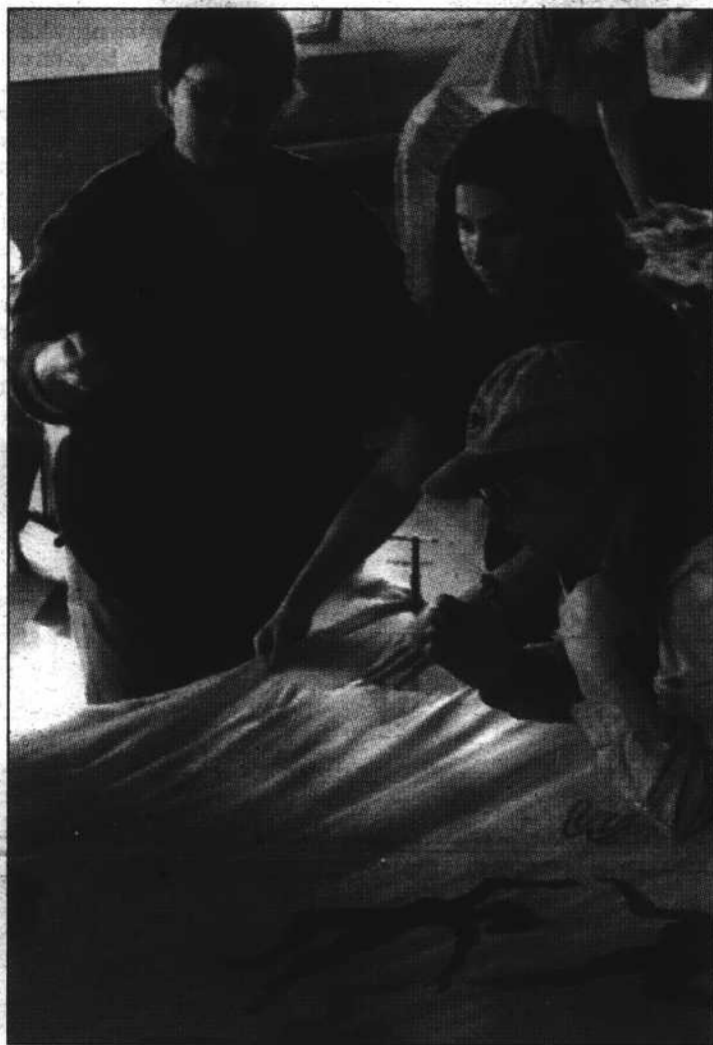
Vos said the time between stimulus and response, such as the pause between car accident and reaction, is a privilege.

"What you do with your time and how you affect the people around you — those are the things that define who you are," she said. "That is your legacy. You are a chain of choices."

Choices involving good humor, of course, have positive effects, she said.

Vos cited a study of 100 couples who had been married 20 or more years. The number one reason for staying together, she said, was because they laughed together and had a good time.

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JO HOFFACKER, left, a mathematics graduate student, Irene Belbe, a foreign exchange modern language graduate student from Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Jo Strinz-Colburn, a mechanical engineering graduate student, work on a quilt Sunday afternoon in the Culture Center, 333 N. 14th St. The quilt is the "Women Creating Quilt" the Women's Center is putting together for Women's Week 1997.

Quilters demonstrate Women's Week spirit

BY KIMBERLY SWARTZ
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Quilting is more than a creative activity for Ruth Kupfer. It's an art of politics, feminism and empowerment.

Kupfer, a Lincoln High School teacher and avid quilter, demonstrated different quilting techniques at the Culture Center Sunday, to celebrate women's creativity and Women's Week.

"Quilting is a women's art that has been ignored in the past," Kupfer said. "It lets women display their visions and statements while making something functional and creative."

The Women Creating Quilt Project, sponsored by the Women's Center, began a collaborative quilt project to celebrate the spirit and traditions of women's creativity.

Participants stitched together three layers of the quilt. They added colorful threads, beads, moons and stars around a circle

"Quilting is a creative process, rather than an end project."

SHERRI JOYNER
Women's Center assistant

of seven dancing women.

The quilt will be displayed in the Women's Center, where future work can be added.

Jo Strinz-Colburn, a graduate student in mechanical engineering, came to the project with no quilting experience, just a desire to make new friends.

"There are few women in my major, so I wanted to meet other women who were interested in quilting," Strinz-Colburn said.

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