



Spring ball starts

The Nebraska football team began the first of 15 spring practices on Monday at Memorial Stadium. **PAGE 7**

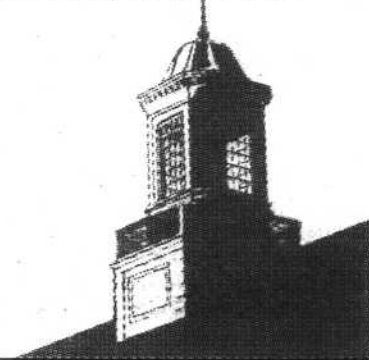


Star time

Most people don't think of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" as classical, but a concert performance should shine some light on the subject. **PAGE 9**

No Foolin'

Typhoons today, high waters. Apocalypse tonight, low survival rate.



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Heaven Help Her



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JAN BERRINGER says she comes to visit her son Brook and her husband Warren in the Goodland Cemetery two or three times a week. The father and son, friends until Warren's death in 1982, are buried side by side.

Faith helps mother grieve

Jan Berringer waits for family reunion

Editor's note: This week the Daily Nebraskan will focus on the stories of those who grieved over the death of a loved one.

Each story shows how family and friends dealt with their grief. The stories may be an inspiration or bring understanding to those who are grieving or may someday face a similar situation.

BY MATTHEW WAITE
Senior Reporter

GOODLAND, Kan. — For Jan Berringer, there never has been an off-season from pain. There is no half-time break from grief. It is constant, and it gets harder every day.

She misses her husband. She misses her son. She misses her mother. She has lost all three, two to cancer, one to a fatal plane crash.

Every day, she says to herself that she just has to make it through this day. The next will come soon enough.

Without her faith in God, and the knowledge that her loved ones are in heaven together waiting for her, she says it would be hard — almost impossible — to go on.

Berringer's life story is both wrenching and uplifting, filled with humor and loss. It also is a story of unshakable faith in God. And the strength she, her family and those around her draw from the power of prayer.

A tragic hero

The Berringer family name is known mostly for their son, brother and nephew Brook Berringer. His name is revered in Nebraska football lore — arguably a religion among the most faithful followers.

Brook Berringer was, for a short time, the most well-known back-up quarterback in the country. To Husker fans, he was the tall

boy from Kansas who stepped in when he was needed, led the Huskers to seven victories, and was a key part of the Huskers' first national championship win in more than 20 years.

Those closer to him knew of an avid outdoorsman who never missed an opportunity to brighten someone's day and never turned down a fan's request for an autograph.

Now, the quarterback is a fallen hero. Brook Berringer was killed April 18, 1996, in a plane crash outside of Raymond. A federal investigation into the crash found that

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“
I can't stand not having him here. I miss him a little more each day.”

JAN BERRINGER
mother

Computer fees push tuition up next year

BY ERIN GIBSON
Senior Reporter

Student fees will increase by \$2 per credit hour next fall to support upgrades in technology available to students, a university official said recently.

The technology fee will increase another \$2 in fall 1998, and one more dollar by fall 1999, said Kent Hendrickson, associate vice chancellor for Information Services at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The new technology fee will pay for updated and additional computers in labs — 200 by next fall — plus extension of computer lab hours, better software and more technical support for students, Hendrickson said.

More than \$1 million will be generated by the \$2 fee in academic year 1997-98, he said. When the fee reaches \$5 per credit hour, it could raise about \$3 million annually for technology spending on campus, he said.

This fall, UNL colleges and libraries will get 28 percent of the total funds raised, and UNL will hold the rest centrally for universitywide projects.

Updating computers in student computer labs is a priority project, Hendrickson said. All 200 new computers should be installed in student computer labs by the first school day of the fall semester.

Hendrickson said his office will borrow funds for the computers until fall fees are collected. Most of the 200 computers will replace older models, he said, so new space may not be added

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Group attains new heights during break

BY AMY KELLER
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Twenty-one adventurous spring breakers left Friday night, March 28, for an excursion that would stretch their athletic potential far beyond what any trip to the beach would do.

The college group from the Lincoln Berean Church spent their spring break rock climbing and biking in Moab, Utah. Those who went on the week-long trip ranged in experience from beginner to advanced.

“We didn't have any injuries, but we did have one guy sprain his ankle playing Frisbee,” said Shannon Sovereign, a senior exercise science and wellness major at Nebraska Wesleyan Univer-

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