



On to Utah

The Nebraska women's gymnastics team competes in the NCAA Midwest Regional at Utah Saturday night with a trip to nationals on the line. PAGE 11



He's no angel

Val Kilmer stars as Simon Templar, a master thief who is also a master of disguises, in the new action-thriller "The Saint." PAGE 10

RAINDROPS KEEP FALLING ...

Cloudy, high 63. Thunderstorms tonight, low 52.

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## Grievers cope in their own ways

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

In today's story, the Daily Nebraskan consulted a professional psychologist about grieving.

BY JOSHUA GILLIN  
Senior News Editor

Death hurts. And angers. And frightens. It is a constant reminder to the living just how precious life really is.

The Harms family knows. So does Jan Berringer, Ann Taylor and the Tierney family.

So does Kathleen McCoy. McCoy, coordinator of the clinical doctorate program at the California School of Professional Psychology in Los Angeles, said she understood the pain the family and friends of the deceased felt. She said the four stories presented in the Daily Nebraskan during the past four days all were typical of such cases.

They were typical, McCoy said,

because every person felt the pain of grieving for someone who will never return.

"Grief and recovery from a loss doesn't happen in a straight line," she said. "Each person must deal with their loss in their own time frame and own way."

McCoy said there were five stages to the grieving process, and every person's way of meeting those stages and moving on is different.

Traditionally, she said, a person

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## Regents' consent needed to improve grass practice field

BY ERIN GIBSON  
Senior Reporter

### Regents

The University of Nebraska Athletic Department wants to replace the grass practice field between Buck Beltzer Field and Cook Pavilion, and will ask the NU Board of Regents to approve the project Saturday.

John Ingram, director of facilities for athletics, said the new \$557,000 practice field would use an innovative SportsGrass system that resists wear from heavy traffic and keeps the field safe for athletes.

"We just have a terrible time keeping up the quality of practice fields for football," Ingram said.

The department tested in a 7,500-square-foot patch of the practice field last year. The test showed the natural turf SportsGrass system kept the quality of the practice surface higher than the current clay-based turf.

Though it uses natural turf, it includes a sand and peat moss mixture in the grass's root zone, he said. The resulting turf can withstand rigorous drills without the surface becoming uneven.

The current field becomes very uneven late in the fall, he said, when the cool weather causes the grass to become dormant, and football practice continues to wear off remaining grass.

The athletes tend to turn their ankles, twist their feet, and hurt their knees on such an uneven surface, Ingram said. The department could use heavy equipment to roll and level the field, but the resulting field would be "hard as a parking lot."

The new SportsGrass field's sand base creates a subsurface drainage system that will keep the field's surface well-drained and level, Ingram said.

In other planned action at the re-

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JOHN INGRAM  
director of facilities for athletics

gents' meeting:

■ The board will vote on the remaining seven renovation projects proposed for the \$95 million major renovation and deferred maintenance initiative on all four NU campuses. The board has already approved nine of 16 projects proposed, including renovations to Love Library South and Richards Hall on the UNL campus.

■ The board will hear a report on the increase in student fees caused by the new technology fee for UNL. The fee will start at \$2 per credit hour in fall 1997, increase to \$4 per credit hour in fall 1998, and increase to \$5 per credit hour in fall 1999.

■ The board will vote whether to accept the proposed merger of Omaha's Clarkson Hospital and the University of Nebraska Medical Center's University Hospital in Omaha. Approval would allow both hospitals, which are across the street from each other, to operate jointly under the direction of a common operating board.

## Juggler juices up his performance

BY AMY KELLER  
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Eight rings soared in the air 10 feet above his head Thursday night as Corey Hoelker calmly juggled them in perfect syncopation.

The sophomore architecture student put on a juggling demonstration and gave lessons in the College of Architecture third-floor "barn" Thursday.

Thursday's event was sponsored by Alpha Rho Chi, the professional architecture fraternity. Hoelker said he decided to do the demonstration because the fraternity wanted to do a social project.

Hoelker, a 1993 silver-medal winner in the International Juggling Association national convention in Fargo, N.D., awed more than 20 fellow architecture students who watched with rapt attention as he showed his various juggling tech-

"I spent six hours working on my routine every day. Now I haven't practiced for six months."

COREY HOELKER  
juggler

niques.

He hurled tennis balls, matchboxes, beanbags, pins and rings through the air, as well as "the diablo," an hourglass shaped piece of wood balanced on a thin string.

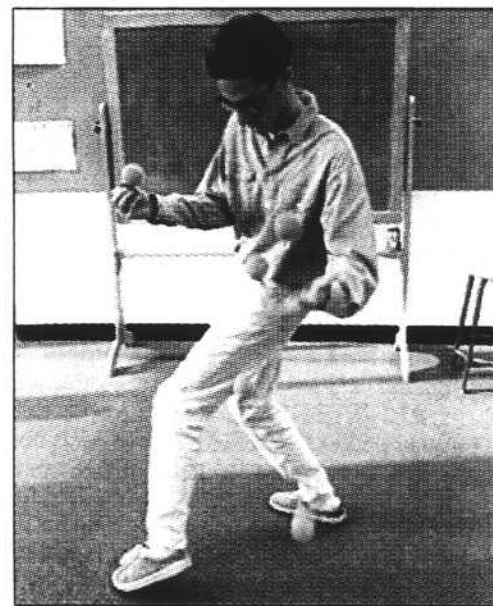
Several of the tricks included Hoelker's roommate, Dan Dixon, who also is a juggler. Dixon and Hoelker stood across the room from each other and passed six pins back and forth, throwing them under their legs and spinning

around between throws.

Dixon's cousin, Jeff Dixon, a junior in high school, was visiting campus this week and also juggles. He joined Hoelker in his demonstration. Although Jeff Dixon had met Hoelker just a day before, he said it was easy to juggle together because jugglers use conventional rhythms.

Hoelker said he taught himself to juggle from

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COREY HOELKER, a sophomore architecture major, performs a juggling act Thursday afternoon.