



## SPORTS

### Happy to be here

NU backup quarterback Frankie London wanted to leave Lincoln. Now, after a good spring, London said he is glad he stayed. PAGE 9



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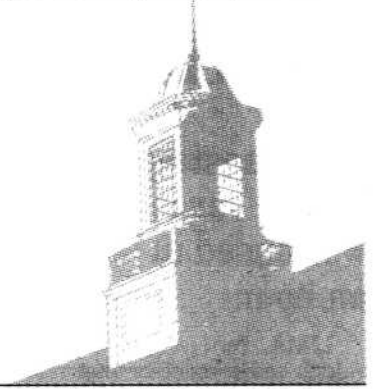
The Masquers will present its annual one-act play festival starting tonight in the Temple Building's Studio Theatre. PAGE 12

# THURSDAY

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All FOGGED UP

Fog early, high 60. Cloudy tonight, low 40.



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## Students notified late of rapist

### Nebraska Wesleyan officials warned of possible serial rapist weeks ago

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The University of Nebraska-Lincoln has increased some security measures to protect the campus from a suspected repeat rapist, UNL Police Chief Ken Cauble said Wednesday.

But some members of the UNL community said they are upset students were not warned of the threat sooner.

Cauble said police have evidence that one suspect may be responsible for a string of rapes this spring in the Midwest. Those possibly connected rapes occurred at Union College in Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Omaha and at four small colleges across Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois. As a result, University of Nebraska-Lincoln police have changed some of their schedules and ways they make their rounds on campus, Cauble said. Police also have alerted university staff who work during the night and evenings to the situation, he said.

"We've made what we feel are contacts important to heighten the safety of campus as far

as this individual is concerned," he said.

Cauble said he now plans to contact Judith Kriss, UNL Women's Center director, and put together fliers for distribution around campus and information on the UNL police department's web site to better alert the entire campus community to the threat of a repeat rapist.

But other campuses may have done more, faster, to caution their members about the possible safety threat.

Nebraska Wesleyan University distributed fliers Tuesday to update its campus on the threat, and included a police composite sketch of the suspect in the rapes on the fliers.

The flier said the suspect was described as a black male in his mid-20s to early 30s, between 5 feet 8 inches and 6 feet tall.

Mike Tobias, Wesleyan news services director, said the university has been alerting its students and staff for two weeks that the suspected rapist may be in their area. Lincoln police warned university officials of the threat about two weeks ago, he said.

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THIS POLICE COMPOSITE SKETCH of a man suspected in several local rapes will be on fliers to be distributed across campus soon.

## ASUN alerts students about serial rapist

ASUN

By BRAD DAVIS  
Staff Reporter

Informing students of the possibility of a serial rapist being in the Lincoln area was a priority at Wednesday's meeting of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

Campus Life Committee Chairman Kelly Hoffschneider was told Wednesday afternoon that a man suspected of raping college women in Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa might now be in the Lincoln area. The chairman immediately took action, putting members of ASUN in charge of informing students of the possible dangers by word-of-mouth and with fliers posted around campus.

A flier produced by Nebraska Wesleyan University that includes sketches of the suspect based on victims' descriptions will be re-made

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## Fair celebrates Earth Day with food, fun, booths

By AMY KELLER  
Staff Reporter

Aluminum cans, a three-foot-long wooden mallet, hemp T-shirts, free bagels, bikes for sale and bags of trash cluttered greenspace Wednesday.

From 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, environmentally concerned groups put up booths for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Earth Day festivities.

Aluminum cans flew across the lawn as about 170 students took turns smashing them throughout the day with a huge mallet at the Student Opportunities and Services project booth.

For a dollar, anyone interested could have two swings with a mallet to smash a can flat enough to fit through a slit in an Earth-shaped piece of cardboard and win a prize.

The money collected from can-smashing went to SOS, a new UNL organization for low-income students and those who are the first in their family to go to college, said Diane Podolske, an SOS Advisory Board member.

Sixteen Lincoln businesses who advocated Earth Day donated the prizes, including Jiffy Lube, Taco Bell, the Tanning Zone and the Hair Care Place.

Further down the lawn, members of UNL Norm/Hemp, a group that informs the public about hemp and its uses, sold hemp products and literature as they talked with students about the Earth's environmental future.

Food Not Bombs, an organization in Lincoln that provides food for those in need, passed out free bagels and information sheets about the

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DANIEL LUEDERT/DN

MEMBERS OF THE NEBRASKA COLOR GUARD escort Sen. Jerome Warner's body to the legislative chambers Wednesday. A tribute to Warner was held Wednesday evening in the Capitol.

## Senators pay tribute to Warner's life

By BRIAN CARLSON  
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Colleagues of the late Sen. Jerome Warner remembered him Wednesday night as an energetic but prudent public servant committed to the best interests of his state.

The Legislature paid tribute to Nebraska's longest-serving senator in a ceremony in the Senate chambers of the Capitol. Warner, a Waverly farmer who represented the 25th district for 35 years, died of prostate cancer Sunday at age 69.

Spectators watched solemnly as Warner's casket, draped with a Nebraska flag, was car-

ried into the chamber under full military escort.

Speaker of the Legislature Ron Withem of Papillion spoke of Warner's monumental accomplishments and passion for tackling difficult issues.

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