



## SPORTS

### Toughest test ever

The NU soccer team plays host to the U.S. Under-20 National Team Saturday night at 7 at the Abbott Sports Complex. PAGE 7



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### Adams' return

The work of black-and-white landscape photographer Ansel Adams will be displayed at Lincoln's Haydon Gallery beginning Sunday. PAGE 8

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So LET THE SUN SHINE IN ...

Partly sunny, high 60. Cloudy tonight, low 37.

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## Victim puts face on campus rape

By ROBYNN TYSVER  
The Associated Press

OMAHA — Heidi Hess chatted on the Internet alone one night on a Midwestern college campus where she had worked and studied for 10 years without fear.

Her sense of security was shattered by the sound of rapid footsteps. A man in a ski mask grabbed her, threw her to the ground and raped her.

Police believe it was not an isolated assault. The attack was one of six on college campuses in four Midwestern states during February and March where the assailant typically spit on his victim, asked her to pray for him and questioned her about her sexual past.

"It is a terrifying thought to me that college campuses would be the preying grounds for a serial rapist," said Hess, 30, who quit her job as a part-time journalist and business teacher after the March 5 attack.

The thought that a serial rapist may be targeting women in college computer labs and music halls in four states — Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin — has sparked fear.

Teachers have turned their desks around to face doors. More students asked for escorts at night, and security alerts have been posted around campuses. Nebraska Wesleyan in Lincoln added another night security guard. Security officials in Knox College in

Galesburg, Ill., have been encouraging students to use the escort service.

"People realize that even the Ivory Tower is in the middle of the world and they have to conduct themselves accordingly," said Kai Swanson, a spokesman at Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill., a small liberal arts college of 2,000.

English professor Jan Keessen at Augustana has been making sure she locks her office door and escorts students who are women out of the building during odd hours.

"We're not in a state of panic here," Keessen said. "It's just that wisdom would indicate we need to be more concerned."

Investigators in Wisconsin and Lincoln began to link the cases because of the manner and the words spoken by the assailant, police said in court documents filed in Lancaster County District Court.

Since then, DNA evidence has provided a solid link between a Nebraska and Iowa assault, Lincoln Police Chief Tom Casady said. Further DNA tests are being done.

The FBI is helping to coordinate the four-state investigation. Experts at the FBI's National Academy in Quantico, Va., are preparing a profile of the suspect.

Hess' attacker talked through the whole ordeal.

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DANIEL LUEDERT/DN

ROBERT AND ARDIS JAMES of Cappaqua, N.Y., talk to Patricia Cox Crews, UNL professor of textiles, clothing and design, Thursday morning. The Jameses donated 950 quilts worth \$6 million to the university.

## Quilt donation tops \$6 million Professor calls gift a "tremendous resource" for UNL

By ERIN GIBSON  
Senior Reporter

A \$6 million collection of quilts made by historical and contemporary artists will be donated to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the collection's owners said Wednesday.

Nebraskans Ardis and Robert James, now of Chappaqua, N.Y., said they would ship the 950 quilts in their collection to the university in June,

along with a \$1 million endowment to help establish an International Quilt Study Center at UNL.

"I am happy that the quilts will get the appreciation and exposure they deserve," James said.

The University Foundation plans to raise another \$2 million to support the new quilt study center, said Foundation Director Terry Fairfield. The money will help research, acquire, restore and preserve quilts, he said.

Ardis James spoke in front of a

dynamically patterned, modern quilt and a deep-colored wool patchwork quilt made in Pennsylvania in 1871. Other quilts from the collection now pack a 22-foot-by-33-foot addition to the James' home, she said.

Patricia Cox Crews, a UNL professor of textiles, clothing and design who will head the new quilt study center, said the quilt collection was a "tremendous resource" that would

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## UNL fencer hones skill

By JIM GOODWIN  
Staff Reporter

With nary a walking plank nor a deck near, fencing is not the swashbuckling drama many see in the movies.

For Cassidy Kovanda, a bout offers no second takes — leaving preparation and strategy as his only allies.

Kovanda, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln junior arts major, returned to Lincoln this week after dueling his way to 22nd place in the U.S. Fencing Association National Championships in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The placing rewarded Kovanda, 22, for his seven years in the sport and the about 10 hours he devotes to it every week.

The competition also lent encouragement to an athlete who, some say, may have Olympic chances.

"There are good fencers in the region, in Colorado and Kansas City," said Michael Hoff, a UNL associate professor of art and fellow fencer. "In this part of the Midwest,



MATT MILLER/DN

JUNIOR ART MAJOR Cassidy Kovanda fences with the weapon called an epee. Kovanda has seven years of experience and is ranked in the top 25 in the nation.

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