



## No zipping Zips

Nebraska opened its 1997 football season with a 59-14 victory over the Akron Zips at Memorial Stadium. PAGE 6



## Plains, trains and horses

Peter Miller's collection of black-and-white photography features panoramas and the people of the prairies. PAGE 15

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SIMMER DOWN

Mostly sunny, high 75. Mostly clear tonight, low 48.

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## Deputies fatally shoot Lincoln man

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Two Lancaster County Sheriff's deputies fatally shot a 23-year-old Lincoln man Tuesday night after he emerged from a house carrying a rifle, authorities said.

Deputies were called to a house at 4303 W. Mill Road at 8:57 p.m. Tuesday after a relative of Bryan Hoover alerted the sheriff's office that he was making suicidal threats.

County Sheriff Terry Wagner said at least three deputies responded to the northwest Lincoln residence where Hoover was temporarily living. About 30 minutes later, while deputies attempted to establish a perimeter around the residence, Hoover exited the house with the rifle and the two deputies shot an unknown number of rounds at Hoover, he said. Hoover was pronounced dead at the scene.

Wagner said he was unsure if

Hoover was threatening the deputies before the shooting took place and that it was too early in the investigation to speculate as to what caused the incident.

"I don't have enough facts to say if it was justified," he said.

The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office and the Lincoln Police Department are investigating, he said.

The shooting, the department's first since 1975, left the deputies stunned, Wagner said.

"(They're) pretty shook," Wagner told a small group of reporters early this morning. "This is not something that happens every day. It's something you train for regularly and hope we never have to use."

Both deputies, as a matter of policy, have been placed on paid administrative leave pending the conclusion of the case, Wagner said. Their names were not released.

## Task force targets equity for women

BY ERIN GIBSON  
Senior Reporter

Many women at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln still feel vulnerable and closed in by the "glass ceiling" despite gender equity goals established by the university in 1991, a report released Friday by the NU Gender Equity Task Force said.

The 11-member task force, appointed by NU President Dennis Smith, evaluated the climate for women at all four NU campuses last spring and reported Friday that women at all campuses were concerned about slow progress in hiring, promoting and supporting women in faculty and administrative positions.

The report said that the percentage of women on faculty at UNL trails that on all other campuses — in 1996 only 50 of 485 UNL full professors were women — although women comprise more than half of the student body.

"The low profile of women in administrative positions and in the advanced ranks continues to be a serious gender equity issue at UNL," the report said.

Goals established by the NU Board of Regents in 1991 called for the hiring of more women faculty and administrators and creating a more comfortable environment for women.

The task force reported these

goals have not been met.

Chancellor James Moeser said Tuesday he agreed that more women were needed in high-ranking positions at the university and noted he appointed several women to administrative positions at UNL this summer.

"I don't think we have the balance that we want, but I think we've made real progress against the perceived glass ceiling and will continue to do so," Moeser said.

UNL also created an Opportunity Fund this summer to help departments and colleges hire senior faculty women and minorities, Moeser said.

The task force report lauded this fund and recommended all NU campuses create similar ones.

"We take that as a very optimistic sign that we may begin to see some improvement in this area," said Linda Pratt, task force member and chair of UNL's Department of English. "We think this is an area where the Lincoln campus has been a leader."

### Greater hiring, retention

In 1995, a Joint Report of the Chancellors' Commissions on the Status of Women found that UNL needed to hire 15 new women professors and 29 new associate professors to bring the university's percentage of women on faculty up to that of its peer institutions.

The University of Nebraska at

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## NASCAR project abandoned

BY TED TAYLOR  
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A really fast car is sitting in a Concord, N.H., garage.

It was supposed to race with the "good ol' boys" of NASCAR this season.

It was supposed to bring more exposure and money to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Former Cornhusker All-American linebacker Trev Alberts was supposed to be the high-profile spokesman.

Instead, the mock-up model of Lake Speed's No. 9 Ford Thunderbird never saw a competitive race this season, and Alberts is no longer involved in the project.

"The original plan wasn't meant to be," said Scott Peterson, president of Universal Marketing of Atlanta. "And Trev was only reluctantly involved before."

The original plan consisted of trying to find investors and a sponsor to fund and share space on the race car, which would feature a huge Husker logo on the hood and stickers commemorating the football and volleyball teams' national championships on the vehicle.

But in the world of NASCAR, sponsors don't like the idea of "sharing" the limited quality space available to them on the car — especially space on the hood, he said. "Nebraska was never going to put up the \$4 million it takes to run the race car," Peterson said. "And a sponsor

who spends that kind of money wants the hood and the exposure."

Speed was planning to begin the '97 racing season driving the Husker Ford, Peterson said, but when Universal Marketing took the idea in December local investors had already backed out and no co-sponsor could be found. It was too late in the season to find a sponsor and Speed's hood remained blank for the rest of the season. "We were able to get one or two sponsors throughout the year to keep him on the track and pay some bills," Peterson said.

Said UNL Licensing and Sales Director Chris Bahl: "We just ran out of time for this year. Right now it's out of our hands and the new

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## Red all over



MATT MILLER/DN  
JUNIORS BRAD DOLESH (left) and Rob Hessman said they did not care the Athletic Department made the student sections stand on the concrete instead of the seats in Memorial Stadium. "As long as they let us stand up it isn't too bad," Hessman said during the Huskers 59-14 victory over the Akron Zips Saturday. For story please see page 7.

## UNL professor receives award

BY ERIN GIBSON  
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Any year, in any one event, there's only one reigning Olympic gold medalist in the world.

And any year, for the field of management, there's only one professor in the world named Distinguished Educator by the Academy of Management.

This year, that one professor is Fred Luthans, and he works at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"It's a real honor," said

Luthans, who has worked at UNL for 30 years and received the award in August.

Luthans said he felt honored in 1986 when he was elected president of the 10,000-member Academy of Management, which consists of management professors in 90 countries worldwide.

"But this is even better to me," he said of the Distinguished Management Educator Award. "It reflects the great students I've had over the years, colleagues and support from Nebraska businesses."

Luthans said the management

department created a climate that allowed him to do the innovative research and teaching that led to an award.

Luthans came to UNL in June 1967 before modern management practices were taught, he said. He previously taught at West Point Military Academy for two years and attended the University of Iowa.

Now Luthans said he has "lots of roots in Nebraska" after raising four children in the state — all UNL

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