



Freshmen flourish

Freshmen Nancy Meendering and Angie Oxley have started to flourish this season for the Nebraska volleyball team. **PAGE 7**



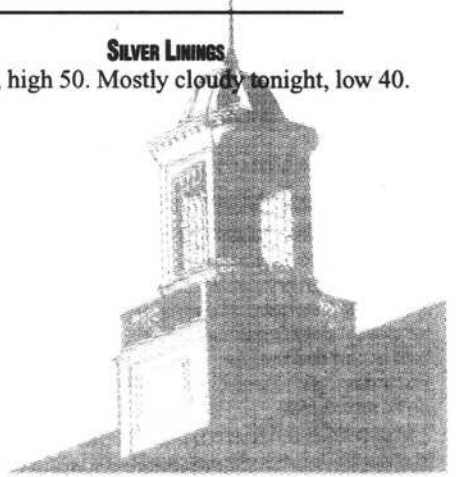
Opera sans attitude

All snobbishness aside, the School of Music's production of "Albert Herring" is a comedic opera for all to enjoy. **PAGE 9**

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SILVER LININGS

Cloudy, high 50. Mostly cloudy tonight, low 40.



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Lincoln police go after meth

By **MATTHEW WAITE**
Senior Reporter

In less than two months, Lincoln police have doubled the amount of methamphetamine seized all last year, and they took almost three more pounds of the drug off the street Tuesday.

Lincoln Police Capt. Duaine Bullock said it's only going to get worse.

"We're hearing about a lot of meth in the community," the department's chief narcotics investigator said.

In a series of searches that started Tuesday afternoon, narcotics investigators seized more than 45 ounces of methamphetamine, a small amount of cocaine, a baggie of marijuana and two guns. Police also seized more than \$12,000 in cash, on top of the more than \$100,000 in drugs.

Three men and a juvenile were jailed on drug charges, and another man was cited for possession.

It was another series of searches and seizures for Lincoln police. Last week, a two-year investigation came

to a close with 25 street-level dealers being arrested.

In the last fiscal year — ending August 31 — Lincoln police confiscated slightly more than a pound of methamphetamine. This fiscal year, police had confiscated 2.65 pounds before Monday's seizure.

On Monday, a confidential informant told narcotics officers that Marino Beltran-Gastelum would be delivering two ounces of methamphetamine to 3251 Orchard St. Apt. B, according to affidavits filed Tuesday in Lancaster County Court.

Police set up surveillance on Beltran-Gastelum at his home, 120 Gaslight Circle. When he arrived at 32nd and Orchard streets, officers stopped and searched him. The two ounces of methamphetamine was found in his pocket.

Beltran-Gastelum, 37, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession with intent to deliver.

At 7:08 p.m., officers with a search warrant went to 3251 Orchard

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Geographers win praise, face split-up

■ Colleagues rank UNL's geography department among the nation's best.

By **ERIN GIBSON**
Senior Reporter

Although it soon will lose half its faculty members and more than 78 students, the UNL geography department ranks in the top 20 nationwide, a newly released study shows.

The study, produced by faculty from Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich., examined the productivity of 48 Ph.D. geography programs from 1980 through 1994, and then ranked the top 30 programs in the United States.

Professional Geographer, an academic journal, published the 15-year study in its November issue.

Despite its small size, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln placed 19th or higher in each of four categories: placement of Ph.D. graduates, teaching outcomes, number of articles in selected journals and number of books published.

UNL placed 15th in the number of books published by each faculty member, which places UNL geography faculty above many esteemed colleagues, including those at the universities of North Carolina, Minnesota, Arizona

State and California-Santa Barbara.

"I think it's wonderful," said Steve Lavin, geography department chairman. "Since we're such a small department — even before the break-up we're small — all the faculty had to pull their weight to get us up there."

The department now consists of 11 faculty members, Lavin said.

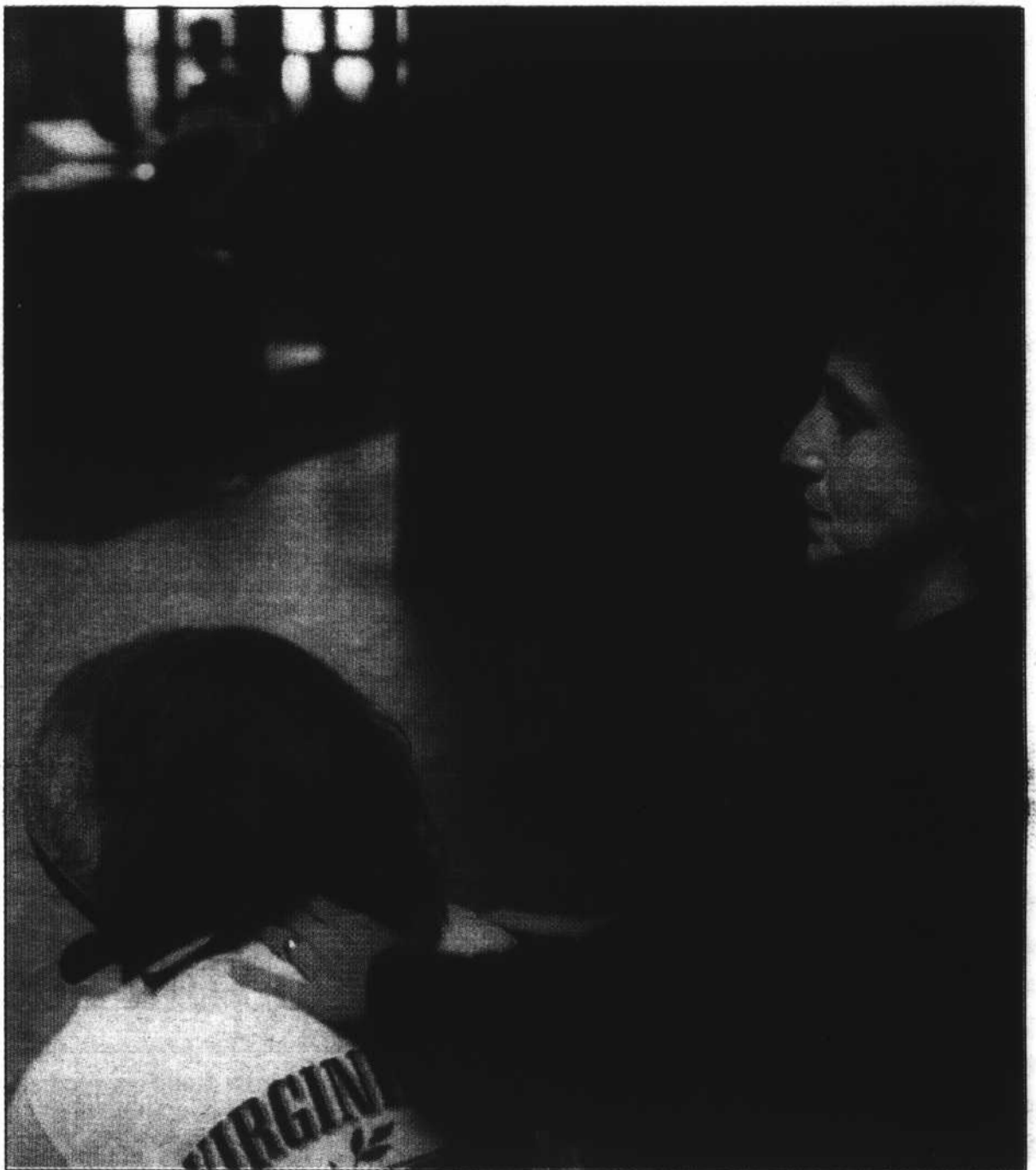
But four faculty members specializing in meteorology must move to a newly created geosciences department at UNL, which the NU Board of Regents approved in July.

Another faculty member will hold a joint appointment between geography and the new department, which consists of the former geology department and geography's climatology and meteorology programs, Lavin said.

"Without replacing at least some of those (faculty members), it's doubtful that we'd be able to repeat this kind of performance in the survey," he said. "It's hard to see a department like this one achieve this and be hurt by the loss of faculty."

Lavin said he has yet to talk with Brian Foster, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, regarding hiring new faculty for the department. He hopes the department can receive two new faculty appointments, which could help the department recover from the loss of meteorology, he said.

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DANIEL LUEDERT/DN

AMY LOHRBERG PATT, a licensed massage therapist, massages **Holly Wade**, a UNL senior advertising major, in the Campus Recreation Center. Demonstration massages will be given for \$1 throughout the week.

Rubbing folks the right way

Massage week promotes therapy

By **DARREN IVY**
Staff Reporter

Before National Massage Therapy Awareness Week, Debbie McKnight and Andrew Weides had never had massages before. Now Weides wants to do it on a regular basis.

"I think it is a great way to relieve stress or sore spots," Weides said. "During the massage I felt relaxed, and that feeling stuck with me for an hour after the massage."

Weides, a junior exercise science major, and McKnight, a junior psychology major, are just two of the many University of Nebraska-Lincoln students who have taken advantage of National Massage Therapy Awareness Week programs, which began Sunday and will run through Saturday.

To celebrate National Massage Therapy Awareness Week, the three

licensed massage therapists at the Campus Recreation Center and some Mayotherapy Institute students have done and will continue to do chair massage demonstrations at City Union, East Campus Union and campus rec.

Demonstrations at campus rec will be from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today through Friday. Demonstrations at the Nebraska East Union will be over the lunch hour today and Thursday. On Friday, demonstrations will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

Brad Decker, a licensed massage therapist at campus rec, said it will cost \$1 for a five-minute chair massage and \$2 for a 10-minute session.

For each dollar, the students will have their name put in a drawing for a free 45-minute massage.

Students who like the chair mas-

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Masseuse loves 'hands on' work at campus rec

By **DARREN IVY**
Staff Reporter

When UNL's Campus Recreation Center and Athletic Department hired Amy Lohrberg Patt as their first full-time massage therapist, it was a dream come true for the Lincoln native.

"I am honored, because it is like a dream job for me," said Patt, Campus Recreation Center and Athletic Department massage therapy coordinator. "It's what I hoped for in massage therapy when I graduated in 1986."

Patt works with student athletes

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