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Oh, Canada

Freshman gymnast Jason Hardabura, from Canada, plays the role of leader as the Huskers head into the NCAAs. **PAGE 7**



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Hail to the cab

For UNL student Ken Paulman, "Taxi" isn't just a sitcom with the late Andy Kaufman, it's a part-time job. **PAGE 9**

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SNOWFLAKES FALLIN' ON MY HEAD...

Chance of snow, high 33. Light snow tonight, low 27.

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Not guilty plea entered in Cockson death

By **JOSH FUNK**
Senior Reporter

Jeffrey E. Ireland pleaded innocent to the charge of motor vehicle homicide Tuesday in Lancaster County Court.

Ireland was charged for the Saturday death of Laura Cockson, a 21-year-old UNL junior. She was a front-seat passenger in the car Ireland hit after running a red light at North First Street and Cornhusker Highway.

If convicted, Ireland, 25, could face up to five years in jail.

Lancaster County Attorney Gary

Lacey said other charges — including running a red light, leaving the scene of an accident and driving under the influence — could be filed after results of Ireland's blood alcohol test come in.

Ireland was arrested at 3:45 a.m. Sunday when he showed up at Bryan Memorial Hospital for treatment of injuries he sustained in the accident.

According to court documents, the officer at the hospital said that there was alcohol on Ireland's breath, his speech was slurred, his eyes bloodshot and his mouth dry, and he admitted drinking earlier. Ireland arrived at the hospital nearly three hours after he fled the scene of the accident on foot.

Cockson's two sisters, Sarah, a 19-year-old University of Nebraska-Lincoln freshman, and Erin, a 16-year-old high school sophomore from Friend, were critically injured and taken to Lincoln General Hospital.

By Wednesday evening Erin had been upgraded to fair condition and was moved out of intensive care. Sarah is in serious condition in the intensive care unit.

In court Tuesday, Ireland said he could not afford an attorney. Public defender Susan Ugai was appointed to represent him, court records said.

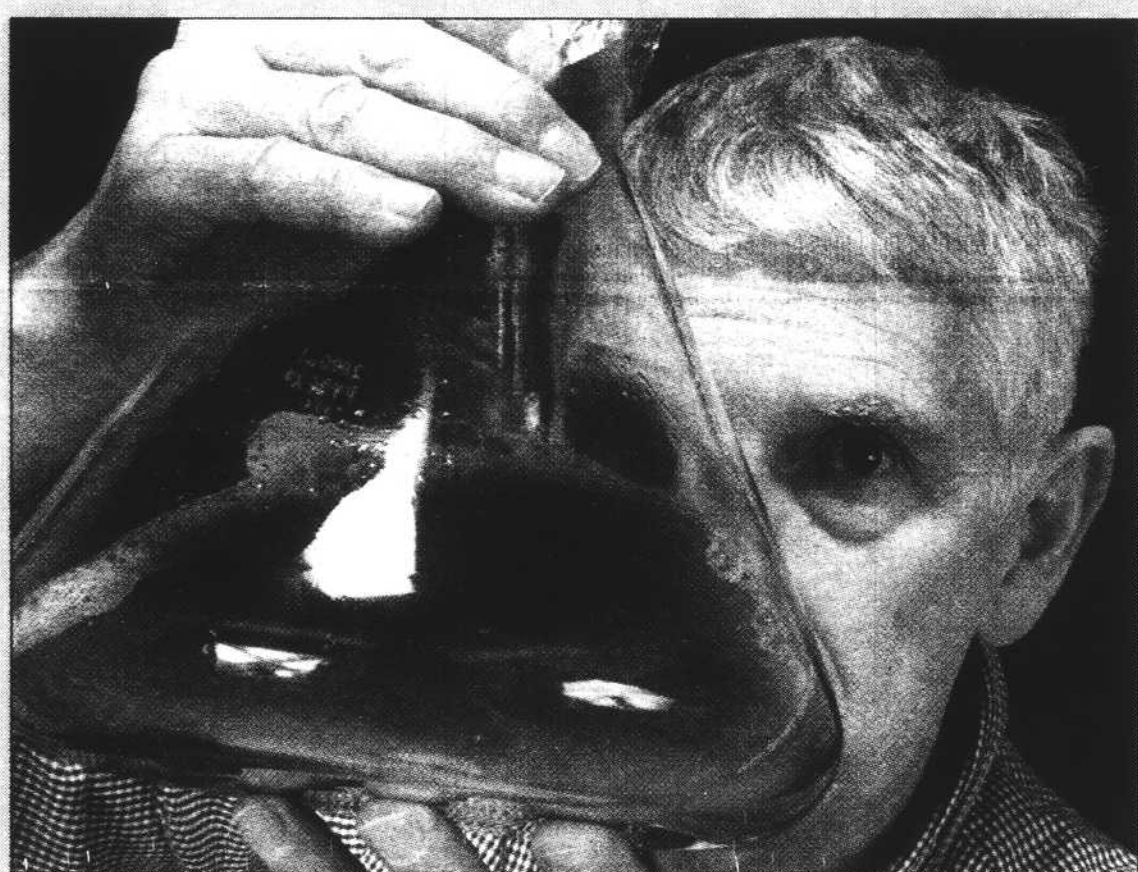
Bond was set at \$500,000 with the condition that Ireland is not to drive under any circumstances. He returned to jail

after the arraignment.

According to Lincoln Police records, Ireland has a history of traffic offenses, beginning in 1992. Not including the most recent charges, they include driving under the influence, negligent driving, giving false information to a police officer and two counts each of driving with a suspended license and leaving the scene of an accident.

A judge suspended Ireland's license for six months and fined him \$200 in July 1997 for a DUI offense.

At that time, his license already was suspended indefinitely in connection with a 1993 accident and related failure-to-appear charge, records said.



TED PARDY, a UNL biology professor, recently won the 1998 Outstanding Teaching and Creativity Award. The flask in his hands contains algae, a subject of his research.

LANE HICKENBOTTOM/DN

Deal reached in tobacco lawsuit

Nebraska to benefit from settlement

By **BRIAN CARLSON**
Senior Reporter

Nebraska and 13 other states will receive \$1 million each over nine years under a recently announced settlement with the Liggett and Brooke Tobacco Group.

The settlement, which would be superseded by a federal settlement pending in Congress, also includes a \$100,000 upfront payment that each state will receive over the next six months. Liggett also must make annual payments to each state for the next 25 years based on the state's share of Medicaid costs.

Forty states have settled with Liggett, a small company controlling 2 to 3 percent of the tobacco market.

"This settlement is significant for Nebraska not only because of the money but because it requires the tobacco company to take steps to curb tobacco use among Nebraskans," Gov. Ben Nelson said in a statement. "The attorney general and I agree that this is the correct time for Nebraska to approve of the Liggett settlement."

The agreement prohibits outdoor advertising and restricts indoor advertising by Liggett. The company also may not advertise on the Internet or pay for media product placement.

Liggett also agreed to cooperate as states press other tobacco companies for compensation for medical costs required by smoking-related illnesses. The company will be required to place new warnings on cigarette packages and advertising.

Nebraska Attorney General Don Stenberg said the settlement offered a better deal for

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governor

Nebraska than previous negotiated settlements with Liggett, which the state did not join.

Although Nebraska is one of 10 states that has not filed suit against the tobacco industry, Stenberg and his office have been involved in federal tobacco negotiations.

Stenberg has assured Nebraska lawmakers this will not prevent the state from receiving its share of the settlement, and he said the Liggett agreement bears this out.

"This agreement also points out the reality that a state need not file a lawsuit in order to enter into a settlement," Stenberg said in a statement.

Karl Bieber, Nelson's press secretary, said Nebraska's decision not to file suit means the state will receive its share of the settlement without using taxpayer money to pay large legal fees.

Thirteen other states joined the Liggett settlement: Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Maine, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Wyoming, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota and Ohio.

By **ERIC RINEER**
Staff Reporter

man in motion

Energy, activity
guide teacher's
life, classroom

Ted Pardy never stops; he's constantly in motion. In his childhood, the UNL professor of biological sciences dreamed he would ride the railways as a locomotive engineer.

He's spent years of free time bicycling across states and European countries.

And when he returns, he keeps moving. Even during his lectures, he jolts around his classroom to interact with students. This exciting life in motion and its ability to inspire students recently won Pardy the 1998 Outstanding Teaching and Creativity Award.

The University of Nebraska recognizes two professors each year who demonstrate teaching excellence in their fields.

Pardy, who joined the University of Nebraska-Lincoln faculty in 1977, said he was thankful for the award.

His students and colleagues said he was a perfect recipient because of his boundless energy and diligent work to further UNL students' education through-teaching and research.

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