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The Nebraska men's tennis team ended its season Thursday with a 4-0 loss to Texas Tech in the Big 12 Championships. **PAGE 11**



Roll in the Haydn

This weekend, UNL's School of Music will get Biblical with its production of Joseph Haydn's "Creation." **PAGE 15**

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Lincoln couple found stabbed

■ The incident, ending in the deaths of both, is being treated as a homicide.

By **JOSH FUNK**
Senior Reporter

Police are investigating the deaths of a husband and wife found stabbed in their north Lincoln home Thursday morning.

Another family member found the two and called police at 7:40 a.m., said Lincoln Police Capt. Gary Engel.

Four other family members were in the house at the time of the homicides, Engel said. Police are conducting a comprehensive investigation but need an interpreter to interview the family, which is Vietnamese.

When police and medical units arrived at the house on the 3500 block of North Fourth Street Court, the wife, 28, was dead and the husband, 33, had a weak pulse, Engel said. Police were not releasing names of the couple pending notification of the family.

The husband was taken to

Lincoln General Hospital's trauma center, where he died about two hours later.

Both of the victims suffered several stab wounds, but Engel would not speculate on the cause of death until after autopsies could be performed. Engel said the deaths are being treated as homicides, but he would not comment on the circumstances of the deaths until the investigation is completed.

Police said the incident occurred early Thursday morning and several hours elapsed before the couple was found.

There wasn't a history of problems at the house, Engel said, but police were called out to a domestic dispute between the two victims Tuesday night.

Police are investigating the possibility that the homicides were related to a domestic problem.

There was no sign of forced entry at the house, Engel said.

Additional information will be released by the Lancaster County Attorney after the investigation and the autopsies have been completed.

Donated cell phones may help crime victims

By **JOSH FUNK**
Senior Reporter

Cellular One has made it possible for Lincoln Police to give 10 more crime victims peace of mind.

Police check out emergency cellular phones to crime victims, usually domestic assault victims, to give them a better sense of security after going through such a tough time, Lincoln Police Chief Tom Casady said.

The donation from Cellular One gives the police 13 to 23 phones at their disposal.

The phones are set up so they can only dial 911, but potential victims could use the phones from almost anywhere in the country, said Gary Smith, general manager of Cellular One's Nebraska region.

Smith decided to donate phones after hearing a radio interview with Joanna Svoboda, administrator of the police department's victim/witness unit, on his way to work last week.

Svoboda explained how the phones helped victims get on with their lives after a crime by giving them peace of mind, so Smith decided to help.

"I said, 'We need to help this program,'" Smith said.

“These phones are a safety tool. ...”

GARY SMITH
Cellular One general manager

So Smith made some calls and arranged the donation a week later.

“We want to be more involved and visible in the community,” Smith said.

The police victim unit, staffed largely by volunteers, reviews all assault cases and offers the phones to victims the volunteers think could benefit from them, Casady said.

For many families, Casady said, cellular phones just aren't in the budget. This program provides that protection for those families.

The phone donation came at a very appropriate time, as April 19-25 is also National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Smith pledged Cellular One's continued support for this program and the police, offering to do whatever they can to help.

“These phones are a safety tool, not just a communication tool.”



LINDA TRAN is a Regents Scholar and co-founder and president of the Asian Student Alliance, a new UNL organization that started Asian Awareness Week, which ends today.

Tran aims to unify campus

By **ANNE HEITZ**
Staff Reporter

Even before she arrived on campus, UNL junior Linda Tran knew what it felt like to be Asian and “different” in Nebraska.

The Omaha native knew different meant feeling uncomfortably stereotyped and often misunderstood.

So ever since she stepped onto campus, she has worked so other Asian students don't have to feel the same.

This year, in addition to her work as a Regents Scholar, she's promoting Asian culture on campus by serving as president of the Asian Student Alliance.

It's a new organization at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and it founded this week's Asian Awareness Week celebration.

Her goals for the organization are

to unify Asian students on campus and to develop an appreciation of the diversity of the Asian culture.

“People here have stereotypes of Asian students,” Tran said. “We are all completely different from each other. We all come from very different cultures.”

In order to bridge the gap between Asian and white students on campus, Tran said, everyone should work together when organizing programs or events on campus.

“The same people seem to come to all of the events celebrating Asian-American Awareness Week,” Tran said. “It would be good if some majority students would attend our functions.”

Tran said the most difficult part of starting the Asian Student Alliance was telling students of all races – not just Asians – they were welcome to participate in the organization.

“We're always wanting new members,” she said. “We encourage

everyone to attend our meetings.”

Founding Asian American Awareness Week was a huge step toward creating an appreciation and awareness of Asian culture among all races on campus, Tran said.

Although getting the group started was a struggle, Tran said, she feels satisfied with the group's cooperation to promote cultural awareness.

“We are becoming a united voice,” Tran said.

That united voice is a direct result of Tran's strong leadership, said Chuck van Rossum, assistant director of Multicultural Affairs.

She has improved the quality of life on campus for students of color, van Rossum said. As a result, she won this year's Shades Leadership award, which is given to outstanding minority student leaders on campus.

But her greatest accomplishment, van Rossum said, “has been bringing individuals together.”

Professor awarded for action

By **ANN MARY LANDIS**
Staff Reporter

A sociology professor received an award Thursday afternoon she wished didn't even exist.

Helen Moore received the Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Status of Women. The award, presented to her at the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery annually recognizes a person promoting and encouraging women's issues.

Chancellor James Moeser, who presented the award, said incidents have created a “less-than-welcoming community” on our

campus, and the people at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln should not tolerate behavior which makes others feel threatened.

“The kind of climate we want requires powerful leadership. Passive acceptance is not leadership,” Moeser said. “One person who has not stood passively by is Helen Moore.”

Moore had mixed feelings about getting the award, which she said recognized work that, unfortunately, had to be done. She praised the work of people who try to advance women and minorities.

“There is a certain joy, not in the award, but in the knowledge we are all working on this togeth-

er,” Moore said.

Nancy Mitchell, chairwoman of the Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women, praised Moore's work.

“Her contributions are outstanding. She's a champion of causes that deal with gender equity and diversity,” Mitchell said.

Moore has spoken to student groups, served as a student adviser, developed Sociology 409 – Sociology of Women – and was a founder of the women's studies program.

The award allows Moore to choose a department or organization to receive \$1,000.