

Double take

The Nebraska softball team swept a doubleheader from Wichita State Monday at the NU Softball Complex. PAGE 7

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Cloudy, chance of rain, high 53. Cloudy tonight, low 45.

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Students question dean's commitment

BY JESSICA FARGEN
Assignment Reporter

The counseling psychology department in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Teacher's College has lost four tenured faculty mentors in the last three years, leading some students to question the dean's commitment to the program and its future.

Out of the five programs in the educational psychology department, counseling psychology is the only one where visiting professors outnumber tenured and is the only program that has lost a significant number of faculty mentors in the last three years.

Dean of the Teachers College James O'Hanlon said some positions may have been cut from the counseling psy-

chology program because resources were directed to school psychology, which was targeted by a university enhancement policy enacted two years ago.

O'Hanlon said he does not want to close down or consolidate the program, but several said he was sending mixed messages.

"I think a lot of people feel like they are messing with our careers," said Tricia Besett, a third-year doctoral student.

David Moshman, educational psychology professor in developmental psychology, said he did not know how the program would function next fall.

"With five it's hard. With three it's hard to imagine how they could manage. With less it is an impossible situation," Moshman said.

Since spring 1996, three tenured professors have left, and one is leaving in June. One tenured professor remains, leaving two open spots for tenured faculty members. The program now has three visiting professors.

A search committee was set up last fall and extended one offer this spring, which was declined; another offer has been made. Besett said she did not understand what was happening to the program.

"It's kind of like a slow death, like a stab wound, and we are slowly dying," Besett said, "rather than shooting you and getting over with it."

O'Hanlon said he does not want to close down or merge the program now, but next fall he may consider options such as combining the program or narrowing it down to just a doctoral or mas-

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ters program.

If a senior faculty member is not hired by fall, Lincoln or Omaha counseling psychologists may be used to temporarily fill the positions, O'Hanlon said.

O'Hanlon said one student has been admitted for this fall and no more would be added to the 70 masters and doctoral

students until next year. He said he wants to save resources for the current students and could let twice as many students in next year.

Besett said the decreasing size of the program would make it a first choice if a cut had to be made.

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Victims may have killed one another

BY JOSH FUNK
Senior Reporter

Preliminary autopsy results released Monday show that the victims of Thursday's double homicide may have killed each other, according to the Lancaster County Attorney's office.

Family members found husband and wife, Han Nguyen, 33, and Thaoung Bui, 28, in the basement of their north Lincoln home around 7:30 a.m. Thursday.

Family members called the police, who found that both had suffered several stab wounds, Lincoln Police Capt. Gary Engel said.

The wife, Bui, was dead when police arrived. Her husband, Nguyen, was rushed to Lincoln General Hospital, where he died a few hours later.

Lancaster County Attorney Gary Lacey said it appeared Bui and Nguyen killed each other in a fight.

But Lacey said the doctor who performed the autopsies needs to read the police investigation before signing the death certificates and releasing his findings.

Bui lived in the family home on the 3500 block of North Fourth Street Court and ran a small beauty salon in north-central Lincoln. Nguyen had just moved to Lincoln from Vietnam a few weeks ago.

Two days before the stabbings, police were called to the house for a domestic dispute between Bui and Nguyen.

Four other family members were in the house during the early morning hours when police believe the fight occurred.

Students waiting for issues before choosing

■ Voters say they want candidates to talk about real issues rather than creating others to divert attention.

BY TODD ANDERSON
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Less than two weeks before statewide primary election day, several University of Nebraska-Lincoln students have yet to decide which candidate will receive their vote for party nomination.

And most students said they have to sort out the real issues from high-profile political jargon pushed in television and radio advertise-

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ments to make those tough decisions.

Alex Kim, a chemistry graduate student and a registered independent voter, said he wishes candidates from both camps would announce what they truly believe instead of consulting the polls to decide what to say.

"It seems that most of (the candidates) look at Nebraska and pick stereotypes and decide what (voters would) like to hear," he said.

Student voters said candidates themselves had determined the

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NIKKI FOX/DN

Karen Kunc, UNL associate professor of art, recently won the University of Nebraska Outstanding Research and Creative Activity Award. Kunc, who has been at UNL for 13 years, specializes in color wood prints.

Kunc carves own niche

BY ROBYN THOMPSON
Staff Reporter

In her youth, Karen Kunc chose crayons over any other game she was offered.

"I think I always knew I was going to be an artist, even before kindergarten," said the associate professor of art.

Today, Kunc continues to choose art first and dedicates her life to creating colorful wood-block prints and other artwork shown in galleries worldwide.

These contributions recently earned Kunc the 1998 University of Nebraska Outstanding Research and Creative Activity Award.

Although she has taught for 13 years at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and dabbled in many artistic endeavors, Kunc said her primary artistic work is color wood prints.

She carves the colorful prints into birch plywood and stamps them with oil base printer's ink. Her designs are abstractions inspired by nature.

Others describe her style as bold, Kunc said.

"And I've also heard people use 'lyrical,' because there's a sense of beauty to things, but kind of a strange beauty," she said.

Even though she receives such ample praise of her work, the art veteran said she gets nervous before she starts each new

piece. So nervous, in fact, Kunc said the "creation of each new piece could probably be mapped like a roller coaster ride."

She starts her projects low, she said, and full of fear and uncertainty.

Then, she rises as she sinks deeper into the piece.

"Pretty soon, the art piece takes over me," Kunc said, and the art starts telling her what needs to happen next.

"That's a wonderful stage to be in."

Kunc said the university has given her the artistic freedom and

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