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**Below:** TOURISTS STOP and watch as a man pretends to conduct an imaginary orchestra outside Heidelberg Castle in Germany. The performer moved only when money was placed in the can in front of him.

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**Above:** A MAN whizzes by on his bike in Den Bosch, Holland. Bikes nearly outnumber cars in Holland and are the primary mode of transportation for most residents.

**Right:** NEBRASKA SOCCER players Jackie Erdkamp (left) and Isabelle Morneau stop to watch as a man juggles a soccer ball in an alley in Amsterdam. The man was taking a break from his job at a nearby sporting goods store.



## Soccer team grows through trip

The typical University of Nebraska-Lincoln student jumps for joy when finals are over and can't wait to get out of Lincoln. Nebraska soccer players are no different except that maybe our definition of "out of Lincoln" is a little more extreme than most.

The Saturday following finals week our team, coaching staff and trainer headed to Holland and Germany on what we hoped would be the trip of a lifetime.

Our European adventure came to pass through numerous fundraising efforts and generous donations. We traveled the entire state of Nebraska, well to Kearney and Omaha, putting on clinics to raise money to help offset the cost of the trip.

Armed with passports, snacks and plenty of maga-

zines we began our journey to the other side of the world. We were warned that things would be a little different than we were used to but somehow words just can't describe some of the differences we encountered.

Upon landing and after rounding up stray players at the airport, we headed to our hotel. A short practice was in order and to our surprise the Spice Girls were in attendance. OK so maybe they weren't the Spice Girls, but they didn't exactly resemble your typical North American soccer enthusiast with their short skirts and high heels.

Following practice we headed to Breda to see a professional men's soccer match between the home



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