



## SPORTS

### Surviving Edwards

Louisiana Tech's Troy Edwards had an NCAA record 405 receiving yards Saturday against Nebraska. NU still won 56-27. **PAGE 8-9**



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### Left of the norm

State fair worker and mutant animal trainer Lefty reflects on the wild side of life. **PAGE 12**

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### A FAIR DISAPPOINTMENT

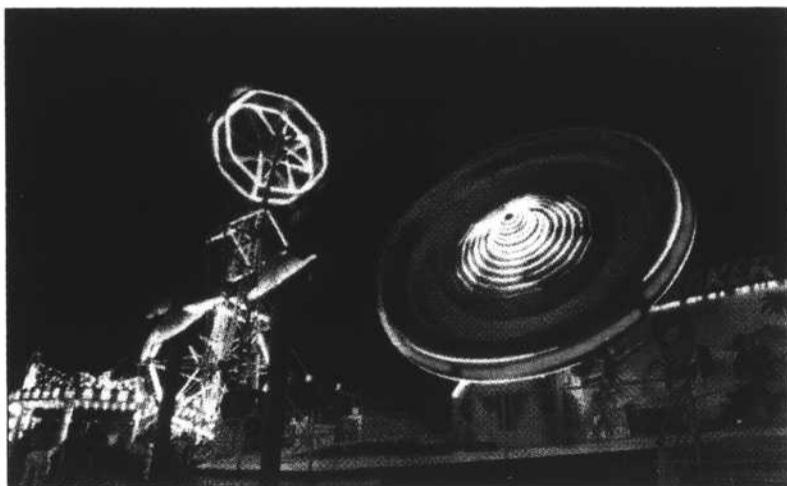
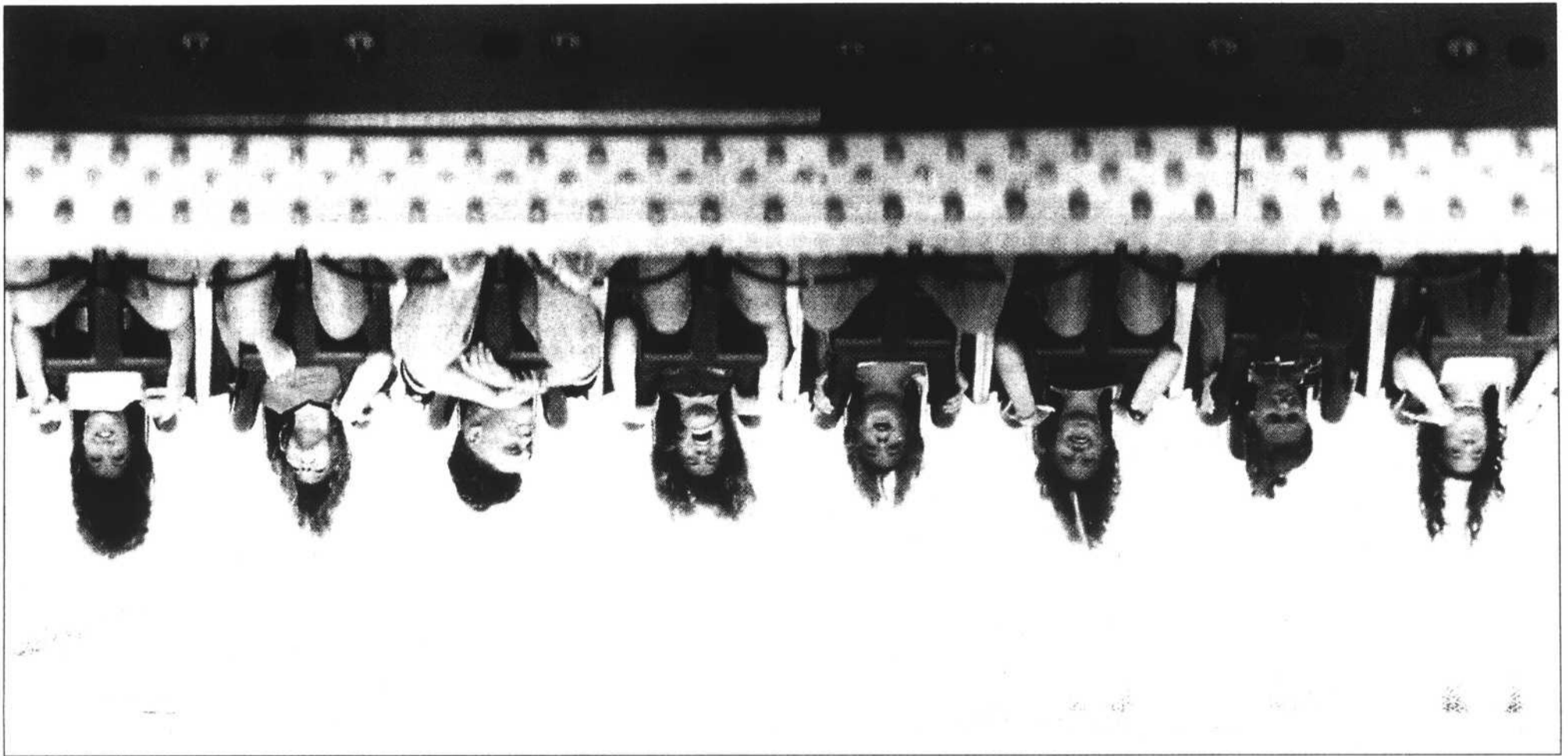
Rainy, high 87. Partly cloudy tonight, low 63.

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**TOP: THRILL-SEEKING FAIRGOERS** take an inverted spin on the Wind Shear Friday evening at the Nebraska State Fair. The Fair opened Friday and will run through next Monday. **Left: Midway lights** glow against Friday's clear sky for the fair's opening as screams and laughs emanate from dozens of rides. **SCOTT McCLURG/DN**

## Midway rides thrill adventure-seekers

**BY JOSH FUNK**  
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Extasy for only five tickets! That's right. At the 1998 Nebraska State Fair, riders can be gyrated fast enough to lose their lunch while being turned upside-down for five tickets on a ride called Extasy.

The midway at the state fair is in full swing again this year with perennial favorites designed to twist and turn riders every which way but loose.

With names like Extasy, Wind Shear, Kamikaze and the Ring of Fire, it's no wonder people stand in line for the rides at the fair again and again.

Visitors buy tickets to ride the attractions for 60 cents each or 20

for \$12. Coupons are available at booths located every 15 feet throughout the midway.

All rides cost at least two tickets, with most of the bigger attractions requiring four, five or six coupons.

Under Sunday's midafternoon sun, people sought refuge from the heat in the scant shade afforded by the rides while waiting for the braver souls in their groups to stagger back from their latest rides.

The adventurous riders in the high school- and college-aged crowds look for the rides that will take them high in the sky before plummeting back to earth.

"The Wind Shear and the Ring of Fire are the best because they are fast and scary," Matt Hinkel of Utica said.

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## Fair opens with good taste

*Many sights, sounds and smells stun the senses*

It's the mixed smell of gasoline and funnel cake.

It's the dirge of a demolition derby layered over the midway's yells and giggles.

It's hyper kids and parents fumbling with tickets and dollar bills, and Carnies beckoning from games and rides.

And swarms of leaf hoppers buzzing after the sun goes down.

The Nebraska State Fair opened this weekend with a mosaic of sounds, smells and sights to amuse,

and sometimes annoy, revelers.

Variety, or perhaps contrast, was the fair's hallmark.

Grater Taters are becoming as common as cotton candy among the repertoire of fair food.

Classic cowboys and rodeo heroes shared the grounds with macho newcomers, the lumberjack champions, who competed in the Great American Lumberjack Show.

But in terms of entertainment, the weekend's climax for many came with Friday's main music event,

Lynyrd Skynyrd.

Using a mix of new material and old, the group proved its music is as intoxicating as any swig of Southern Comfort — without the aftertaste to clash with the flavor Sno-Kones.

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## RHA announces new residence hall

**BY JESSICA FARGEN**  
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The Residence Hall Association adviser told senators Sunday night that a residence hall will be built in the parking lot directly north of the Cather and Pound residence halls.

Denise Borton, RHA adviser, announced the location of the hall, which will be for students of the soon-to-be-established J.D. Edwards Honors Program.

Doug Zatechka, director of UNL Housing, said the residence hall will be built with money from a recent \$32 mil-

lion donation from UNL alumni Carole and C. Edward McVanev.

The Denver couple's gift will establish a hall for about 150 students with an interest in business administration and computer science. The hall is tentatively scheduled for completion in spring 2001.

Zatechka said construction is scheduled to start in March 1999, but he did not know how big the hall would be.

The hall will be small enough to spare some parking spots in the lot, said

Tad McDowell, manager of Parking and Transit Services.

In other business, senators elected Larry Willis, Husker Hall senator, as speaker of the senate.

Willis was the only person who ran. Three others were nominated, but declined to run.

In a speech before he was elected, Willis said he had some restructuring goals for RHA.

"I am addressing restructuring," he said. "We need to go through and reconstruct our bylaws. We need someone who's going to get in there and get it

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