



Giving back to the game

NU soccer player Kristin Gay gives her time to young girls' youth soccer programs, providing a valuable role model to female athletes **PAGE 9**



The splits

After a series of missteps and financial blunders, Ballet Omaha has permanently retired, leaving Nebraska without professional ballet. **PAGE 12**

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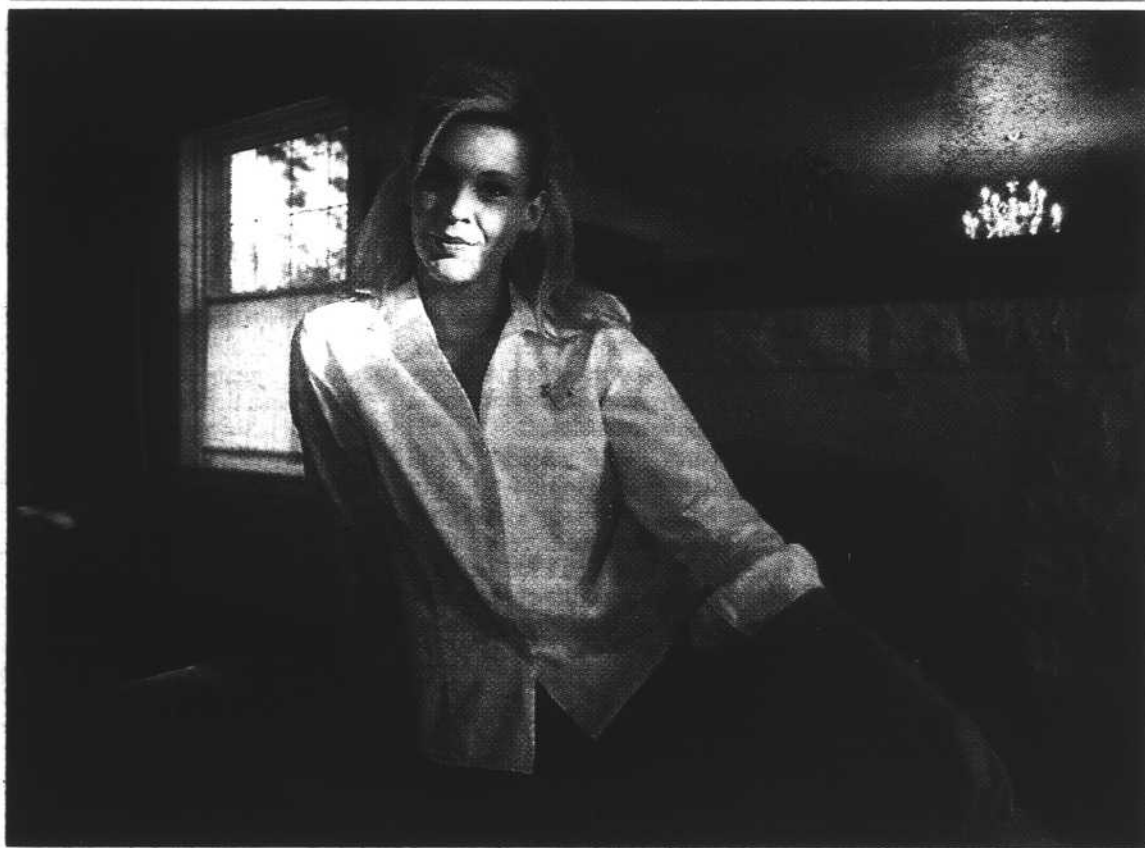
Mostly sunny, high 83. Fair tonight, low 63.

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ALLISON ELLIOTT, a senior elementary education major, is the fourth woman in her family to live in the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority house. The announcement that the house will be torn down in about four years tugged at her heartstrings, but she acknowledged that the move benefits the campus and the sorority.

Memories will live despite move

BY CHAD LORENZ
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On the front steps of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority, about 60 years ago, Allison Elliott's grandfather stood and serenaded the woman who would become his wife — Allison's grandmother.

Inside the house, 28 years ago, Allison's mother and father snuggled in front of the fireplace, posing for a snapshot to celebrate their

recent engagement at Christmastime.

As a high school girl, Allison would spend some weekends hanging out with her older sister, Jen, in Alpha Chi Omega's 72-year-old house. Now, her younger sister, Kim, does the same.

The windows and walls of the sorority house have heard and seen three generations of laughs, chatter and sobs from the women of Allison's family.

Those memories triggered

Allison's tears last week when she heard that the university plans to demolish the house to make way for a grassy mall.

"The reason I'm the one crying most is I ... I can just see my grandpa," she said, interrupted by more tears.

Allison was one of the many Alpha Chi Omega women upset to hear that the house will be torn down and moved in about four

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McGwire breaks home run record

BY DAVID WILSON
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For baseball nuts everywhere, Tuesday night was something special.

But even the not-so-enthusiastic fans may remember exactly where they were when Mark McGwire set the regular season home run record in St. Louis with his 62nd blast of the year.

"I was shocked," said Jeff Williamson, a senior family science and journalism major, who spent the evening with friends at bw-3 Bar and Grill. "It was unreal. It was awesome. We just saw history."

The record-breaker came in the fourth inning when McGwire lined a shot over the left-field fence.

"When he first hit it I didn't know if it was going to go out of the park or stay fair," said Nebraska Baseball Coach Dave Van Horn, who watched the game at home with his family. "When it got out, I was just kind of relieved for him. It just gives him a chance maybe to enjoy the rest of the season."

Williamson, on the other hand, said he knew the ball would get out once McGwire swung the bat. Like many fans, Williamson said he felt some sort of magical sixth sense that told him Tuesday night would be the night.

"We didn't want to be sitting at home when it happened," he said. "When people are, like, 'Where were you when it happened?' we wanted to say we were at the bar."

Van Horn said he wasn't too surprised that No. 62 came the night after McGwire tied Roger Maris' record at 61.

"I think he's been really hot lately," Van Horn said. "Even when he's been

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BENJAMIN RADER
UNL history professor

getting out, he's been hitting the ball hard. It didn't surprise me. I think he'll probably hit another seven or eight before the season is over."

Benjamin Rader, the author of "Baseball: America's Game" and a professor of American history at UNL, said he decided McGwire would break the record a month ago.

Rader, too, said the dinger was one he will remember for life.

"It ranks up among the most spectacular of historical feats," Rader said. "The home run to American fans presents kind of a dramatic finality with one mighty swat. I would place this among the most spectacular events in sports history."

McGwire's display of power this season has no doubt brought fans back to the game, Rader said.

Van Horn agreed. "(Some fans) really couldn't tell you who's in first place, but they can tell you how many homers McGwire or Sosa has," Van Horn said.

Karin Rief, a 30-year-old risk selection manager in Lincoln, is one of those

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Union Board debates, delays vote on homeless

BY JESSICA FARGEN
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The Nebraska Union Board decided Tuesday night to delay until its next meeting a possible vote on a proposed policy to restrict non-students from certain parts of the Nebraska Union after 6 p.m.

Though six students during the meeting and UNL's student government last week called the proposal discrimination, Bil Roby, executive director of a Lincoln homeless shelter, asked for the university's cooperation in helping the homeless.

Roby, executive director of Daywatch, a Lincoln daytime homeless shelter at 1911 R St., asked students and the university to work together to provide financial and programmatic help to extend the hours of the shelter and reduce the number of transients in the union.

At the meeting, six students spoke in an open forum in opposition to the proposed policy, which would require union patrons to produce identification to use the Crib, the unfin-

ished northwest study lounge, unfinished basement and billiard room and television lounge after 6 p.m.

Daywatch is one of the few places transients can go in Lincoln, but it closes at 4:30 p.m. and is not open on weekends, Roby said.

After the meeting, he said the union is for students and may not be the best place for chronic homeless and transient people.

"To restrict areas of the union to students is not a way to discriminate (against) the homeless," he said.

Instead, Roby said, those without homes should be directed to his and other shelters that have staff trained to deal with this "unique population."

After listening to open forum and to their own discussion, no Union Board members made a motion to vote on the policy.

Union Board President Matt Luth urged the board to come back to the next meeting Sept. 22 with more information and more student opinions and possibly motion to vote on the

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Take a load off, Fanny



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FRESHMAN LIZ ORMSBY, top, and freshman Holly Airheart sit on a sculpture near Kimball Hall on Tuesday morning. The two were taking a break from music class to enjoy the weather.