



Trying to find room

Nebraska's rushing game has been less than spectacular the last two weeks. This week, the Huskers try to solve the woes. PAGE 11



The vinyl underground

For 10 years, Backtrack records has served Lincoln's vinyl-loving public. Now, owner Jeff Loos is closing shop to go entirely online. PAGE 9

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NOTHING LIKE THE SUN

Mostly sunny, high 70. Partly cloudy tonight, low 43.

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Twins face Colorado murder charges

A UNL senior and his brother face first-degree charges and are being held without bond after being charged Thursday.

By JOSH FUNK Senior staff writer

One UNL senior and his twin brother, along with two of their companions, are facing first-degree murder charges in Denver.

The four men will be in a Denver court this morning to ask a judge to set bail.

The men were being held without bond after being charged Thursday.

David and Kevin Bills, both 21, of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Joshua Wright, 18, of Arvada, Colo.; and Kevin Snyder, 19, of Omaha are all charged in connection with the Oct. 4 stabbing death of 34-year-old Patrick Perry.

David Bills, a senior at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, was in Denver visiting his twin brother, Kevin, a senior at Metropolitan State College in Denver, when the stabbing occurred.

Defense attorneys for the brothers, Phil Cherner and Jim Castle, said the four suspects saw Perry attacking a woman on the street in the early morning hours of Oct. 4 and stopped the

attack.

Denver District Attorney Bill Ritter's office was closed Monday, and he could not be reached for comment.

Police responded to a report of a man beating a woman at an apartment complex that morning, but they found nothing when they arrived on scene.

Two hours later police were called back to the apartment complex for a fight.

The suspects said the man they had encountered earlier came back.

"This guy comes back to the apartment complex and threatens my client and his friends and brandished something that appeared to be a

"It is dark, he is bigger than they are, he is making verbal threats and coming at them and actually gets into an altercation with them. And that's when he is stabbed," Cherner, David Bills' lawyer, said.

Police said the brothers admitted Oct. 4 to stabbing Perry, and David Bills told investigators that he stabbed Perry twice in the back after a fight started between Perry and Kevin Bills.

Defense attorneys for the Bills brothers said "they were Good Samaritans who were attacked for being Good Samaritans."

But witnesses at the scene and friends of Perry disagree with the defense's interpretation

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Preparing for 'Picasso'



BRETT DANGLER, a junior elementary education major, works on a steel frame that will be the legs of the Eiffel Tower in the theater production of "Picasso."

Repatriation commended

By KIM SWEET Staff writer

Howard Rainer remembers his first experience with racism very clearly.

After leaving his home in New Mexico for the first time to go to junior college in Oklahoma, he remembers, he entered the bus station. Upon walking through the door, he saw a sign for a black person's restroom and a white person's restroom.

After seeing the signs the American Indian asked himself, "What is a brown person supposed to choose?"

Being a minority within the minority, Rainer, who works as an advocate for educational opportunities for American Indians at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, uses his experiences with racism to tell students to strive for their goals and dreams.

The event, which took place at the NU Coliseum on Monday night, was one of the first events to kick off Homecoming week at the University

of Nebraska-Lincoln.

After being one of the few American Indians in a majority white setting as a student at BYU, Rainer said, he had to challenge himself to keep going and to keep overcoming the obstacles people set in his way.

Rainer used the student gathering to emphasize the impact he had as one person, and the impact each individual can have.

He recognized student government senator Kara Slaughter's efforts in creating awareness in the university over the issue of American Indian bones that are being held by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Slaughter presented a bill last April to the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska asking that UNL uphold all laws regarding the use and repatriation of Native American remains.

Rainer challenged all students to follow Slaughter's lead.

"One person can make a difference when they dare to ask," he said. "Everyone should get involved with

something they believe in."

UNL's Homecoming happened to conflict with a national American Indian conference scheduled in Nashville, Tenn.

But after being invited to speak at Homecoming, Rainer said, it was not hard to decide which one to attend.

"There is a historic moment that is going to transpire and take place on this campus soon," Rainer said in reference to the repatriation of American Indian bones to various tribes in Nebraska.

Sam Ushio, a senior finance and marketing major, said he was inspired by Rainer's message and how he used his own experiences with diversity to relate to students.

"He talked about diversity," Ushio said. "He used it as a background for his speech more than anything."

At the end of the speech, Rainer applauded the university for its efforts to return the remains of American Indian ancestors to their homes.

"For the Native Americans, you made a grand homecoming."

UNL looks to set policy on chalking

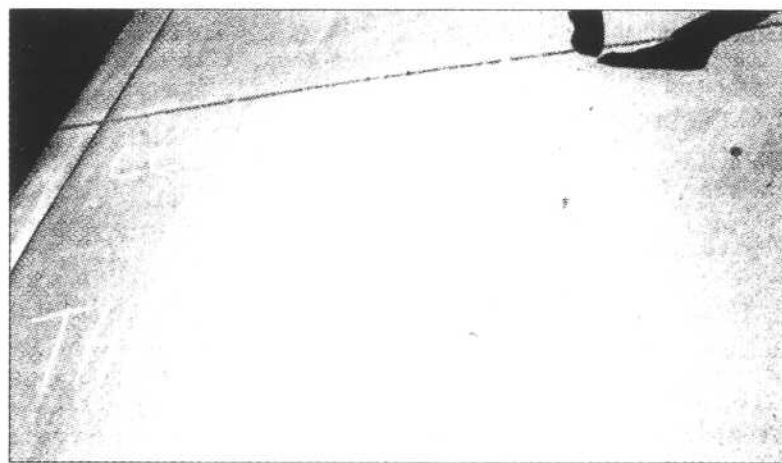
By LINDSAY YOUNG Senior staff writer

A new policy may prevent people from scrawling messages on campus sidewalks such as those presented to students walking to class early Monday.

Chalk-written messages in response to Columbus Day reflected the feelings of some about the celebration of what is called the discovery of America.

They included "Columbus invaded this land," "Murder and Lies as American as Apple Pie" and "Let me steal your land then I'll name an insurance company after you."

Landscape Services removed the



STUDENTS WALKING on campus Monday were met with chalk messages about Columbus Day. Landscape Services removed the messages early Monday afternoon.

chalkings by early afternoon.

Columbus Day celebrates the day explorer Christopher Columbus landed in the present-day Bahamas in 1492. The holiday is celebrated annually in the United States and became a federal holiday in 1971.

Scott Lewis, associate vice chancellor for business and finance, was asked to look at the issue of chalking when he arrived at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on Sept. 1.

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