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Sleep to dream

Fiona Nepo enjoys her occasional nap, but she's wide awake on the volleyball court, where she is the catalyst to NU's national title run. **PAGE 7**



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Acting like an artist

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile," written by actor/comedian Steve Martin, opens tonight in the Temple Building for students only. **PAGE 9**

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Partly sunny, high 65. Mostly clear tonight, low 43.

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JEFF BIERNBAUM, a fifth-year architecture major, looks at the scale model of the Grand Court from the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, which took place in Omaha in 1898. The actual buildings in the Grand Court were temporary, made of plaster of Paris and horsehair, and then demolished following the event.

SCOTT MCCLURG/DN

Model celebrates anniversary of fair

■ The Trans-Mississippi Exposition's re-creation was made for the centennial of a world's fair that took place in Omaha.

BY DANE STICKNEY
Staff writer

Volunteers from 10 Nebraska architecture firms spent 3,000 hours bringing a long-forgotten fair back to life.

In an 18-foot model, now on display in UNL's Architecture Hall, volunteers re-created many details of a world's fair that a century ago attracted 2 million visitors to Omaha.

This year marks the centennial of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, which was created by

the federal government to promote the opportunity and wealth available in the western states.

At the time, Omaha was a town of 100,000 and a mere 40 years old. Omaha businessmen lobbied for the fair and organized the event.

One hundred ten buildings were constructed to house the exposition. The buildings, made of plaster of Paris and horsehair, were destroyed soon after the five-month fair ended.

The center of the fair was the Grand Court, which comprised seven primary buildings. The court surrounded a lagoon 2,000 feet long, filled with 7 million gallons of water.

To commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the exposition, Lincoln and Omaha-area architecture firms constructed an 18-foot scale model of the Grand Court.

The model now is on display at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln through Friday.

The project was coordinated by four employ-

ees of the Leo A. Daly architecture firm in Omaha.

UNL graduates Martin Janousek and Jeff Monzu were part of the four-man team in charge.

Monzu said the project originated in June 1997, when the Trans-Mississippi Exposition Historical Society of Omaha asked architecture firms to build a model of the exposition's layout.

Eight Omaha firms and two Lincoln firms volunteered their employees' time to work on the model, which involved 36 architects.

Monzu said more than 3,000 work hours went into making the model over five months. The estimated value of the materials and hours involved exceeded \$200,000.

Janousek said the project was created to make people aware of the fair that took place a century ago.

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Election '98

Hurdles don't stop female candidates

BY TODD ANDERSON
Senior staff writer

Though state and federal laws have not always permitted them to participate in government or to vote, women have been part of significant historical change in the United States.

This year four women representing both major political parties will appear on the Nov. 3 ballot. Some of them say they have emerged because of the experiences of women in society.

Omaha Sen. Kate Witek, the Republican candidate for state auditor, will face Lancaster County Clerk Kandra Hahn, the Democratic candidate.

Hahn said the Nebraska women who work in politics and run as candidates for office become involved after learning how to be strong individuals and how to set their egos aside to help others.

"You have to be able to focus on other people for a while and trust that (your) needs will be taken care of," Hahn said.

She said the women's movement has tried to ensure both men and women realize their opportunities to make decisions on leading their lives.

For many women, that meant balancing family life with outside leadership roles, she said.

"And we found out we damn well can lead," Hahn said.

Witek did not return phone calls seeking comment for this story.

Another woman on Nebraska's ballot is Lincoln attorney Pat Knapp, who will appear as the Democratic candidate for attorney general against Republican incumbent Don Stenberg.

Knapp also could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

The race for lieutenant governor includes another one of Nebraska's female candidates: Pam Bataillon, a Democrat, will face Republican Sen. Dave Maurstad.

Bataillon said women working on the Democratic campaign have been the backbone of the party, in both leading and in campaign support.

She said women have always been involved in political movements — such as outlawing child labor, providing quality education and women's suffrage — though they have not always had the right to vote or run for office.

Nebraska was one of the first four states to grant universal presidential suffrage in 1917.

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Alpha Tau Omega under scrutiny after member's arrest

BY JOSH FUNK
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University officials and Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity alumni will investigate ATO after one of its members was arrested for making fake IDs for minors.

Police arrested the 20-year-old ATO member Tuesday for felony possession of a forgery device after he turned himself in, Sgt. Al Berndt said.

Both the university and the fraternity have said they will investigate the

offender and the house for violating their codes of conduct.

ATO alumni board member Rob Otte said alumni are concerned for the student, but they have a responsibility to maintain the house code of conduct.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen said he would charge the individual for conduct violations through the university when he gets the full report.

He also said he would investigate the rest of the fraternity's involvement.

The arrest is the result of a three-

week undercover investigation that began when bicycle officers downtown heard that ATO was the place to go for fake IDs, Berndt said.

An undercover officer contacted an ATO member who referred him to the student making IDs, a member of the fraternity not living in the house.

Berndt said he could not comment on the involvement of the other house members in the operation.

Police contacted the student at his home on the 400 block of Mormon Trail in northwest Lincoln and bought a fake

ID for \$50.

Thursday, police served a search warrant at the home and seized two computers, a scanner, laminator and some other equipment necessary for making IDs.

After conferring with the Lancaster County Attorney, police called the student and asked him to turn himself in, which he did Tuesday morning.

Otte said the ATO alumni board would not impose any sanctions on the offender or the house until after conducting its own investigation.

ATO alumni have a close relationship with the chapter, Otte said, but the chapter adviser, who is on the board, did not know this student.

"We just can't monitor every time somebody passes gas, but we want to remain vigilant (about conduct)," Otte said.

Berndt said the police are getting two more search warrants to look at the files on the computer.

The student is due in court Nov. 12 and if convicted could face a maximum of five years in jail and a \$10,000 fine.