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### Tough day at the meet

Emotions ran high at the Big 12 Cross Country Championships as Colorado won the men's race and Kansas State won the women's. **PAGE 10**



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### Still painting

UNL graduate Laura Nothern opens an exhibition of bold and colorful still lifes this week at Gallery 9 in the Haymarket. **PAGE 12**

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### BLAME IT ON THE RAIN

Showers, high 50. More rain tonight, low 40.

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## Huskers somber after loss

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Nobody's perfect.

Nebraska senior tight end Sheldon Jackson said so after NU's 28-21 loss to Texas A&M, which ended the Huskers' unbeaten streak at 18. Eventually Nebraska had to lose.

But nobody expected this. Not a loss at Memorial Stadium, where the Huskers had won 47 straight games. Not a loss to an unranked, 18-point underdog. And good Lord, not to Texas, especially with NU wanting revenge for its loss in the 1996 Big 12 Championship.

Well, the whole house party came crashing down Saturday in the form of a 20-16 loss to the Longhorns, the second time UT has beaten NU in three seasons.

It ended a 47-game home winning streak at Memorial Stadium and possibly signaled an end to Nebraska's supremacy in the conference and on the national stage. For the first time since 1992, Nebraska dropped out of the top 10 in The Associated Press poll. With two conference losses, the Huskers are behind four teams in the Big 12.

Stunned fans, players and coaches were left wondering what happened to the 1998 season and whether or not the Huskers can regain their lofty status as one of college football's elite teams.

"I feel like I've let so many guys down, guys I don't even know who started this streak at home," NU senior rush end Chad Kelsay said.

"This is our house, and you don't want someone to come in here and beat you. That's what they did today."



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**NEBRASKA OFFENSIVE LINEMAN** Dominic Raiola can't watch the last minutes of the Huskers' 20-16 loss to the Texas Longhorns Saturday at Memorial Stadium. Saturday marked the first game the Huskers lost at Memorial Stadium in more than seven years.

## Massacre rumors find roots in legend

■ The Halloween weekend passes without a rumored Big 12 sorority mass killing.

BY LINDSAY YOUNG  
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It sounded like a cheesy plot for a new Wes Craven slasher, complete with sorority girls, a Halloween setting and those gullible enough to eat up every word.

Rumors of a sorority house massacre sent many members running scared when the University of Nebraska-Lincoln became part of the script this weekend.

The plot thickened this way:

A psychic guest on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" predicted a massacre would happen in a sorority house at a Big 12 school over Halloween weekend.

The psychic was the same one who predicted the Oklahoma City bombing and the Holocaust, and some say even the Heaven's Gate mass suicide.

And, gossipers said with a straight face, the killer was to be dressed as Little Bo Peep.

Although no one could recall having seen the "Oprah" episode featuring the psychic, several UNL sorority houses were nearly vacated by Saturday night.

An ironic twist to the rumor — no such guest ever appeared on the show, said an Oprah Winfrey publicist.

Even those who didn't believe the prophesy fled anyway.

Psychotic copycats may feel compelled to make the prediction come true, they reasoned. Some students said they just didn't know what to believe and didn't want to take a risk.

University police confirmed that no massacres occurred over the weekend. All in all, things were pretty quiet, University Police Chief Ken Cauble said.

Police took reports of a few campus incidents they think are related to the rumor.

Someone wrote in chalk in front of a sorority house, "Little Bo Peep is going to come kill her sheep." A hand print was made with ketchup on a window at that same house, Cauble said.

Like the vandalism, the entire story was a mere prank — on a nationwide scale.

The story started back in 1968 in the Midwest, as part of what is called

## Students 'interview' Einstein via computer

BY BRIAN CARLSON  
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Albert Einstein, world-famous physicist and developer of the theory of relativity, visited the University of Nebraska-Lincoln last week to field questions from students about his life and work.

"An hour sitting with a pretty girl on a park bench seems like a minute," he said, explaining his famous theory. "A minute sitting on a hot stove seems like an hour. That's relativity."

Actually, although Einstein postulated that time was relative, he didn't arrive in Lincoln via a time warp. Einstein, who died in 1955, "spoke" to students through a "synthetic interview" process developed by Scott Stevens and others at Carnegie Mellon University.

Stevens, a former UNL assistant physics professor, demonstrated his

synthetic interview with Einstein to students last week for Master's Week at UNL.

Stevens and other researchers pored over Einstein's writings and speeches, seeking to find answers to questions commonly asked about Einstein. When they had compiled the material, they asked an actor to don a disheveled white wig and recite four hours' worth of Einstein's sayings.

The actor was videotaped, and the footage was stored on a computer. Then the researchers developed a voice recognition system so that people could speak into a microphone and "ask" questions of Einstein. The computer attempts to recognize what is being asked, then searches for an Einstein saying that answers the question.

Asked for his opinions about Newton, the theory of relativity and quantum mechanics, Einstein launched into involved commentaries

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ALBERT EINSTEIN  
scientist

on the continuing relevance of Newton's laws of motion, the difference between special and general relativity and what he called the misapplication of the quantum theory.

Einstein also discussed the relationship between science and religion.

"I believe in Spinoza's God ... not a God who concerns himself in the fate of human beings," he said. "But science without religion is lame; religion without science is blind."

Einstein said one of his greatest

mistakes was signing a letter to President Roosevelt recommending that the United States develop the atomic bomb, given nuclear weapons' capacity to destroy civilization.

"I do not know how the third world war will be fought, but I know how the fourth will: with sticks and stones," he said.

But he said he thought he could be forgiven considering the possibility

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