



## SPORTS

### Boys of spring

Football, that is. Nebraska kicked off its spring practice schedule Monday with a workout in Cook Pavilion. **PAGE 7**



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### Composing a festival

Thursday, Lincoln celebrates the music of composer George Crumb when a scholar specializing in his music comes to town. **PAGE 12**

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A GLIMMER OF HOPE

Partly sunny, high 51. Mostly clear tonight, low 28.

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## 3 arrested in weekend stabbing

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Police released few details Monday about the weekend stabbing of a Lincoln man, though three suspects were arrested Sunday.

James Allen, 38, was found dead in his 1635 F St. apartment Sunday morning with two knives in his back, neighbors said.

Preliminary autopsy results released Monday afternoon show that Allen died from a sharp-force trauma, such as a knife wound, to his upper body.

But Lancaster County Attorney Gary Lacey would not release any other details about the death.

Police released Allen's name Monday after notifying



Allen

his mother in another state, where she lives.

Police believe Allen was killed either late Saturday or early Sunday before he was found by two friends around 10:30 a.m.

Lincoln Police Chief Tom Casady said they recovered some knives that were used in the attack from Allen's apartment.

While police were processing the crime scene Sunday afternoon, one of the suspects, Larry Welch, 44, showed up and started talking to police, Casady said.

After police interviewed Welch at the station, he was arrested, and police started looking for the other two sus-

pects.

Larry Barry, 38, and Jennifer Irwin-Barry, 20, were both arrested near 19th and R streets around 6 p.m. Sunday, Casady said.

None of the three suspects have a permanent address, though Casady said they were all Lincoln residents.

"The suspects and Allen were all in the same social circle," Casady said.

Allen was well-known to police, Casady said, and county court records showed seven criminal charges since 1993, including DUI, obstructing a government operation and disturbing the peace.



Barry



Irwin-Barry



Welch

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## Starry night



STARS SPIRAL around a windmill during this two-hour exposure taken on Bob and Mona Crow's farm near Arnold.

LANE HICKENBOTTOM/DN

## UNL denies harassment allegations

By **IEVA AUGSTUMS**  
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University officials have denied a former UNL assistant professor's allegations of sexual harassment, refuting the claim that the university's political science department tolerated a hostile work environment.

In documents filed last week in U.S. District Court, the university said Valerie Schwebach should be barred from recovering damages from the lawsuit because she resigned voluntarily from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Schwebach disagreed with the university's response to her lawsuit.

"If they are saying my resigning was voluntary, I say it's not true," Schwebach said. "I wouldn't have resigned if I didn't have to."

NU Senior Associate General Counsel John Wiltse said the university's response dealt directly with statements and allegations Schwebach charged in her lawsuit.

Schwebach, who was denied tenure and left UNL in May 1998 because of a "sometimes-unsafe work environment," filed a sexual harassment lawsuit Jan. 21 against the NU Board of Regents.

The lawsuit details Schwebach's allegations of harassment in the political science department, as well as information regarding several graduate students' complaints and sexual harassment problems since January 1993.

Schwebach, now in Houston, has requested compensation — back salary, fringe benefits and attorney's fees — from the university. She also requested her reinstatement as a professor.

Eric Brown, one of Schwebach's attorneys, said he was not surprised by NU's response.

"It's a standard answer," Brown said. "Their response is a common answer in most lawsuits."

The university had 20 days to respond to Schwebach's lawsuit.

The university requested an extension of 30 days to file a response.

"I filed the extension," Wiltse said. "I needed additional time."

Wiltse said the UNL political science department was cooperating with the university.

Schwebach said she was ready to confront the university with her allegations.

"I'm in it for the long haul," Schwebach said.

"If they are waiting for me to run away — no chance."

## Committee advances speeding bill

By **JESSICA FARGEN**  
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A bill that would double and sometimes triple the fines for speeding on the Interstate advanced in a Transportation Committee executive session Monday.

Fines for speeding 6-10 mph over the limit would jump from \$25 to \$100, and speeding 11-15 mph over would cost motorists \$150, a \$50 jump from the current \$75. Fines for speeding 21 mph or more over the speed limit would jump from \$200 to \$300.

Fines for speeding would still be doubled in construction zones, which would equate to a \$600

### Legislature



fine under LB585 for speeding 21 mph or over in a construction zone.

Steep costs should make people think twice about speeding, said Wahoo Sen. Curt Bromm, who is chairman of the committee.

Included in LB585, dubbed the Higher Safety Initiative, are measures targeting repeat drunken-driving offenders and possession of open containers of alcohol in motor vehicles.

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### Fast Track

Under LB585, fines for speeding on the Interstate would be increased. Fines for speeding on highways would remain the same.

Current fines:	Under LB585:
1-5 mph over	\$10
6-10 mph over	\$25
11-15 mph over	\$75
16-20 mph over	\$125
21 mph or more over	\$200

Under LB585:	\$50
1-5 mph over	\$100
6-10 mph over	\$150
11-15 mph over	\$200
16-20 mph over	\$200
21 mph or more over	\$300

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