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Hit parade

Ken Harvey and Jennifer Lizama lead their respective teams with their big bats and leadership. **PAGE 10**



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Selling samples

Zach Church and Garrick Noonan have opened Lincoln's newest music store, dedicated entirely to the art of the DJ. **PAGE 12**

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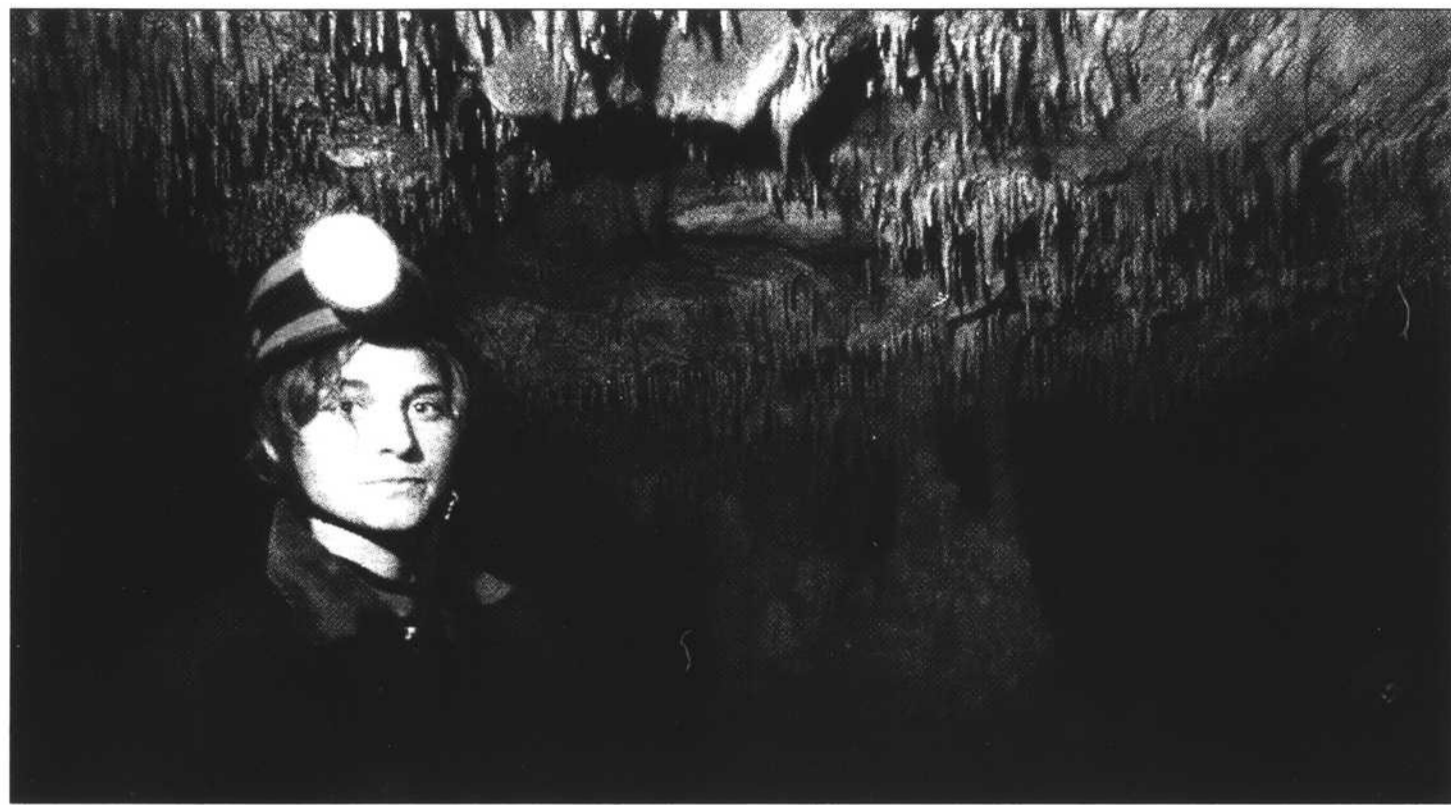
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CAVE DWELLERS

Spelunkers delve deep into underground labyrinths

BY RICK TOWNLEY
Staff writer

Going down under took on new meaning for 13 students who spent three days underground spelunking – or exploring caves – as part of the UNL Outdoor Adventures Program.

The trip, which took place March 5-7, let the students explore two underground mazes: Little Scott Cave and Lone Hill Onyx Cave both located in Sullivan, Mo., about 50 miles southwest of St. Louis.

The group spent about eight hours in the

RICK TOWNLEY/DN
JENNIFER FOX, Junior Elementary and Art Education major, said her Outdoor Adventures trip opened her eyes. "It made want to go see what else is out there," she said.

two caves. Participants would sometimes have to crawl on their bellies in 50-degree water through 3-foot openings, and many emerged wet and covered in mud.

"I loved being all wet and gross. It was a lot of fun," said Martha Christensen, a junior fisheries and wildlife major and an Outdoor Adventures trip leader. "It was like a whole other world down there."

Students found that many narrow passageways opened up to huge domed rooms with stalactites and stalagmites.

"It was amazing," said junior elementary and art education major Jennifer Fox. "This stuff has been here for thousands of years and hasn't changed."

Lua Maggiore, junior adventure-based experiential education major and an Outdoor

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Legislature



Smoking in halls debated

■ **Senators discuss a bill that would ban smoking in several residence hall rooms.**

BY JESSICA FARGEN
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Although a bill advanced out of final debate Thursday would prohibit smoking in about 60 percent of UNL's residence halls, the university is already taking steps to clear some smoke out of the halls, a housing administrator said. LB211, originally aimed to ban smoking only in the state Capitol, advanced 43-0, with amendments to include smoking bans in state buildings, with some exceptions.

Smoking would be permitted in:

■ No more than 40 percent of the residence hall rooms at the University of Nebraska and state colleges

■ Health and Human Services buildings

■ No more than 25 percent of the overnight lodging facilities at state parks

■ Veterans' homes

■ No more than 50 percent of the beer gardens at the Nebraska State Fairgrounds.

Gov. Mike Johanns has five days from the day he receives the bill to sign it. If he does not sign the bill or veto it, the bill passes into law. Johanns has not decided whether he will sign or veto the legislation, said Chris Peterson, Johanns' press secretary.

Peterson said Johanns may understand the addictive nature of cigarettes.

"The governor, he used to smoke a couple of packs a day," Peterson said. "He quit cold turkey more than 10 years ago, and he supports efforts to encourage young people to not

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Exotic spider lurks in fruit crate

BY ERIC RINEER
Staff writer

Andy Tetschner said he did not experience arachnophobia two weeks ago when he discovered what may be one of the world's most poisonous spiders crawling around in a box of bananas.

Tetschner, a junior business major and an employee at Super Saver grocery store at 27th Street and Cornhusker Highway, discovered a 2½-inch-long tropical wandering spider while unpacking a crate of bananas shipped from Guatemala.

"It was weird," said Tetschner, who later was told the spider was from one of the most poisonous spi-

der families in the world. "I thought it was a tarantula, and I went to poke at it – it was still alive."

ANDY TETSCHNER
Super Saver employee

"I brought over a manager and he was freaking out."

Tetschner said he had no knowledge the spider was alive when first unpacking the bananas.

"I thought it was a tarantula, and I went to poke at it – it was still alive."

The spider was immediately put into a plastic cup and sent to the Entomology Department on the

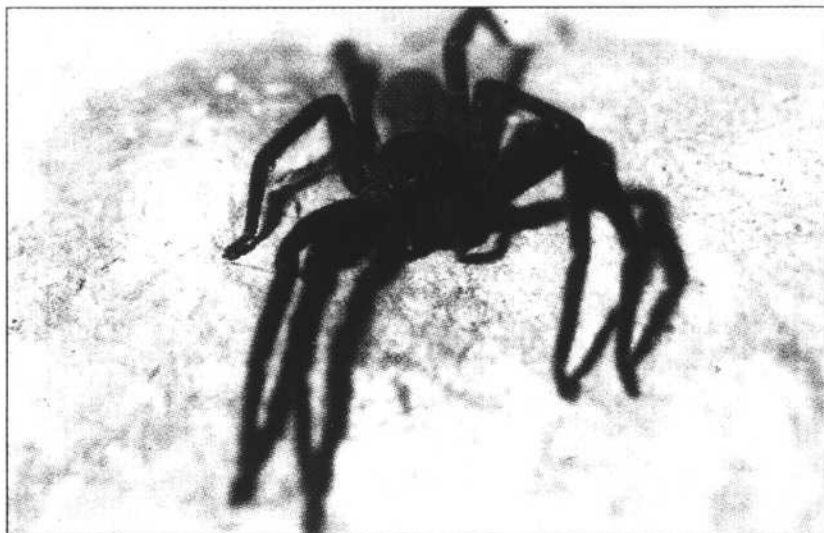
University of Nebraska-Lincoln's East Campus.

James Kalisch, extension technologist in entomology, said he was fascinated by the specimen.

"It's always exciting to have something new to look at," Kalisch said.

He said the spider from Super

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SCOTT McCLURG/DN

THIS TROPICAL WANDERING SPIDER was discovered in a crate of bananas at Super Saver grocery store at 27th Street and Cornhusker Highway. The poisonous spider is now at the Entomology Department on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's East Campus.