



## SPORTS

### Play Misty for me

Misty Oxford will fight through injury to compete for the No. 7 Nebraska women's gymnastics team. PAGE 8



## A & E

### Festival finale

The Great Plains Festival comes to its conclusion this weekend with performances at the Lied Center and a symposium at the Cornhusker. PAGE 11

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### SPRING CONTINUANCE

Partly cloudy, high 60. Overcast tonight, low 45.

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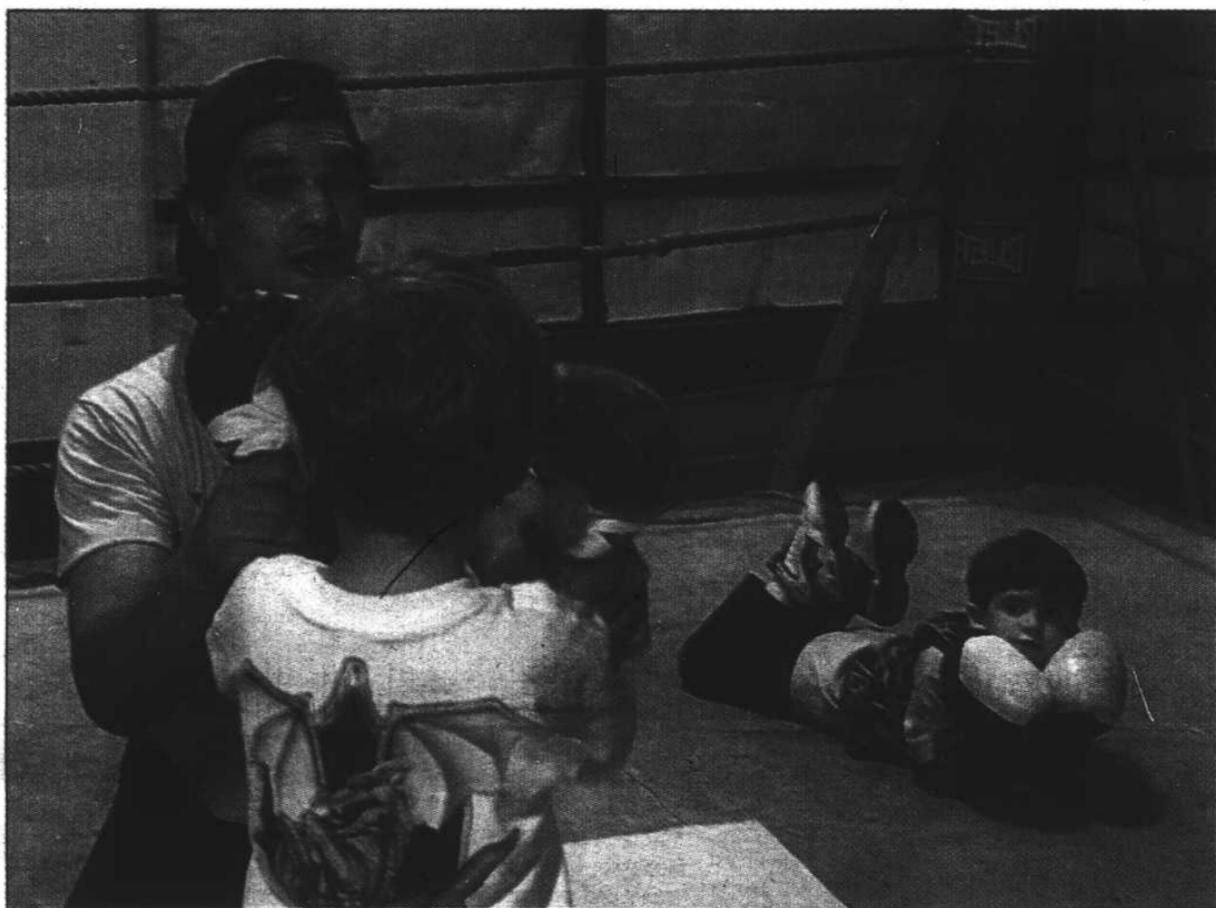
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## In the ring



TONY MENEFEE SHOWS Dalton White, 4, how to keep his gloves up when boxing while Menefee's son, Nicholas, 5, takes a break. Menefee, who started boxing when he was five, said he opened his gym to help keep kids off the street. "They don't need to fight with guns and knives," Menefee said. "They can do it with their hands in the ring." Please see story on page 2.

SANDY SUMMERS/DN

## Liquor control refuses to rule on club query

*Commission allows city to have final say on issue*

BY IEVA AUGSTUMS AND SHANE ANTHONY  
Staff writers

The Nebraska Liquor Control Commission said Thursday it did not have jurisdiction to rule on a bottle club question brought by downtown Lincoln bar owner Mike Webb.

Commission Director Frosty Chapman said commission members agreed with city and university officials that such a club would be a detriment to the community. But the commission can only rule on applications or actual licenses, he said.

"The commission said they had no authority to rule on this," Chapman said. "It's a matter best reserved for the city's judgment."

The discussion of the possible establishment of a bottle club in Lincoln began last month when Webb, co-owner of Barry's Bar and Grill, 235 N. Ninth St., petitioned the commission to define the term "bottle club."

Although the Lincoln City Council unanimously passed an ordinance Monday to prohibit bottle clubs, the commission's decision Thursday came after university and city officials testified in opposition to Webb's petition.

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## HIGHER LEARNING

# Tug of War

Groups compete for hearts, minds of students

Story by Josh Nichols

They were friendly, hugged him and told him that he belonged.

But Christopher Measel didn't know that belonging would cost him so much.

Last spring, Measel, a freshman biology major at the time, attended a service of the Greater Church of Christ in Omaha.

He joined the church, which meets at the Westside Community Center in Omaha, and became an active member. That, he said, is when the problems began.

"They had too much control over people's life," Measel said. "They were with me constantly."

College students such as Measel are an easy target for cults and other religious groups because they are in a new environment, said Rev. Bill Steinbauer, pastor at the University Lutheran Chapel.

Hugh Whitt, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln sociology professor, called the university setting a "religious marketplace" for religious groups trying to recruit new members.

Though it isn't always the case, Measel said, once he was recruited into the Greater Church of Christ, people called spiritual policemen followed him around to make sure he wasn't sinning or giving into temptations.

They continually asked him for donations, which caused him to fall into financial debt, his grades dropped and he was almost forced to quit school because of the church, he said.

He said he was asked to break contact with his old friends and was also forced to break up with his girlfriend.

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## Marchers doubt UNL's devotion to repatriation

■ Twenty protestors marched from the Capitol to Bessey Hall despite the danger of a tornado warning.

BY LINDSAY YOUNG  
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Despite a looming tornado warning, about 20 people gathered Thursday afternoon at the Capitol and marched to UNL's Bessey Hall to raise awareness of efforts to expedite the repatriation of American-Indian remains.

The trek was held to highlight what the marchers said was a lack of university cooperation toward the rapid repatriation of about 1,700 remains, said Randy Thomas, a grassroots Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act activist.

In September, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln decided it would repatriate the remains.

Jim Estes, Nebraska State Museum director and NAG-PRA committee member, said communication has occurred between tribes and UNL.

"As far as I know, we've been in contact each time something of interest arises," Estes said.

NAGPRA committee coordinator Priscilla Grew was out of town Thursday and was unavailable for comment.

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