



Springtime fun

The Red/White Spring Game takes place Saturday, and several Nebraska football players will be hurt for the festivities. PAGE 11

Paper Cut King

A frustrated artist with a love for cartoon animation, Mel Kelley, expresses himself through the art of collage. PAGE

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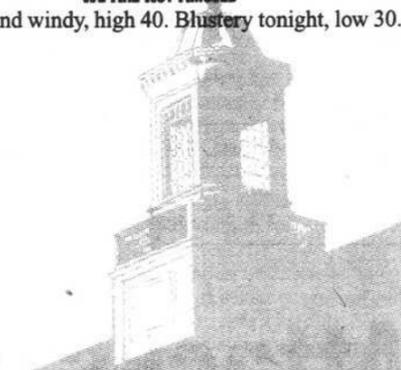
Cloudy and windy, high 40. Blustery tonight, low 30.

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After four years as the principal player of Lil' Red, Brad Post, front, is moving on and Ryan Fandrich, a three-year Lil' Red veteran, is stepping up to take his place. Post, who will graduate in December, said curiosity made him try out.

SANDY SUMMERS/DN

Lil' Red wins national mascot competition

BY KELLI LACEY
Staff writer

The tunnel music makes the hairs on the back of his neck stand up.

The stands are filled with 76,000 screaming fans, which gives him goose bumps.

It is almost kickoff time at a Nebraska football game, and the 8-foot-tall Lil' Red—a.k.a. Brad Post—is dancing on the field.

Lil' Red, who has dazzled audiences at University of Nebraska-Lincoln sporting

events since 1993, is performed this year by four UNL students, including Post, creating immense popularity for the mascot by focusing on making people happy.

This enthusiasm for the people won the students first place in the National Cheerleaders Association College Mascot Competition held in Daytona Beach, Fla., on April 3.

When Post came to the UNL in the spring of 1995, he had no intentions of becoming the university's mascot.

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Dole urges: Do what it takes to win

■ The Republican presidential hopeful said she would support a decision to send ground forces to resolve the Kosovo crisis.

BY BRIAN CARLSON
Staff writer

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — In a lecture at the U.S. Naval Academy on Wednesday, Republican presidential hopeful Elizabeth Dole called for tougher U.S. resolve in evicting Yugoslav forces from Kosovo and ending oppression of ethnic Albanians.

"Tonight I call on President Clinton to rally our nation, strengthen our international coalitions and build up the forces necessary to win the war," she said. "If the NATO commanders and the Joint Chiefs of Staff feel it is necessary to send in ground forces, I would certainly support that."

Dole, who has signaled her intention to seek the 2000 GOP presidential nomination but has not formally announced her candidacy, addressed all 4,000 midshipmen at the U.S. Naval Academy. Her audience also included delegates to the Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference, which drew more than 250 participants from colleges across the United States and around the world.

Dole's call for NATO and the United States to "win the war," even if that requires committing U.S. ground forces in Kosovo, echoed earlier calls by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., another presidential contender.

The Clinton Administration has said it would commit ground forces only to defend a Kosovo peace agreement, which remains elusive.

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Sex, Drugs & Saving Souls

DANGEROUS LIAISONS

Alcohol and drug use influence sex crimes

Editor's note: This is the third day of an eight-part series on college students' high-risk behaviors and the movements to curb them.

It starts the same way. Students ask around, find out where the parties are. They don their coolest jeans, pack a lighter inside a half-used pack of cigarettes.

Then its off to where the beer flows — cans or kegs, it's all the same.

But it doesn't end the same way. Whether drinking occurs in the residence halls, off campus or on a date, statistics show sexual assaults often follow in alcohol's wake. The crime turns nights of friendly drinking into nightmares, several law and counseling professionals said.

By Jessica Fargen

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