

# Contact lenses created for NU fans

■ The red-and-white creations will have a red N and HUSKERS against a white background.

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It's football season again, so throw on your favorite NU sweatshirt or don your Husker baseball hat with the red N on it and head toward Memorial Stadium.

Oh, and don't forget to pop those Husker contact lenses in your eyes.

That's right, the latest Husker fan gear to hit the athletic merchandising lineup are red-and-white Husker contact lenses. The price tag for the contact lenses, which includes the required eye exam, can run up to \$200.

Starting in a few weeks, select Lincoln and Omaha eye clinics will be selling Emblem Eyes — contact lenses displaying a red N and HUSKERS against a white background.

The lenses cost \$99, without a

prescription, or \$139 with a prescription, plus \$70 for the required exam, said David Kovar, owner of the three Pearle Vision centers in Lincoln, the only Lincoln store selling the lenses.

Emblem Eyes are an offshoot of Wild Eyes contacts, which include contact lenses that resemble things such as a cat's eye.

Kovar thinks the NU Emblem Eyes will be pretty popular, especially among college students. Pearle Vision will sell the contacts through football season, he said.

"It is dramatic," Kovar said. "It really looks," he paused, "weird."

"Their eyes look different, and you are drawn to their eyes when somebody is wearing them."

Kovar said in order to see the lenses someone would have to be no farther than 10 feet from the person

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PAUL SOYE  
marketing manager for Wesley Jessen

wearing the Emblem Eyes.

Wesley Jessen, the company that makes Emblem Eyes, asked several top college sports teams to lend their logos to the lenses, said Paul Soye, marketing manager for Wesley Jessen, which is based in Illinois. The University of Michigan and NU were the only ones that responded.

"It's the ultimate fan appreciation," Soye said.

Depending on how popular the lenses are, the market could be broadened later on, Soye said.

Russ Svoboda, interim director of licensing and sales for the NU Athletic Department, said it was clear why NU was a good market to test the contacts.

"We've got a good solid marketing base throughout the country, and we are perennially one of the top 10 licensed collegiate teams out there," Svoboda said.

Like all companies that use the NU logo, Wesley Jessen paid a fee to use the Husker namesake.

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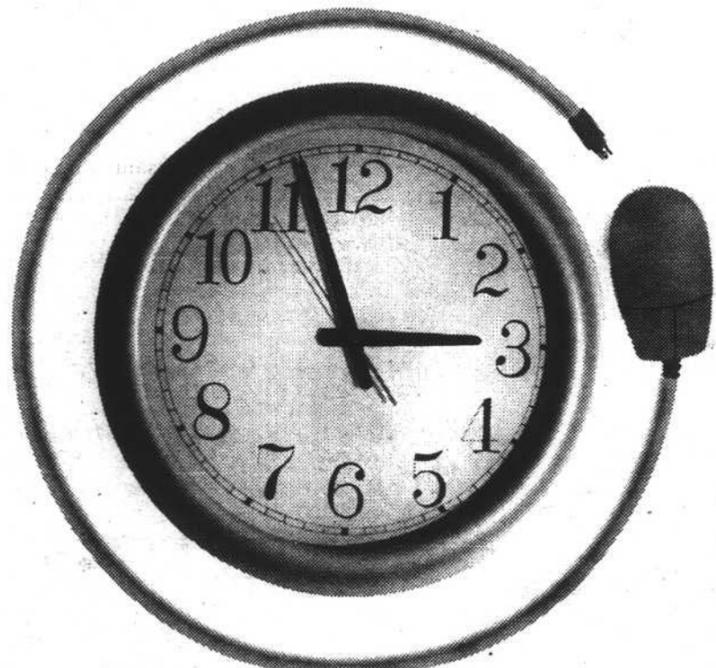
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### Arrests made after woman threatened with pistol

The Lincoln Police Department SWAT team was called into action early Sunday morning after a 32-year-old woman was harassed and threatened with a pistol at 911 Peach St.

After her 15-year-old son was harassed as he walked in front of the house, the 32-year-old approached and confronted the residents of the home at 1:30 a.m., Lincoln Police Public Information Officer Katherine Finell said.

Finell said the residents of the house were outside on their porch and, after surrounding the 32-year-old, threw things at her and spit on her. According to police reports, one man then drew a weapon, pointed it at the woman's head and threatened her.

After leaving the scene, police said, the woman flagged down a police officer at the corner of Ninth and Peach streets. Officers approached the house, but its residents refused contact. A warrant was obtained and at 4 a.m., the SWAT team served the warrant.

Police arrested Corey Schneider, a 24-year-old Lincoln male. Schneider, who is suspected of having pointed the pistol at the woman's head, was charged with making terroristic threats.

The weapon Schneider is accused of using was not recovered.

Other residents of the house were arrested for outstanding unnamed misdemeanor warrants.

### Guns stolen from home

Two pistols were stolen from a Lincoln home Sunday evening.

The male resident of the home at 413 N.W. 17th St. returned around 8:30 p.m. and found a window screen removed and a .357 magnum pistol and .25 automatic missing from a desk in his bedroom.

Also taken in the burglary was about \$20 in change. Total loss is estimated at \$370.

### Truck hits Health Center

A black Chevy Blazer hopped a curb Sunday morning and careened into the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Health Center.

University Police Sgt. Mylo Bushing said the driver reported the brakes on his vehicle went out as he turned into a parking stall in the lot north of the health center.

Bushing said the truck was severely damaged in the crash and was towed from the scene.

Ray Campbell, UNL facilities management structural supervisor, said a window and window frame were smashed on the health center. A section of wall also was pushed in where the truck hit, damaging an interior ceiling.

Campbell said the damage would require major repair work and estimated the cost of the damage at about \$2,000.

Compiled by senior staff writer Jake Bleed

## Talks are under way to stop missile launch

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea on Monday stepped up diplomatic efforts to stop North Korea from launching a new ballistic missile by holding high-level talks with China and Japan.

South Korean Foreign Minister Hong Soon-young met his Japanese counterpart, Masahiko Komura, Monday in Tokyo.

In Beijing, the defense chiefs of China and South Korea also opened talks — the first ever meeting between defense ministers of the two former Korean War adversaries.

Also Monday, South Korea's Unification Minister Lim Dong-won left Seoul for a weeklong visit to the United States, which includes talks with former Defense Secretary William Perry, Washington's point man on North Korea.

The three-pronged South Korean efforts have the same agenda: what it and the other two allies could offer if

North Korea decided not to launch a missile experts say could reach Hawaii and Alaska.

North Korea has reportedly completed preparations to test-fire a long-range missile but has expressed willingness to negotiate in response to international appeals and warnings to scrap the launch.

"We are always ready for negotiation if the hostile nations honestly ask for it out of an intention to alleviate our concern," a spokesman of the North's Foreign Ministry said last week.

The unidentified spokesman said his country developed missiles because the United States wants to invade the North and has deployed a large number of weapons and troops in South Korea.

Analysts believe the North wants economic and political benefits in return for holding off on a test, which many fear would unsettle security in the region.