

Free Willie

Without having to worry about moving up the depth chart, No. 1 fullback Willie Miller is free to concentrate on his leadership skills. PAGE 9

Poetry of Science

Loren Eiseley, a former Lincoln resident, wore many hats in his lifetime, including poet, anthropologist and philosopher. PAGE 12

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PLAY IN THE SUNSHINE

Partly sunny, high 87. Clearing tonight, low 63.

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Love on the rocks



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ABOVE: Shane Heinzman, left, a freshman math, computer science and philosophy major, and Charlie Varga, a sophomore theater major go 'bouldering' on the rocks of Broyhill Fountain Wednesday.

RIGHT: Varga, who works at the climbing wall at the Campus Recreation Center, wears war wounds on his feet from climbing the rocks.



House closes; fraternity will remain active

■ Phi Delta Theta members and alumni will decide the fate of the vacant house in the next few weeks.

BY KIMBERLY SWEET
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The building that houses UNL's oldest fraternity will stand empty this fall because of declining membership and low rush numbers.

Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, at 1545 R St., will not open its doors to members this year, forcing the chapter to remain active outside of its historic house, said John Sullivan, president of the Phi Delta Theta corporation board.

The house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and parts of its design were influenced by the work of Frank Lloyd Wright — an alumni of the fraternity, Sullivan said.

Members of the fraternity found out in July they would not be able to live in the house after failing to recruit enough new members to keep it open, said Dave Lempp, president of the fraternity.

Lempp said the closing didn't come as a surprise to most of the members.

"We knew what goals we needed to reach, and we knew the deadline," he said.

When the deadline passed and too few men were recruited, Lempp said the members knew the fate of the house was sealed.

"It would have been even more of a surprise if the housing corporation said we could move in," he said.

Sullivan said the closing is a result of two summers of less-than-successful rushes. Although the closing of the house has been on the minds of members and alumni for a while, he said both groups were dedicated to finding enough members this summer to keep the house open.

"We went through rush this summer with full expectations of opening the house," Sullivan said.

Alumni and members will decide what will happen to the vacant house in the next couple of weeks, Sullivan said. He would not discuss the options being considered but said the members, both past and present, were dedicated to keeping the house open.

"Right now, with the members on the alumni side, with the confidence on the corporate side and the members in the chapter, I think we have the support to do it," Sullivan said.

While the chapter will remain active this year and continue recruiting, Lempp said the members have

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School shooting leads to 2 arrests

■ Both suspects in Tuesday's shooting, which took place in front of Lincoln Northeast High School, are minors.

BY JAKE BLEED
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Two males were arrested Wednesday on charges stemming from a shooting Tuesday afternoon in front of Lincoln Northeast High School.

Lincoln police Capt. Doug Srb said a 14-year-old student was charged with attempted first-degree assault and use of a firearm to com-

mit a felony, and a 15-year-old was charged with aiding and abetting a felony.

"We intend our response to be strong enough that it sends a message that we're not going to tolerate this sort of behavior," Srb said before charging the students.

Northeast High School Principal Jerry Wilks said only one of the suspects was enrolled in Northeast High School, and neither had attended classes, which began Monday, this year.

No injuries were reported in the incident, which took place about 20 minutes after classes ended Tuesday afternoon near the northeast corner of the high school, located on 63rd Street between Adams and Delhay

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Clinton council member: Nebraska is Y2K-ready

"Everyone should be prepared for a long winter weekend. It's not a waste of time to prepare for the Y2K."

JOHN KOSKINEN
President Clinton's Y2K council

BY KELLI LACEY
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While some are doing nothing to prepare for possible Y2K problems caused by the year 2000, others, including Shirley Mae Anderson, have been preparing for years.

In the past three years, the Grand Island resident has bought numerous books, stocked her house with supplies and worked with other households in creating a newsletter informing people about the possible disaster.

Six Y2K experts — including the chairman of President Clinton's Y2K Council John Koskinen — participated in a panel answering ques-

tions about the year 2000 at the Y2K Nebraska Town Hall live broadcast Wednesday night at the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Network building on East Campus.

The questions were answered before a live studio audience of about 30 people. Nebraskans also could call in with questions.

The program was sponsored and underwritten in part by the Nebraska Y2K Alliance for a Confident Tomorrow, a coalition of businesses preparing to educate the public about the Y2K information, said Deb Miller, outreach coordinator for NETV.

Aside from Koskinen, the other

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