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Nebraska senior forward Lindsay Eddleman reverts to the same strategy she used her freshman year. "I just want to play." **BACK PAGE**

Forgotten Child

The multitabled Weldon Kees lived his life on the edge: the edge of art, the edge of the United States and the edge of recognition. **PAGE 17**

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It's Too Damn Hot

Mostly sunny, high 90. Mostly clear tonight, low 65.

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Police say man lost thousands in scam

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An elderly Lincoln man lost \$8,400 in cash, a Rolex wristwatch and his wedding ring Tuesday, police said.

Another elderly Lincoln man suffered from a similar scam in June, losing \$9,000 and a Seiko wristwatch.

Police said a man approached a 71-year-old man at about 10 a.m. Tuesday in the parking lot of the Super C convenience store at 10th and High streets and asked for a ride to the downtown Holiday Inn.

Once in the victim's car, the man said he was from Johannesburg, South Africa, and in Lincoln because a relative had been killed while working

for "an electric company." Police said he spoke with a heavy accent and told the victim he was here to pick up the settlement from his relative's death.

Once downtown, the South African man spotted another man at the corner of Ninth and O streets and asked him for directions to the Holiday Inn.

Police said the second man joined the two inside the black pickup truck after saying he did not know the location of Holiday Inn but knew of a good hotel elsewhere.

The South African man then took a large wad of money from his pocket and, police said, told the others it totaled \$40,000 and that the South African government would take it from him when he returned.

He said he had to return because his family was in jail in South Africa, and because he could not

keep the money, he was looking for two good "Christian" men who would donate it to charity.

The second man, apparently an accomplice in the case, then volunteered to prove his own worthiness to receive the money, police said, by withdrawing money from his bank and leaving it with the others momentarily.

Police said the three then drove to the Norwest Bank at 4200 S. 27th St. where the second man entered the bank and returned with what he said was a large amount of money.

To prove his trust and good faith, he then left the money with his watch and a ring in the truck and, police said, allowed the others to leave the area, drive around and return a short time later.

After regaining his money and valuables, the second man entered the bank, apparently to re-deposit the money, then returned to the truck.

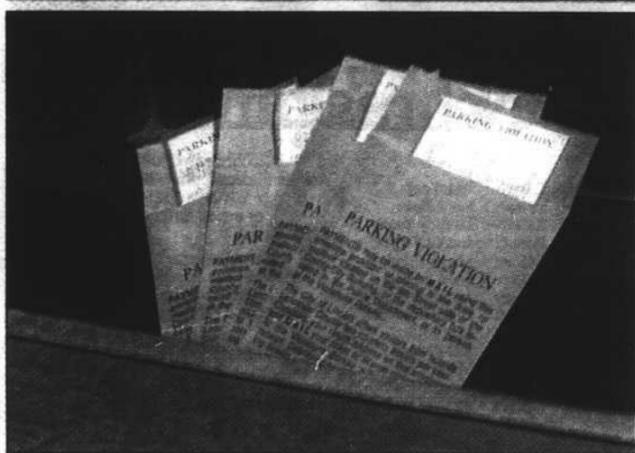
The elderly man was then asked to do the same, which he did, police said, by withdrawing \$5,000 from the Union Bank at 47th and Calvert streets.

Apparently not satisfied, the men asked the elderly man to prove his trustworthiness by withdrawing more cash. Police said the trio then drove to the Offutt Branch of the SAC Credit Union in Bellevue at Highway 370 and 26th St.

Police said the three then returned to Lincoln. As they arrived, the victim told the other men he planned on donating the money he expected to receive to charity under an anonymous name. Police said the man who claimed to be South African did not understand the word anonymous.

The three then pulled over into the parking lot

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TOP: BRAD VACIN, a UNL sophomore, negotiates with an officer from the office of Parking Services as a tow truck prepares to impound his car. After Vacin talked with the officer, his car was not towed.

ABOVE: A QUARTET of tickets awaits one unfortunate student. The citations in the familiar pink envelopes are becoming more common with recent parking problems at UNL.

Percentage shows UNL outdoes city in citing vehicles

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Students looking for their place in life face unknown threats.

Students looking for a place to park, however, can expect more definite dangers.

On and off campus, people looking to park — illegally or otherwise — face tickets and towing.

After parking in the same spot three days in a row, UNL junior Andi Faustman said she received a \$25 ticket for parking in a no-park-

ing area Tuesday afternoon. Faustman said the area was not marked as a no-parking zone.

"If it's a no-parking area and there's no sign that says it is not a parking area, I think I should be able to park there," she said.

Faustman said she would contest the ticket.

"I got a ticket from the city two years ago, and I haven't paid it," she said.

The only time she usually parks in city lots, Faustman said, is at

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Reallocation covers costs for diversity programs

By DANE STICKNEY
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Because of recent budget allocations, more pieces of the UNL Diversity Plan will go into effect this year.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln has designated \$150,000 from the recent budget reallocation to cover costs associated with increasing diversity on campus.

Linda Crump, assistant to the chancellor for equity, access and diversity programs, said the money will be used in three ways:

- to provide education for discrimination and harassment-related issues;
- to institute and develop student ideas regarding diversity; and

- to provide funds to a committee on diversity to disperse as needed throughout the year.

Chancellor James Moeser assembled a Diversity/Gender Equity Group to develop a comprehensive plan that would help the university retain and recruit people of diverse backgrounds.

The group did research on and off campus, which helped them produce and release UNL's working diversity plan.

The plan was then posted on the university's Web site, and forums were held to gather input from faculty, staff and students.

Currently, the university is weighing which aspects of the plan to implement based on campus needs, Crump said.

"The plan can never really be finished," she said. "It's a dynamic plan because we can't keep doing the same things. As the impact and actions change, then we evaluate where we need to go next."

Crump said a diversity plan was sought because of problems at UNL and a desire by the university to become a healthy environment for diversity.

Events that have sparked controversy in the past have included a Sigma Chi cross-burning during a fraternity ritual in 1997 and former English professor David Hibler's e-mail that included the word "nigga" in

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