



Second Coming

Learning from NU's first four-loss season since the Bob Devaney era, Coach Frank Solich looks to improve upon his rookie year. PAGE 8



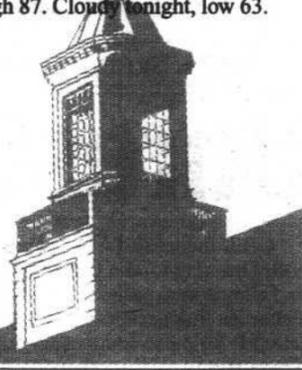
Food Fair

The plethora of food concoctions at the Nebraska State Fair is not for the weak of stomach. PAGE 15

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WORKING FOR THE WEEKEND

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



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Multicultural Affairs offers aid to students

BY DANE STICKNEY Staff writer

According to Jimmi Smith, director of Multicultural Affairs, college should be the happiest time of a student's life.

But often, students from various ethnic and financial backgrounds find themselves struggling to find acceptance and motivation, he said.

That's where Multicultural Affairs comes in.

"We have a calling to deal with two types of students: students of color and low-income students," Smith said. "We focus on retention needs to keep those students in elementary school, secondary and post-secondary school."

Smith said Multicultural Affairs serves students before they attend college and during college through federally funded TRIO programs.

College services focus on providing minority students and low-income first-generation college students with the means for success in post-secondary education.

First-generation college students are the first in their families to attend college.

"We try to let students know that in spite of what people think and say about you, you have to remain true to your goals," he said. "By doing that, you will eventually graduate and get a job. When that happens, you've beat the cycle of low-income on your own efforts, and that's not bad."

The Minority Assistance Program has been in effect since 1970, while the program focusing on low-income students began a few years later.

Smith stressed that the office

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does not exist just for students of color. It strives to help low-income students from any racial background.

"The founders of Multicultural Affairs worked hard to help students of color," he said. "After that they reached beyond color and said, 'Who else needs help?'"

Smith said ambitious students also have the option of pursuing a graduate degree through a program in the Multicultural Affairs office.

The pre-college programs focus on encouraging minority and low-income students to graduate from high school and go to college.

The project takes children as young as sixth grade and provides encouragement until they graduate.

"The program looks at students with a need that are not in college," Smith said. "We help prepare them for post-secondary education, wherever that may be. We just encourage college in general, not just UNL."

Smith said Multicultural Affairs

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City gets \$1.2 million gift

BY JOSH KNAUB Staff writer

Raymond Nestle, a lifelong Lincoln resident, left a \$1.2 million memorial to Lincoln city libraries Thursday.

Nestle, who died at age 87 on Feb. 19, 1999, worked for 20 years in the Lincoln Journal-Star press room.

Mayor Don Wesely announced the gift at Gere Library on Thursday. It was the largest single gift ever given to the city.

"City funds only go so far," Wesely

said. "Mr. Nestle was a man who recognized that all of us can play a role in supporting city services."

Carol Connor, city library director, said the donation would eventually be used to buy books and technology.

Conrad Nelson of First Nebraska Trust Co., which oversees Nestle's estate, said the gift, given in stock, represents about two-thirds of the estate's value.

Nestle had no children. His wife, Thelma, died in 1996.

John Blumer, Nestle's stockbroker for 20 years at A.G. Edwards, said

Nestle's wealth was the result of small purchases of stock Nestle picked himself.

"(He) takes full credit for his accumulation of wealth," Blumer said. "He kept meticulous records."

Although he was wealthy, Nestle lived a simple life.

The home where he lived his entire adult life, 1631 Harwood Ave., is a two-bedroom house in an older neighborhood.

The home sold at auction this year

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Stayin' alive



HEATHER GLENBOSKI/DN

SOPHOMORE ARCHITECTURE MAJOR Matt Krause dives for the ball at the Harper-Schramm-Smith Complex tennis courts Thursday night. Krause played with senior accounting major Kirk Schoppmann.

Harper is home to family

Life in the residence hall 'very good' for Esters family

BY SARAH FOX Staff writer

Ben, Katie and Sam Esters have a soft ice cream machine in their dining room, a sandbox the size of a volleyball court and live with almost 1,500 potential friends.

Six-year-old Ben, 3-year-old Katie and Sam, almost 2 years old, live in University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Harper Residence Hall. Their father, Delmer Esters, is Harper's residence director.

Esters and his wife, Lesley, said they have adapted to living in a residence hall with children, and their

children like being with the college students.

"This is all they've ever known, and I think it's been very good for them," Delmer Esters said. "They see people from different cultures and different backgrounds."

The Esters said they have learned to separate work from their family. Lesley Esters quit her job as one of Abel Residence Hall's two residence directors in March 1999. She now works for the UNL housing office so she can have the evenings off.

Delmer Esters was the other Abel Residence Hall residence director last year, before he moved to Harper Residence Hall for the 1999-2000

school year.

"With (Delmer) having a lifestyle job, it helped that my job was a little more routine," Lesley Esters said.

When Ben comes home from first grade, and Katie and Sam return from KinderCare Learning Center, the Esters eat dinner together in the Harper-Schramm-Smith cafeteria. Lesley Esters said the cafeteria allows her to spend more time with her family.

"My kids love food service," Lesley Esters said. "They like the social atmosphere; they love the

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Teen-agers arrested in shooting incident

BY JAKE BLEED Senior staff writer

Police arrested two Iowa teenagers in connection with a shooting across from Lincoln High School on Wednesday.

Both boys are in custody at the Youth Attention Center in Lincoln and will be arraigned in district court today, Officer Katherine Finnell said.

Finnell said Kyle Nguyen, 17, was arrested for first-degree assault with a weapon and making terrorist

threats after he allegedly fired several shots at two men in front of a house at the 2300 block of J Street.

Police also arrested a 15-year-old for aiding in the consummation of a felony.

Both boys are from Sioux City, Iowa.

No injuries were reported in the incident, Lincoln's second shooting outside a high school in two weeks.

The incident did not involve Lincoln High School students or staff, Finnell said.

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