

## Cat Nipped

With wins in the final three games, Kansas State defeats Nebraska for the first time ever Wednesday night at the NU Coliseum. PAGE 9

## Prairie Passion

Through her novels and short stories, Willa Cather shared her love for the Midwest and its landscapes with the world. PAGE 12

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SUMMER, REVISITED

Sunny, high 85. Mostly clear tonight, low 47.

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## The secret garden



SHARON KOLBET/DN

Harrison Kilbury, 18 months old, and his mom, Karen Kilbury, take a walk through the Sunken Gardens at 27th and Capitol Parkway. Some Lincolmites took advantage of the week's mild temperatures to view the late summer flowers.

## Panel named to determine NU priorities

By KIMBERLY SWEET  
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NU President Dennis Smith put the process of identifying academic priorities for the University of Nebraska in motion this week with the naming of a 21-member panel.

Smith has charged the newly formed panel with determining criteria by which academic programs on the four NU campuses will be judged.

The appointment of the panel is the first step in the process of identifying academic priorities on each campus in the NU system.

The purpose of the process is to begin to identify areas of strength within the university system that have the potential to be recognized regionally and internationally for their programs, Smith said.

"It's important to clarify at the outset of this process that our goal in prioritizing programs is not to eliminate some of them," Smith said in a statement. "Rather, this is an attempt to identify academic programs on the four campuses that set the standard for the region and the nation and have the greatest opportunity to bring positive recognition to the University of Nebraska."

Before priorities can be identified, criteria must be set by which programs can be judged.

The panel that will be setting the criteria include faculty and administrators from the four campuses, students, members of the public and past and present members of the NU Board of

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BRIAN FOSTER  
College of Arts and Sciences dean

Regents.

Members of the panel from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln include P. Stephen Baenziger, professor of plant breeding, Brian Foster, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Gail Latta, Academic Senate president, Susan Rosowski, professor of English, and Andy Schuerman, student body president and student regent.

Foster said the job of being a panel member is a big one and will include many difficult decisions.

"The big challenge is that the university is a very complicated place," Foster said. "Setting simple linear priorities is going to be a hard thing to do."

Foster said the process of setting priorities will draw criticism.

In the long run, creating priorities that are consistent will benefit the university, Foster said.

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## Ruling: ASUN bill is bylaw-compliant

By VERONICA DAEHN  
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ASUN

In their first action in five years, ASUN student court members ruled last Friday that a contested government bill did comply with student government bylaws.

The bill, passed last April by the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, designated ASUN an "Allies Organization" and its offices as "safe spaces."

The bill also allowed the posting of a pink triangle in ASUN's offices to show support for gay and lesbian students.

Amy Rager, a former University of

Nebraska-Lincoln student, filed a case with the court saying the bill was in conflict with ASUN bylaw number 6.

Bylaw No. 6 prohibits ASUN support of any political candidate or party running for office.

Rager said the government bill showed particular affiliation with gay and lesbian students and violated ASUN policies.

Student Court Chief Justice Trent Steele said court members found out about the case this summer but did not

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## Police: Fight led to death

■ Scott Tupper, 37, died Tuesday, and his brother, Joseph Tupper, has been arrested.

By JAKE BLEED  
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A fight between two brothers ended in the death of one and the arrest of the other in northwest Lincoln Tuesday evening.

Police and medical units responding to a medical emergency call found Scott Tupper, 37, laying unresponsive in front of a trailer at 348 N.W. 17th St.

He was pronounced dead at BryanLGH West at 6:22 p.m.

The homicide was Lincoln's seventh this year.

The trailer belonged to Tupper's younger brother, Joseph Tupper, 31, Asst. Chief Jim Peschong said.

"It appears as though the brothers had been drinking and got into an argument," Peschong said.

Police arrested Joseph Tupper on the charge of manslaughter later Tuesday.

Peschong said he did not resist arrest.

The argument was over family matters, Peschong said.

Joseph Tupper did not appear to be highly intoxicated when arrested, Peschong said, and did not use a

weapon during the fight.

An autopsy performed Wednesday afternoon confirmed that Scott Tupper died of blunt force trauma to the head, Lancaster County Attorney Gary Lacey said.

Peschong said Scott Tupper banged his head on the trailer and the trailer's stairs during the fight.

Lacey said no weapon was used in the killing and that a charging decision would be decided today.

Police have cited the older Tupper for numerous alcohol-related offenses in the past including three DWI arrests. He was last cited Sept. 15 for urinating in public.

Joseph Tupper has one arrest on his record, a 1987 assault conviction that did not involve his older brother.