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With the help of freshman Nicole Allaire, the Cornhusker rifle team will open its season this weekend on the East Coast. PAGE 9

## Five to Tango

Through the Dance Liberation Front, five 9-to-5 working women pursue their passion for dance. PAGE 12

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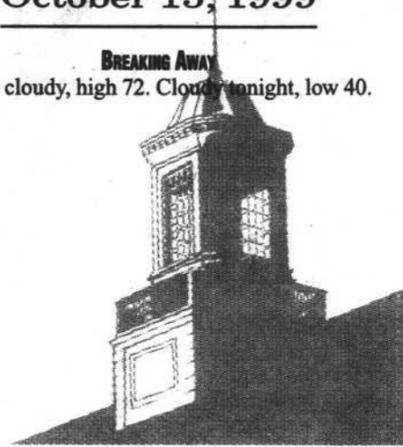
Partly cloudy, high 72. Cloudy tonight, low 40.

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## Program speeds up teacher certification

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Last spring, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Teachers College decided it was time to do its part in easing the impending teacher shortage affecting the state of Nebraska.

Now, just months after the charge was handed down, the college is preparing to accept its first participants in the Accelerated Post-Baccalaureate Certification Program.

The program, which has been in development for the last four months, will certify people to teach grades 7-12 who already have a degree in English, mathematics, a science or a foreign language.

Instead of taking the time to go the traditional Teachers College route, the new program allows

those who want to teach to be certified in as little as 11 months.

The difference?

"It's a whole lot quicker," said Dave Wilson, associate professor for curriculum and instruction.

The program incorporates the same methods, curriculum and other teaching classes that are required of current Teachers College students. Two semesters of field work will also be required for the degree.

Wilson said those admitted into the program tend to be successful, despite the accelerated pace.

"Rather than being geared at 18- to 21-year-olds, this is aimed at people who are a little older and who have made a different kind of life decision," Wilson said.

"This moves them through more quickly while still giving them lots of time in the field," he

"Anything done to increase the quality of the teachers moving into schools is going to be seen as positive."

DAVE WILSON

associate professor for curriculum and instruction

said.

Right now, teachers who enter the program can be certified only for grades 7-12 in four main subject areas. In the future, the Teachers College hopes to expand the certification to lower grades and more subjects.

The program began advertising this fall, said Jim Cotter, director of student services and advising specialist. The news has spread across the nation. Cotter has received inquiries from places

like Puerto Rico and Massachusetts.

"The phone's been ringing off the hook," Cotter said.

While other schools offer post-baccalaureate certification, UNL's program is unique, Wilson said.

Instead of requiring specific courses in each major in order to be eligible to enter the program,

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CHRIS OBERMEIER, a junior business major, waits for a Burlington Northern-Santa Fe train to pass near the crossing at 14<sup>th</sup> and Holdrege streets Monday.

JOSH WOLFE/DN

## Court upholds ruling against ordinance

BY JAKE BLEED  
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An appeals court voted Thursday to uphold a previous ruling that a Lincoln city ordinance banning protesters from being outside churches before and after services was unconstitutional.

The 8<sup>th</sup> U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals voted 2-1 to uphold the U.S. District Court judge ruling, saying the ordinance was broader than necessary "to protect the psychological interest of young chil-

dren."

Judge Richard Arnold, who wrote the opinion for the court, said the ordinance made carrying signs by the church unlawful, no matter what the signs say or depict.

The city ordinance was created in response to anti-abortion protesters picketing, which included showing graphic pictures of aborted fetuses, outside the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lincoln.

An elder of the church, Dr. Winston Crabb, performed abor-

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## Train path troubles students

■ Railway traffic increases frequency during the week, creating student delays.

BY ERIC RINEER  
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Some University of Nebraska-Lincoln students say they are tired of being held up by slow-moving train cars that travel frequently across the City Campus during the week.

"There is definitely a problem here," said Abby Miller, a sophomore performing arts major, in reference to trains crossing near 14th and New

Hampshire streets.

The tracks, owned and operated by the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway, are used by engineers to ship goods to the east.

The train corridor acts mainly as a coal route, on which frequent stops are made in cities such as Omaha and Chicago.

Students interviewed by the Daily Nebraskan said their main problem with the railway was that the train traffic throughout the week, especially during the fall, was much higher than on weekends.

The students said they were curious why the crossing had a decreased amount of traffic on Saturday afternoons.

"That's crap," Miller said.

A Burlington Northern-Santa Fe spokesman said Thursday that the company decreased its traffic during football games because of Lincoln's increased population on those days.

"It's not that we run less trains; we intentionally re-route some of the traffic," the official said.

UNL students said they were puzzled as to why traffic couldn't be re-routed during the week.

"It's really sad, and I think it's rather strange that students are stuck behind trains just during the week," Miller said.

Heath Uhrenholdt, a junior international studies and agribusiness major, said the tracks were in a bad

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