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Major Minors Victory

After being drafted in the fifth round of the 1999 draft, former NU first baseman Ken Harvey led the Northwest League in hitting this summer. **PAGE 7**



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Tonight, Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical "Cats" begins its run at the Lied Center for Performing Arts. **PAGE 9**

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SWEET SUNSHINE

Mostly sunny, high 69. Clear tonight, low 40.

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ASUN promotes midterm reviews

BY VERONICA DAEHN
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ASUN is urging professors to let students criticize or praise their teaching earlier than usual this year.

Beth Lee, the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska's Academic Committee chairwoman, said she has been asking teachers to provide midterm evaluations for students to fill out.

"It's a good thing for (teachers) to have midterm evaluations," Lee said. "But a lot of it's got to be students asking teachers to do them."

End-of-the-semester evaluations are the only review teachers are now required to give.

While those are helpful to teachers for future classes, Lee said, the students who filled out the evaluations do not gain anything.

Freshman Cristine Walsh agreed.

She said she would rather fill out an evaluation at the midpoint of the semester than at the end when the class is over.

"I don't want to fill out a survey that doesn't help me anyhow," said Walsh, an international business major.

Midterm evaluation forms are available at

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City Council

Council OKs special sale of fireworks

BY SARAH FOX
Staff writer

The Lincoln City Council voted 6-0 Monday night to approve the sale and use of fireworks in Lincoln to celebrate the millennium.

Lincoln usually allows fireworks to be sold only around the Fourth of July.

But this year, because of the council's approval, fireworks can be sold Dec. 30 and 31 and can be shot off from 8 a.m. Dec. 31 to 2 a.m. Jan. 1.

Councilwoman Annette McRoy asked the council to amend the original ordinance to let people shoot off fireworks until 2 a.m.

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LANE HICKENBOTTOM/DN

O.C. LOVE-WADE was diagnosed with sickle-cell anemia when he was 3 months old. The 16-year-old junior at Lincoln Northeast High School will have to receive four pints of blood once a month for the rest of his life.

16-year-old struggles against disease

BY KELLI LACEY
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As 16-year-old O.C. Love-Wade sits on the sofa in his two-bedroom apartment, which he shares with his family, he looks like any one of his fellow students at Lincoln Northeast High School.

But he cannot do most of the things other teenagers can.

Despite battling a painful disease known as sickle-cell anemia, Love-Wade is content.

He has accepted the fact that he will have to receive four pints of blood once a month for the rest of his life.

He knows that he can never join his friends for a game of basketball or a quick meal at McDonald's.

Even running up the stairs to his second-floor apartment can cause his body to go into a "crisis," which could lead to death.

His body simply cannot take it.

Love-Wade, who was diagnosed when he was 3 months old with the disease, which clogs blood vessels, must depend on help from the community to keep him alive.

Love-Wade's story is the driving force behind the Community Blood Bank's blood drive, which is being held today and Wednesday in the Nebraska Union Centennial Room. The University of Nebraska Lincoln's Panhellenic and the Afrikan People's Union are co-sponsoring the drive.

Love-Wade's illness is incurable. Only regular transfusions, which often take eight hours to com-

plete, and pain medication provide relief and keep his body alive.

Sickle-cell anemia is a hereditary disease in which the body produces a type of abnormal hemoglobin causing red blood cells, which are normally round, to be sickle-shaped, or shaped like a crescent.

Because of the cells' odd shape, they clog the blood vessels, not allowing any oxygen to flow through the body.

When the blood cannot flow through the body, the lungs, kidneys, liver, bones and other organs and tissues are damaged. During this time the body is going into a "crisis."

After he had a near-death crisis last May, Love-Wade moved into the final stages of the disease, which left him unable to walk for more than two months.

Mary Beth Carstens, promotions coordinator for the Community Blood Bank, said the goal of the drive at UNL is to find at least 16 donors who can donate their blood about three or four times a year to Love-Wade.

Although Love-Wade needs any donors who have O positive or O negative blood types,

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ALBERTA WADE
O.C. Love-Wade's mother

Carstens said, it is the black community that blood drive organizers are focusing on.

Sickle-cell anemia is a hereditary disease most commonly found in blacks.

"About one in 20 African Americans will match his blood, whereas about one in 200 Caucasians will be a match," Carstens said.

Love-Wade's mother, Alberta Wade, said that blacks possess a special enzyme that will help her son. "The transfusions are keeping him alive and giving him enough energy to get through the next couple of days," Wade said.

Love-Wade's mother has dedicated herself to taking care of her son. The painful disease, she said, has been hard for her and her family. Love-Wade has three brothers, 22-year-old Marco, 18-year-old Eddie and 17-year-old Tim.

"As long as I can feed him and take him to the doctor, it makes the day worth getting up," she said. "That's my whole world. I take care of my boy."

The one constant support Love-Wade said he

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