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Nebraska's football team watched a 27-3 lead disappear against Colorado before surviving with a 33-30 overtime win. PAGE 9



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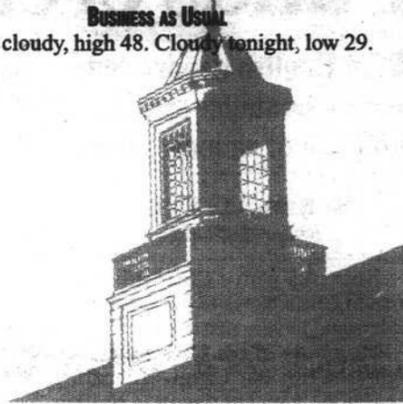
Mystery combines with history in Julie Kaewert's "Untitled," the fourth and newest in her mystery series. PAGE 13

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## UNL seeks new ways to attract researchers

■ Broadening of research category puts university in less prestigious group.

By MICHELLE STARR  
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The prestige of UNL's Research I Institution ranking may decrease under an interim revision, which may lead to UNL finding other rating methods to attract researchers.

Interim revisions for 2000 to the Classification of Institutions of Higher Education by the Carnegie

Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching — a method used by universities to show their research abilities — will include the Research I Institution title.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is one of 89 institutions classified as Research I Institutions, a prestigious ranking among research facilities.

However, the changes will take away some of the title's importance and could leave UNL to find a different way to measure its program, said Marsha Torr, vice chancellor for research.

UNL is not going to risk losing

qualified researchers because of the Carnegie Foundation's interim classification system changes and will look to other methods of rating to insure maintaining a top-notch research program, Torr said.

UNL might look to the funding numbers provided by the National Science Foundation, information from the Association of American Universities or reviews of graduate research by the National Research Council to evaluate UNL's research program, Torr said.

The options for review and classification are still open for further investigation, Torr said.

“For better or worse, the Carnegie classification has become a status and quality order. That's not what we're about.”

ALEX MCCORMICK

senior scholar of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching

The divisions of the caliber of research will be less noticeable because the foundation is taking away the importance of funding and making each research category broader,

Torr said.  
“It will become such a large camp that it loses its prestige as a PR tool,”

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## NU using aborted fetus cells in research

■ The Med Center's practice raises medical ethics issues, NU professors say.

From staff reports and The Associated Press

The University of Nebraska is exploring new, controversial boundaries within the medical field, which could lead some taxpayers to wonder how their money is being used.

The Omaha World-Herald reported in its Sunday editions that the brain cells of aborted fetuses are being used in the study of Alzheimer's disease by researchers at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

The federally funded studies are the Medical Center's first to use fetal tissue.

The studies are supported by grants of more than \$1 million per year from the National Institutes of Health.

In 1993, the federal government lifted its ban on research using fetal tissue.

The research uses questionable medical ethics, said Richard Duncan, an NU law professor.

Nebraska is traditionally anti-abortion, so the University of Nebraska's use of taxpayers' money to fund this research is inconsiderate, Duncan said.

Even though the use of the fetus' tissue could benefit others medically, it is unwise for any medical school to conduct this research, especially when it is federally funded, Duncan said.

Robert Audi, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln professor of philosophy, said federal funds for research on fetuses shouldn't be ruled out just because abortion was involved. He added that he wasn't taking a stand for or against abortion.

“I would say even if abortion is deeply controversial, that is not automatically a sufficient reason to rule out public funds for fetal remains

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NEBRASKA GOALKEEPER Karina LeBlanc dives to block a Notre Dame penalty kick in overtime. The ball would hit the post and bounce out, but NU would lose the shootout 4-3. MIKE WARREN/DN

## Irish best Huskers, head to semifinals

By BRANDON SCHULTE  
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All fans got their money's worth Sunday at the NU women's soccer game except the local travel agents hoping to book a flight for the team this weekend to San Jose, Calif.

A school-record crowd of 3,702 watched Notre Dame (20-3-1) end Nebraska's chance to advance to the Women's College Cup. The Irish outlasted the Cornhuskers 4-3 in penalty kicks of a 1-1 draw.

The kicks resulted from four scoreless 15-minute overtime periods after 90 minutes of regulation play.

The 150 minutes of play tied for the longest soccer match in NCAA history.

Nebraska (22-1-2) was done in by one of its own as Omaha native Kelly Lindsey notched the deciding kick for Notre Dame as she beat NU goalkeeper Karina LeBlanc in the lower right corner of the goal during sudden-death kicks.

Lindsey's goal during sudden death came after the shootout ended in a 3-3 tie.

A subsequent attempt by NU senior mid-

fielder Amy Walsh to tie the match was saved by ND goalkeeper LaKeysia Beene. The win sent the Irish to the national semifinals to face top-ranked Santa Clara on Friday.

Nebraska Coach John Walker said the quarterfinal match-up was as good as advertised.

“It was a great game between two high-level teams,” he said. “Sometimes when you get that kind of match-up in the NCAA Tournament, the games don't live up to what they're billed as, but that certainly wasn't the case today. Both teams gave a tremendous effort.”

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