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## On their Heels

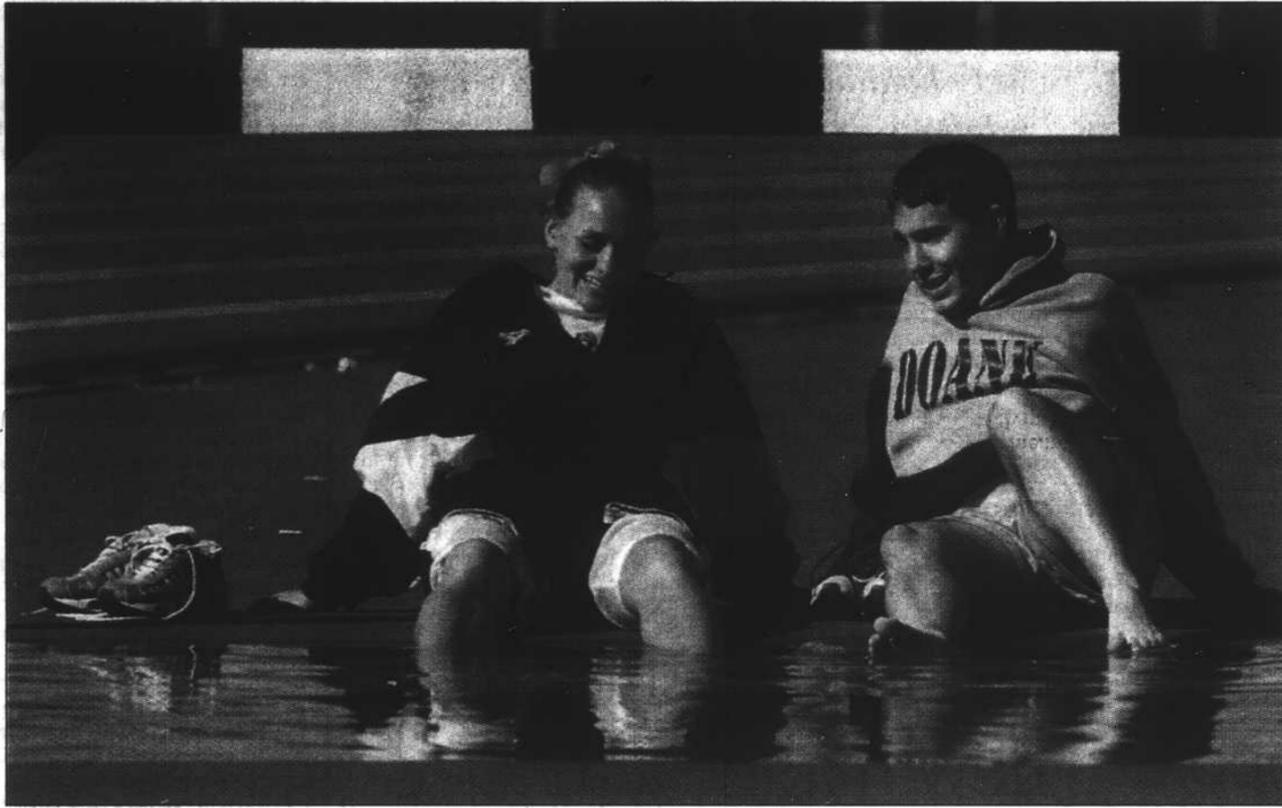
Nebraska soccer earned its spurs this weekend with a 1-1 tie against North Carolina. A&E, PAGE 12

## Burrito Wars

Our restaurant critic sizes up two new Mexican eateries, with wildly differing results. A&E, PAGE 7



## Getting their feet wet



WENDY BROUILLETTE and Anthony Mann of the Doane College track team soak their feet in the water of the steeple chase pit before the last race of the day at the new track in Ed Weir Stadium. Athletes and spectators were faced with a cold wind but a hot sun that left many with sunburn at the Nebraska Open in Lincoln. See sports story on page 12.

Mike Warren/DN

## NATO head speaks at Omaha

■ Secretary General George Robertson talks about Europe's growing responsibility in alliance.

By Brian Carlson

Staff writer

OMAHA — To ensure NATO's continued strength, the United States must remain committed to the alliance even as Europe assumes greater responsibility, NATO Secretary General George Robertson said Friday.

"We must strengthen the European side of the alliance to ensure a more healthy alliance for the future," he said in a speech at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. "Europe must have the capability to take the lead in handling crises when the United States chooses not to be engaged."

Robertson, who became secretary general in August after two years as British defense minister, visited Omaha at the invitation of Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Hagel had planned to attend, but he had to remain in Washington, D.C., as the Senate voted on budget bills.

Robertson thanked Hagel and Rep. Doug Bereuter, R-Neb., a member of the House International Relations Committee, for their commitment to NATO.

"NATO is still the best foreign policy investment the United States of America has ever made," he said. "We have to work hard to preserve and strengthen the U.S. commitment to NATO."

"It's what we do every day in Europe, and it's what Chuck Hagel and Doug Bereuter stand for every day in the Senate and the House of Representatives."

Robertson said the defense alliance, founded in the wake of World War II as a bulwark against Soviet communism, remains the world's most powerful guarantor of democracy, human rights and the rule of law.

To improve NATO's effectiveness in the post-Cold War era, he said, two things are critical: a

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## Summit focuses on black male community

By Margaret Behm

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Following African tradition, an event that was open to all members of the black community took place Friday night before an event for black men only.

"It is an African tradition that the people of the community gather before the men go away to discuss matters," said Leon Caldwell, assistant professor of psychology.

"Remembering 'Doc'" was a tribute to the late Melvin Jones,

former University of Nebraska-Lincoln vice chancellor of business and finance, and it took place the night before the Black Male Empowerment Summit.

Eric Lee, co-organizer of the summit, said he was pleased the tribute evening opened the summit's events.

"What an incredible opportunity and evening for black men, black women and youth to come together to celebrate our heritage, our culture and our people," he said.

Caldwell encouraged audi-

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ence members to express themselves during the evening's songs, dances and poetry readings.

"Just because we're at a white institution doesn't mean we have to act white," said Caldwell, co-

Leon Caldwell

summit co-organizer

organizer of the summit.

Colleen Jones, Melvin Jones' widow, presented "Remembering 'Doc'" and said Melvin Jones inspired people to

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## Shangri-La banquet celebrates Asian cultures

By Katie Mueeting

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On a high mountain in Asia lies a mystical place named Shangri-La.

It is a utopian land that exists only in fairy tales, said Nga Dinh, president of the Asian Student Alliance.

Members of ASA attempted to create a utopia of their own through an event called Shangri-La on Saturday night in the Nebraska Union.

The banquet brought together Asian students from different countries to share with others their cultures through food, storytelling, a martial arts demonstration, song and dance.

About 150 tickets were sold to the banquet, said David Dinh, one of ASA's vice presidents. The event was the culmination of Asian American Awareness Week.

Guests ate food from various Asian countries. They ate Japanese California rolls, appetizers that contained avoca-

do, imitation crab meat and steamed rice, wrapped in a seaweed paper, David Dinh said.

After a main course with entrees such as beef lagoo and General Tso's chicken, guests ate Kheer, a dessert from India. This was similar in consistency to rice pudding and contained spices also found in pumpkin pie, said Keerun Kamble, one of ASA's 33 members.

Kamble, a freshman, performed the Bharata Natyam, a classical Indian dance.

Performers also danced a Filipino national dance called the Tinkling Dance. Leilani and Tani Evans hopped in and out of bamboo poles, which were moving up and down in rhythm.

"This dance represents and imitates the movements of the tinkling birds as they walk between the grass stems, through the tree branches, trying to avoid bamboo traps set by farmers," said Thuy Pham, a master of cere-

monies.

Although Shangri-La is a mystical place, there are still explorers who attempt to find this land of wisdom and peace, said Nga Dinh, a sophomore biochemistry major.

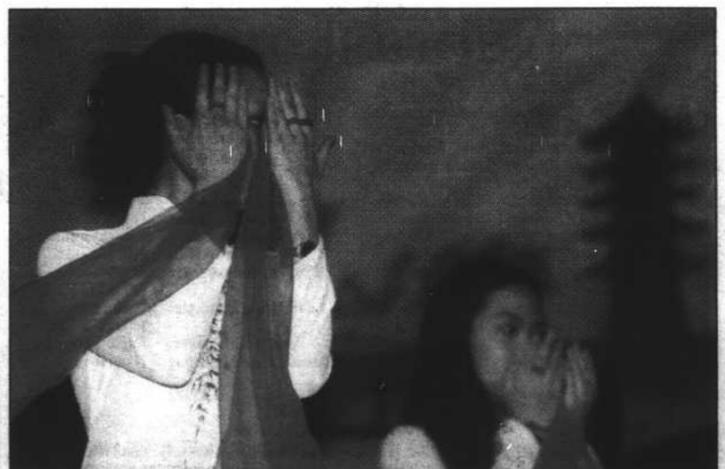
David Dinh, who was also a master of ceremonies, said explorers in Asia are not the only people searching for this utopia.

"As Asian immigrants, we are also searching for our Shangri-La," said David Dinh, a sophomore international business major.

Asian-American students at UNL struggle with racism and misunderstanding of their cultures, he said.

"As ASA members, we try to make UNL's campus a Shangri-La of our own ... To do so, we need to ask ourselves, 'Are we willing to put forth the effort to understand and learn of other cultures?'" David Dinh said.

"If we all answer this 'yes,' we are one step closer to finding Shangri-La."



Nikki Fox/DN

ASIAN STUDENT ALLIANCE President Nga Dinh dances the "Nu Hong Mong Manh," a Vietnamese dance, with other members of ASA at the Shangri-La celebration in the Nebraska Union ballroom Saturday night. Shangri-La is described as a utopia on earth.