



Lue's last?

NU point guard Tyronn Lue, who may leave Lincoln for the NBA after this season, scored 23 points in a 82-65 win over Texas Tech. PAGE 7



Keep it in the family

Two generations of Dylans walked away with a total of five Grammys Wednesday night, and Puff Daddy was among the multiple winners. PAGE 9

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CLOUDS ON THE HORIZON

Mostly cloudy, high 50. Cloudy tonight, low 30.

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COMMIT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE Sara Russell answers a question during the ASUN debate while Chris Linder, COMMIT second vice presidential candidate, looks on. Wednesday marked the second of four scheduled debates.

Communication focus of debate

BY JESSICA FARGEN
Assignment Reporter

Both parties running in the ASUN elections March 11 said Wednesday if elected they would begin meetings with student organization leaders to open communication lines at UNL.

Association of Students of the University of Nebraska presidential candidate Sara Russell said COMMIT would implement a campus coalition comprised of a delegate from every student organization at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, which would meet monthly.

Presidential candidate John Wiechmann said VISION would bring together a smaller cabinet of 30 to 40 presidents of student organizations.

Candidates were asked by moderators from Pi Sigma Alpha, co-host of the debate with Model United Nations, how they would respond to events such as the homophobic epithets chalked on UNL sidewalks last semester as well as racial incidents.

Russell said COMMIT's campus coalition would try

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COMMIT presidential candidate

to prevent such things from happening by meeting with groups such as Allies Against Heterosexism and listening to their concerns on a monthly basis.

"Through communication we can see when problems will arise and be proactive and reactive," Russell said.

Wiechmann said his president's cabinet would take a different perspective. When groups are too large, he said,

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MASA ceases 4-year boycott

BY LINDSAY YOUNG
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After four years of struggles, challenges and eventually cooperation by all parties involved, the Mexican American Student Association Wednesday permanently lifted its boycott on the Multicultural Affairs office.

More than 30 people, including University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor James Moeser and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen, gathered in the chancellor's conference room to celebrate the boycott's official closure Wednesday afternoon.

Some of the issues which spurred

the boycott in February 1994 included insensitivity issues within the Multicultural Affairs office, hiring practices, the lack of structure in the Minority Assistance Program and the lack of student input into Multicultural Affairs services.

MASA representatives finally agreed to lift the boycott after significant advances had been made in each of those areas.

The boycott stopped participating MASA members from co-sponsoring events with the office, using the office's services and even stepping inside the office's doors.

Gabrielle Dalton, president of MASA, was glad the organization's

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Nebraska optometrists able to treat glaucoma

BY BRIAN CARLSON
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Legislature

Licensed optometrists in Nebraska who have completed the appropriate training will be able to treat glaucoma following Wednesday's passage of LB369.

Previously, only ophthalmologists were able to treat glaucoma, a common eye disease that can lead to blindness.

The Legislature voted 35-7 to adopt the bill, but only after Speaker Doug Kristensen of Minden expressed concerns about its scope.

Kristensen said he worried the bill's language could be interpreted as granting optometrists the power to treat other eye disorders such as tumors, crossed-eye movements or birth defects.

But the bill's sponsor, Sen. Ed Schrock of Elm Creek, said the intent was simply to allow optometrists to treat glaucoma.

He said the bill's language mirrored that of similar laws in 18 other states. Overall, 37 states have passed

legislation since 1976 authorizing glaucoma treatment by certified optometrists.

Sen. Don Wesely of Lincoln, chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee, said the bill's scope was limited to glaucoma treatment.

"This doesn't expand any sort of ability to move into other areas that are not currently the practice," he said.

Under the bill, the Board of Examiners in Optometry will set educational standards that must be met by optometrists who wish to treat glaucoma. These standards must be comparable to standards for other health care professionals treating glaucoma.

Some physicians, ophthalmologists and the Nebraska Medical Association had opposed the bill. But Schrock said the ban on glaucoma treatment by optometrists had been an inconvenience for citizens who had to travel long distances for treatment.

ACADEMIC RIGOR:

Griesen: Improvements require student dedication

Editor's note: This week the Daily Nebraskan will take an in-depth look at one of the hottest issues in UNL curriculum: academic rigor.

Because it could change the face of the university's education, the DN will examine how it affects incoming students, current students and faculty.

BY BRAD DAVIS
Senior Reporter

If plans for making UNL smarter are to be successful, professors must be dedicated to the idea,

but so must students, administrators said.

Faculty members who issue significant challenges in their classes must be met with student enthusiasm to achieve an academically rigorous atmosphere, said James Griesen, University of Nebraska-Lincoln vice chancellor for student affairs.

"When I think of academic rigor, I think of a challenging but particularly good course," Griesen said.

Too often, he said, students think there should be no hard work in learning.

"If you tried to tell an athlete he could become

faster at the mile run by not working hard and exercising and training, they'd laugh at you," Griesen said. "But yet many students think those same kinds of dedicated efforts aren't required in pursuing of an academic goal - and they are."

Paul Schrier, a UNL junior and president of the College of Engineering and Technology's executive board, said students should not be afraid to take classes that might lower their GPAs.

Students shouldn't shy away from a certain major or class because they're intimidated by hard work, he said.

"(College) is your last real chance to explore

your academic interests, and you'll regret it down the line if you don't," Schrier said. "When you're 30, and think, 'Boy, I didn't take that class because I didn't want to get a B or a C in it,' you'll regret it."

Schrier said grades - including grade inflation - were not the central issue when talking about academic rigor.

And some students say classes may already be difficult enough.

"To break the norm that has existed suggests

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