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A member of the Stacy's Locker Room oozeball team sloshes in the mud as the Miller & Paine team scores on its way to victory in the annual tournament.

Shuttle service to run from library

The library shuttle will make a return appearance on

the UNL campus beginning tonight at 7.

Kay Hinn, vice president of the ASUN Senate Campus Life committee, said the shuttle vans will leave Love Library every half hour until closing time. The vans will make six stops around City Campus, including Cather-Pound, Abel-Sandoz and Harper-Schramm-Smith residence halls.

Love Library will be open Sunday through Thursday until 1 a.m. and until 5 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays during dead week and finals week. However, the library will be closed Saturday, May 8.

The shuttles, which will be driven by UNL police officers, will run through Thursday of finals week, with the exception of Sunday, May 2.

"We tried it last December and had a pretty good turnout," Hinn said.

"If it continues to have a good turnout, we'll keep having it," she added.

Hinn said the university vans used for the shuttle service are not being paid for by the senate.

Nine candidates field questions on abortion, other issues at forum

By Melinda Norris

"Why should women vote for me?" was the name of a candidate's forum sponsored by 17 organizations including the Nebraska Coalition for Women.

Candidates from the 26th and 28th legislative districts and candidates for 2nd District Lancaster County Commissioner fielded questions concerning the Equal Rights Amendment, abortion and child care Friday at McPhee School, 820 So. 15th St.

Candidates from the 26th District were incumbent Sen. Don Wesely, Jim Brown and Bob Van Valkenburg. The 28th District was represented by incumbent Sen. Chris Beutler and John Butler.

VanValkenburg, Beutler and Wesely said they would either endorse the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution or equal rights legislation in Nebraska.

All five legislative candidates said they oppose abortion, but expressed mixed reasons for supporting or opposing a constitutional amendment or state legislation restricting abortions.

Wesely said he opposes a constitutional amendment but believes if a state wants to pass restrictive legislation, then it should have that option.

Although Wesley's Catholic religion condemns abortions, he said the decision to have an abortion is to be made by the individual.

Brown also said he opposes a constitutional amendment because it would bridge the gap between church and state. He said he favors a state law which offers a choice if the pregnancy threatens the life of the mother.

VanValkenburg favors state legislation over a federal constitutional amendment because legislation at the state level would be more restrictive than legislation from "Disneyland East."

He added that more education about sex is needed to protect teenagers.

Beutler said he would oppose a national constitutional amendment but would probably support state legislation restricting abortions.

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UNL horticulturist landscapes a budding career

By Linnea Fredrickson

Mike Hillis took a grade school minicourse on terrariums and has been hooked on horticulture ever since.

Hillis, 22, a senior majoring in ornamental horticulture at UNL, was elected president of the Mid-America Collegiate Horticultural Society (MACHS) earlier this month and served as president of the NU Horticulture Club during the past year.

MACHS consists of higher education horticulture clubs from an 11-state region and is a subgroup of the professional American Society for Horticultural Sciences.

Hillis was elected at the annual MACHS meeting in Manhattan, Kan. In 1983, the three-day meeting will be in Lincoln. Speakers, presentation of student research papers and field trips will fill most of the days. Tours of Arbor Lodge and the orchards of Nebraska City are also planned, Hillis said.

Next year, Hillis said he and Janet Jensen, also an ornamental horticulture major, hope to present their research work on the development of a new breed of rose.

Hillis said the project started when the UNL greenhouses received a shipment of red sweetheart roses and one of the plants had one branch of orange blossoms. By using different methods of propagation tissue cultures, stem and root cuttings, budding and grafting - the researchers hope to develop a new orange sweetheart rose, and achieve "wealth and fame," he said, smiling.

His grade school terrarium was the first flowering of Hillis' horticulture career. As a student at Lincoln Northeast High School, he won first place in the state in Future Farmers of America horticulture contest. He went on to win fourth place in the

nation at the national contest in Kansas City.

Hillis opened a bedding plant store four years ago. The bedding plants are bought to plant outside for the summer. He said he rents a piece of land in Bethany, puts up a temporary shelter and ships in bedding plants from growers in Omaha, Council Bluffs and other cities. Hillis said he makes enough money during May to take it easy the rest of the year, but he doesn't.

He also landscapes private homes and does interior plantscaping throughout the year. The results of his efforts can be seen in Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery, the East Union, Dorsey Labs and other Lincoln businesses. Hillis described his first contract at Lincoln Liberty Life Insurance as "a learning experience." He said he bid without really knowing how much to bid and won the contract. He then bought thousands of dollars worth of plants, set things up and "everything turned out OK."

Hillis said he likes doing interior work "maybe because it's more glamorous." He also sets up flowers, fountains, candles and centerpieces and makes corsages and boutonnieres for parties and weddings. Some flowers and plants are shipped in and others come from the 10-by-30 foot greenhouse attached to his parents' house.

Hillis said he is in the process of dismantling and rebuilding a greenhouse that will house 900 poinsettias by the end of August. After the poinsettias are sold, about the first of February, Hillis will start his own bedding plants.

He said his career plans are to expand his plantscaping work and his new greenhouse. He said horticulture classes have been both scientific and practical in teaching him how to grow plants and also how to run a business.



Photo by Linnea Fredrickson

Mike Hillis, a senior ornamental horticulture major, stands among some of the giant plants in one of the East Campus horticulture greenhouses.