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Friday

**Weather:** Friday, partly sunny, high in the lower to mid 40s winds from the SE at 10-15 mph, Friday night low in the upper 20s with a 30% chance of flurries. Saturday and Sunday, mild. Monday, cooler with a chance of light rain or snow.

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**Sports:** Nebraska women's basketball coach prepares for the Big 8 Tournament — Page 6.

## Inmate's freedom fighter applies at UNL

By Mary Nell Westbrook  
Senior Reporter

A Boise, Idaho, woman who has led a cult-like following for a Nebraska State Penitentiary inmate convicted of voluntary manslaughter recently interviewed for a graduate assistant position at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Laura Miller, 36, has raised about \$21,000 in order to overturn the 1983 conviction of Claude L. Dallas, Jr. Miller has applied and interviewed for a graduate assistantship with the Department of Theater, Arts and Dance, according to department chairman Tice Miller.

Tice Miller said a graduate assis-

tant would be hired within a month. Dallas was transferred from the Idaho State Penitentiary to the Nebraska State Penitentiary in mid-September.

Laura Miller is now on the approved visitor list for the maximum-security unit, where Dallas now lives, according to Nebraska State Penitentiary officials. Her phone in Boise has been disconnected and she couldn't be reached for comment.

Dallas escaped from the Idaho prison in March 1986, eluded the FBI for a year and was named to the FBI's 10 Most Wanted List. He was acquitted by an Ada County jury on the escape charge.

Laura Miller, who visited Dallas

in Idaho on a regular basis, told the Idaho Statesman she thought Dallas was being mistreated. She said she

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—Essex

thought he would be safer in Nebraska. During the three-day escape trial, Dallas and other inmates testi-

fied that Dallas's life had been threatened by guards at the prison.

Dallas became a cult hero in Idaho before, during and after his trial in 1982. When he was sent to the Idaho prison, his followers claimed he was innocent.

Randy Essex, a Statesman reporter, said Dallas became a folk hero to some after he claimed he killed two game wardens in self-defense. Dallas said the wardens accused him of poaching, and one warden pulled a gun on him first.

The judge in the case ruled that "the issue of self-defense did not arise," Essex said. Dallas received a 30-year sentence.

Media romanticized him, Essex

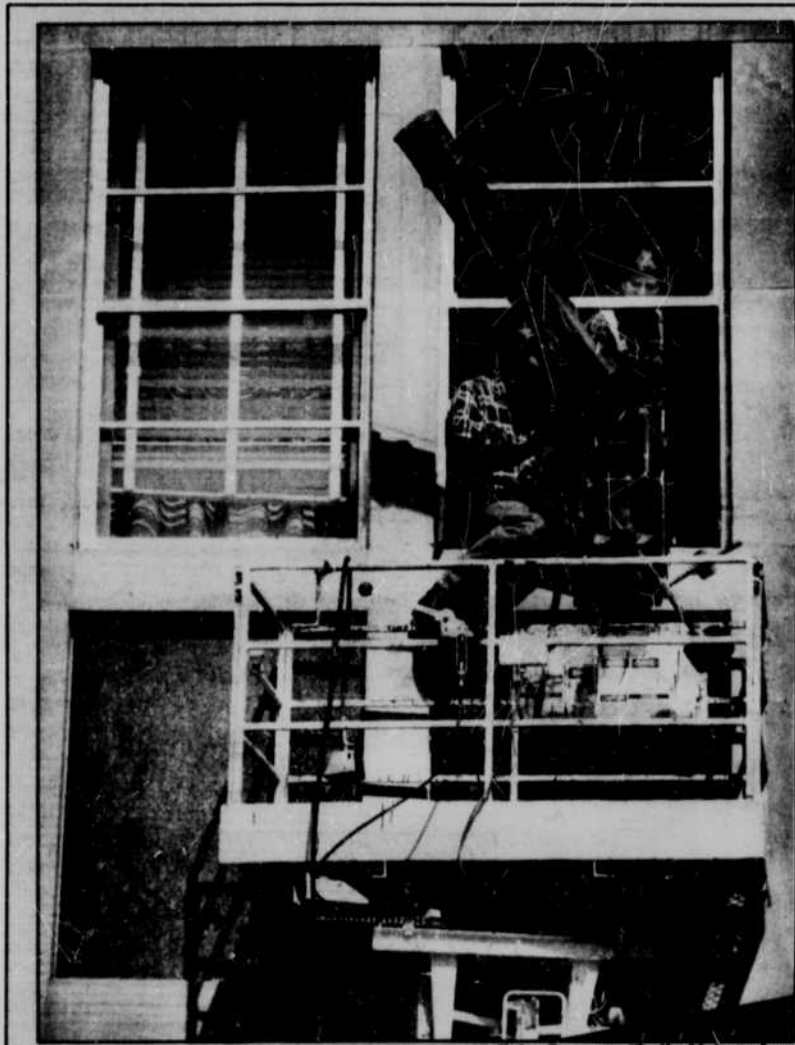
said, and some people thought Dallas' actions were justified. Essex said these people, like Dallas, believed they have the right to live off the land. They tend to resist government authority, Essex said.

"It's a romantic notion that people buy," Essex said.

A group of women who waited outside the doors of the courtroom each day were known as the "Dallas cheerleaders," the Statesman reported.

Laura Miller, a freelance theater director, contributed about \$5,400 of her own money to the \$21,000 legal defense fund for Dallas.

The graduate assistant position pays about \$4,000 a year.



Eric Gregory/Daily Nebraskan

### Room with a view

University of Nebraska-Lincoln maintenance workers install a telescope in a window of the Minnick Astronomy Resource Center in Ferguson Hall 216A. The 6-inch refractor telescope can make objects appear 300 times closer than the naked eye. Charles B. Minnick donated \$10,000 to build and install the telescope, which will be dedicated formally sometime in the next two months.

## Roskens: Reduce trade measures

Boosting China's economy could prove beneficial to the U.S.

By Micki Haller  
Senior Editor

Reducing protectionist trade measures against the People's Republic of China would further improve relations between China and the United States, University of Nebraska President Ronald Roskens said Thursday in the Nebraska Union.

Roskens, the luncheon speaker at the Montgomery Symposium on Marxism and capitalism in mainland China, said improving trade would boost China's economy. This would allow China to buy more products from the United States, he said.

Roskens, who has visited China eight times and plans two more trips this year, lauded improved relations between China and the United States.

Last year was the 15th anniversary of a Sino-U.S. agreement that "decided to defreeze some very icy relations," Roskens said.

Improved relations contributed to peace and stability in Asia and the world, he said, and tremendous changes have taken place.

"From confrontation to relaxation," improved relations have led to more contacts between the two countries, Roskens said.

Two-way trade between China and the United States has increased from nothing to \$73 billion per year, he said, and the United States is now China's third-largest trade partner.

But cultural barriers still exist between the two countries, Roskens said, which can be a problem for business people.

He said Americans need to view

Chinese culture from the inside instead of pretending to be experts on the basis of a few books.

Cultural, economic, technological, military and educational ties have improved in a relatively short time, he said.

In the past 10 years, he said, 25,000 Chinese students have studied in the United States.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln has made 16 faculty exchange agreements with Chinese universities, he said. Members of UNL's faculty, especially physical science and agriculture professors, visit China for one month to two years, he said.

"Basically, (the agreements are) an indication that we respect each other, see value in face-to-face exchanges," Roskens said.

## Progress of Curtis bill slowed

By Lee Rood  
Senior Reporter

Proponents of a bill that would provide \$1.4 million to finance the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture at Curtis suffered another

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setback Thursday when senators in the Legislature's Appropriations Committee made no motion to advance the bill.

Sen. Jerome Warner, Appropriations Committee chairman, said the

committee didn't advance the bill because the role and mission of the Curtis school has changed, and the proposed \$1.4 million would not be enough money to finance the changed college.

Warner, of Waverly, said the school's program has been expanded as well as its cost.

LB1042 does not give a real definition of what the new program would be like, Warner said.

Members of the committee voted 5-4 Tuesday not to advance the bill. The bill's sponsor, Sen. Owen Elmer of Indianola, said he had expected the vote to change on Thursday.

Elmer said the bill hit a roadblock

Thursday, but he and Sen. William Barrett of Lexington moved to have LB1042 put in the general file next week.

Elmer said he received commitments from senators that there would be enough discussion on the bill to have it brought up on the legislative floor next Tuesday or Wednesday.

Sen. Scott Moore of Stromsburg, Appropriations Committee member, said he never intended to vote to advance the bill.

Moore said Gov. Kay Orr tried to change his mind Tuesday after the committee didn't advance the bill, but "her hammer didn't come down hard enough to do it."

## ASUN candidates want equality in ranks



By William Lauer  
Staff Reporter

ACTION and VOICE candidates said Thursday equal representation of all University of Nebraska-Lincoln students is a key issue in

the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska elections.

The candidates debated in the East Union. The debate was sponsored by the University Programs Council and the Agriculture Advisory Board.

Christopher Stream, VOICE presidential candidate, said increased student representation throughout UNL is the key to effective student government.

"When we have an effective representational government between non-Greeks, people on East Campus, and people on City Campus, that is how you get effective, strong government," Stream said.

Jeff Petersen, ACTION presidential candidate, said ASUN is not set up on the basis of living units, but colleges.

"We feel that our senator constituency rep-

resents all those students," he said.

Nate Geisert, ACTION first vice presidential candidate, said ACTION party candidates offer better representation.

"We are the only party to run a dental student to represent us in senate," he said. "We need the representation from all the colleges."

Stream said the VOICE party has more off-campus students running for office. VOICE would get off-campus students involved in the appointment system.

"We need to have a campus commission that has members from each of the residence halls, the different Greek houses, from each of the minority organizations, and the off-campus leaders," he said.

Candidates were also questioned about issues they thought were important to East Campus students.

Bryan Kliever, VOICE agriculture senator candidate, said agriculture recruitment needs to be improved.

Kliever said the university needs to actively recruit prospective students.

"We must be willing to work with campus organizations and we must seek willing agriculture volunteers to promote the college," Kliever said.

Geisert said the quality of education in the College of Agriculture is the most important issue on East Campus.

The university needs to make sure it has money to hire and replace quality faculty members, he said.

"Our main purpose at the university is to give a good, quality education," he said. "Once we have that, the recruitment will come our way."