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## CORRECTION

The date of the 12th annual symposium called "Global Climate and the Future of the High Plains Aquifers (DN, Sept. 20) was listed incorrectly. The symposium will be at the Lincoln Hilton, 141 9th St., Oct. 6 and 7.

Wednesday, mostly sunny and warmer, high 80-85 with S winds of 10-15 mph. Wednesday night, increasing cloudiness with a 20 percent chance of showers, low in the mid 50s. Thursday, considerable cloudiness with a 20 percent chance of showers, high near 80.

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### Toilet turmoil

University of Nebraska-Lincoln maintenance worker Warren Roelke cleans up damage Tuesday from a fire in the basement bathroom of Avery Hall. Roelke was installing new pipes when sparks from an electrical grinder he was using ignited a cardboard box containing a toilet. The bathroom received smoke and fire damage. The toilet was destroyed and replaced. (DN photo by Dave ...)

## Involvement increase ASUN officers plan minority inclusion

By Ryan Steeves  
Senior Reporter

Two executive officers of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska have made plans to increase minority student involvement in the student government process.

Jeff Petersen, president of ASUN, said a Monday meeting with the Afrikan People's Union gave ASUN members a better understanding of

the depth of the problems minorities face.

At the meeting, minority students said they sometimes receive hostile looks from some non-minority students. The students also said they feel ostracized at UNL.

It is ridiculous, Petersen said, "that any student should have to feel uncomfortable on campus."

Kim Beavers, 2nd vice president of ASUN, said she wants to incorporate a member from each student

minority group into the Residence Liaison Committee.

She said she will propose this tonight at a 6:30 p.m. meeting of student minorities at the Culture Center, 333 N. 14th St.

Minority group representatives could better report problems and schedules of meetings to ASUN if they were part of the committee, she said. Some racial problems would

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## Posting student ID number and grade may violate law protecting personal records

By David G. Young  
Staff Reporter

Using the complete social security number to post students' grades may be violating a 1974 federal law protecting student privacy.

Failure to comply with provisions of the Buckley Amendment could lead to cutting off all federal funding for institutions in question.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln could lose \$28 million a year in federal money. UNL annually receives \$28 million in federal funding, according to UNL's Office of Business and Finance.

The Buckley Amendment restricts release of "personally identifiable records or files (or personal information contained therein)" to any individual other than appropriate school officials, without student consent.

It is unclear, however, whether social security numbers should be considered "personally identifiable."

Social Security numbers could easily be perceived as "personally identifiable," according to Shelly Stall, lawyer for Student Legal Services.

According to a set of enforcement rules proposed by the Department of Health and Education in 1975, "personally identifiable" would be defined to include student identification numbers as well as social security

numbers.

Leroy Rooker, director of the Family Policy and Regulations Office in the Department of Education in Washington D.C., insists that the law is unclear.

"We haven't really addressed the problem of using social security numbers," he said. "Who recognizes a social security number besides the person? It's so implausible that it's never caused a problem."

"We would probably encourage (university officials) to use the last four digits of the social security number."

While some UNL professors drop the first five digits before posting grades, many continue to list the entire social security number before the student's mark.

Some UNL professors say they have heard the possibility that posting grades by social security number is illegal but they continue to list the entire number. This is largely due to lack of student opposition.

"This has been the traditional method and I've never had anybody complain," said Paul Burrow, professor of physics and astronomy.

Similarly, Rooker said he could not recall anyone ever filing a formal complaint with his office on the matter.

"Schools don't intentionally violate the law," Rooker said. "They do it by oversight or purely by lack of

## Assault suspect released

By Chris Carroll  
Staff Reporter

A man suspected of 3rd-degree sexual assault was interviewed and released by University of Nebraska-Lincoln police Sept. 6, said UNL Police Cpl. Larry Kalkowski.

The man, who allegedly grabbed a UNL student's thigh and breast Aug. 23, confessed to the alleged assault, Kalkowski said.

The man could not be arrested, however, because he did not fit the description the woman gave police, Kalkowski said. The woman told police she couldn't make a positive identification of the alleged offender.

A suspect can't be arrested unless a victim has filed a charge that can be specifically linked to that individual, Kalkowski said.

But the man is still a suspect, he said.

The incident occurred Aug. 23 at 9:30 p.m. near the recreation field on 17th and Vine streets, Kalkowski said.

Kalkowski said it's possible that the suspect who confessed to the Aug. 23 incident has been involved in pre-

vious unreported assaults.

"It's possible that his mind-state is such that he confused the incidents with ones he'd been involved with before, that haven't been reported," Kalkowski said.

Because the Aug. 23 incident is still under investigation, Kalkowski said he could not release a description of the alleged offender.

Third-degree sexual assault, according to Nebraska state law, is the intentional touching of the victim's sexual or intimate parts or touching the victim's clothing covering the immediate area of the victim's sexual or intimate parts.

This is the only reported sexual assault this semester according to UNL Police incident reports.

Two sexual assault incidents were reported in the spring semester of 1988, Kalkowski said. One occurred in Abel Hall and was reclassified as a 1st-degree sexual assault. The other, a 2nd-degree sexual assault, occurred in Sandoz Hall.

Kalkowski said it is important for UNL students to report all sexual assaults to UNL police whenever they occur.

## Addressing minority issues is part of DREAM

By Diana Johnson  
Senior Editor

Although it may be easier said than done, a new campus organization will attempt to sensitize the campus to minority problems at the university, said Paul Miles, special assistant to the chancellor.

DREAM, Developing Realistic Events Assessing Minorities, will be the core of an effort to unite minority student groups and other students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Miles said.

The group meets for the first time at 7 p.m. tonight at the Culture Center, 333 N. 14th St. All minority student group leaders and members and any other interested UNL students are

invited to attend the meeting, Miles said.

The idea for the group was formulated more than a year ago when Miles was hired by UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale. Miles said he hoped to address and have input on campus minority issues.

DREAM is a part of that, said Miles, a UNL graduate and former I-back for the Cornhusker football team.

"It's a way to try to get minority students, other students, faculty and staff to work together to help themselves understand the problems of other minority groups," Miles said.

DREAM will act as an umbrella to already existing student minority groups such as the Afrikan People's Union, Mexican American Student Association, Native American Student

Association, International Student Organization and other student minority groups, Miles said.

But it will not interfere with activities and programs already established by those groups, Miles said.

Miles said he will act as a senior adviser to the group.

"I don't want to hear people saying 'Paul is sick so we can't have a meeting today or we can't get this done,'" Miles said. "I want to see the students take the initiative. They have to be the leaders of this."

Although DREAM is still in its formulative stage, Miles said he hopes students will decide to meet weekly or bi-monthly to discuss how to address minority issues.

"The idea is not to condemn others," Miles said. "But to assess needs of others."

DREAM also will possibly hold awareness campaigns during Black History Month and hold workshops in order to understand other cultures' customs, Miles said.

DREAM also can be a learning tool for white students on campus, Miles said, because it will help them achieve a greater understanding of minorities that they may later meet with in metropolitan areas.

Formulation of the group began this summer when Miles toured mostly white populated campuses such as Michigan University, Iowa State University, Kentucky University, Rutgers University and the University of California at Berkeley, he said.