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In a review of the book "The Story of My Life" (DN, Jan. 16), the main character was called a Jewish-American princess type. The Daily Nebraskan apologizes for the inaccurate slur.

**WEATHER:** Tuesday, mostly sunny with highs in 50s with W winds 10-20 mph, and becoming gusty in the afternoon. Tuesday night, fair conditions with lows in 20s. Wednesday, mostly sunny with high in the low to mid 40s.

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Peggy Haas, an undeclared freshman, celebrates Martin Luther King Jr. Day by reading an article on King and watching the "Eye on the Prize" video in the Nebraska Union Monday.

## Speaker tells students to stand up

By Jana Pedersen  
Staff Reporter

Urging students to keep Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream alive, Omaha South high school teacher/counselor Raushan Ashanti-Alexander said college students need to work for what they believe in.

"I want you to remember... we still have a job to do," he said.

Part of that job is standing up against what is wrong, he said, even if that means standing up in front of a hostile audience -- one of King's greatest abilities.

Ashanti-Alexander spoke to about 85 people who attended a service honoring

King's birthday Monday night at the Culture Center.

Continuing King's fight against discrimination is one way of keeping him alive, Ashanti-Alexander said.

"A person is alive as long as you talk about what they represent. A person is only dead as long as you ignore them.

"The day you think Martin Luther is dead is the day you realize you don't have any freedom and you never had any in the first place," he said.

Ashanti-Alexander said the civil rights battle led by King left a lasting impression on him when he was growing up in Oklahoma and inspired him to become a teacher.

Ashanti-Alexander said as a teacher, he

is concerned about the emphasis today's youth place on material possessions.

College students should not be satisfied with just wanting to be wealthy, he said. They should be in college to develop skills for future occupations.

"You can be a role model without being rich," Ashanti-Alexander said.

Ashanti-Alexander said college students need to become actively involved in the battle against drugs -- a battle he compared to King's war on segregation.

"The real task of being (in college) is that you're either in the game or out of it. You're either part of the solution or part of the problem," he said.

## Official won't confirm UNL vice chancellor is among candidates

By Brandon Loomis  
Senior Reporter

The executive director of the Idaho State Board of Education would not confirm Monday that Robert Furgason, University of Nebraska-Lincoln vice chancellor for academic affairs, has been selected as one of six finalists for the University of Idaho presidency.

Rayburn Barton said the Idaho Board of Regents had selected six finalists, but had not released the names.

"I am not at liberty to confirm or deny that," Barton said.

A newspaper in Moscow, Idaho, published the names of six finalists Saturday, including the 53-year-old Furgason, a graduate and former dean of the University of Idaho's College of Engineering. One of the six will succeed President Richard Gibb, who is resigning in July to return to teaching, the report said.

Barton said the regents will narrow the list to four candidates, and announce those names on Jan. 23 or 24. They will then invite the finalists to visit the campus and interview. The regents are tentatively planning to announce the new president by Feb. 16, he said.

Furgason was unavailable for comment Monday.

## Council urges fraternities to study pledge alternatives

By David G. Young  
Staff Reporter

The National Interfraternity Council passed a resolution at their December meeting, calling for consideration of drastic changes in the way fraternity pledges are integrated into their houses.

Jayne Wade Anderson, director of greek affairs and cooperatives, said the proposed changes come as part of continuing national efforts to stop fraternities from requiring pledges to perform ridiculous acts, known as hazing.

The resolution passed by the most recent council meeting calls for fraternities to study alternatives to pledging status and pledge education, Anderson said.

A second resolution recommended ending the entire pledging process, she said. But the resolution failed to pass the council's coordinating body, known as the House of Delegates, she said.

"This would change the whole fraternity structure -- perhaps to a more four-year educating process instead of just one year," Anderson said. "Some people think that it's really time for a revolutionary change."

Under the current system, most chapters educate members about the fraternity only during the pledging period.

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## Condoms available in school and holiday colors

By Lisa Donovan  
Senior Reporter

With school-colored condoms and "Lepprecondoms," one California-based company is encouraging college students to make the educated choice and practice safe sex, a company spokesperson said.

Not only will the condoms be available in Husker scarlet at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, but according to Nick Fogel, president of College Condoms, they will be available with greek lettering and fraternity and sorority colors.

The condoms soon will be available at various fraternity and sorority sportswear companies, Fogel said.

Another item that College Condoms is marketing is a green condom for St. Patrick's Day, called a "Lepprecondom."

A leprechaun appears on the package, throwing four-leaf clovers from a pot and dancing over a four-leaf clover. The logo says "Don't leave it to luck."

Although the product sounds fun and novel, the condoms are no joke, Fogel said.

"These are good quality condoms," he said.

Fogel said Circle Rubber Company of Newark, N.J., one of the nation's largest manufacturers of condoms, makes the colored condoms.

Because the colored condoms are a novelty, some of the embarrassment that goes along with purchasing condoms is eased, Fogel said.

People will talk about the condoms and will be more relaxed, he said, which is a positive step, because condoms used to be considered "illicit sexual tools... now they're a necessity."

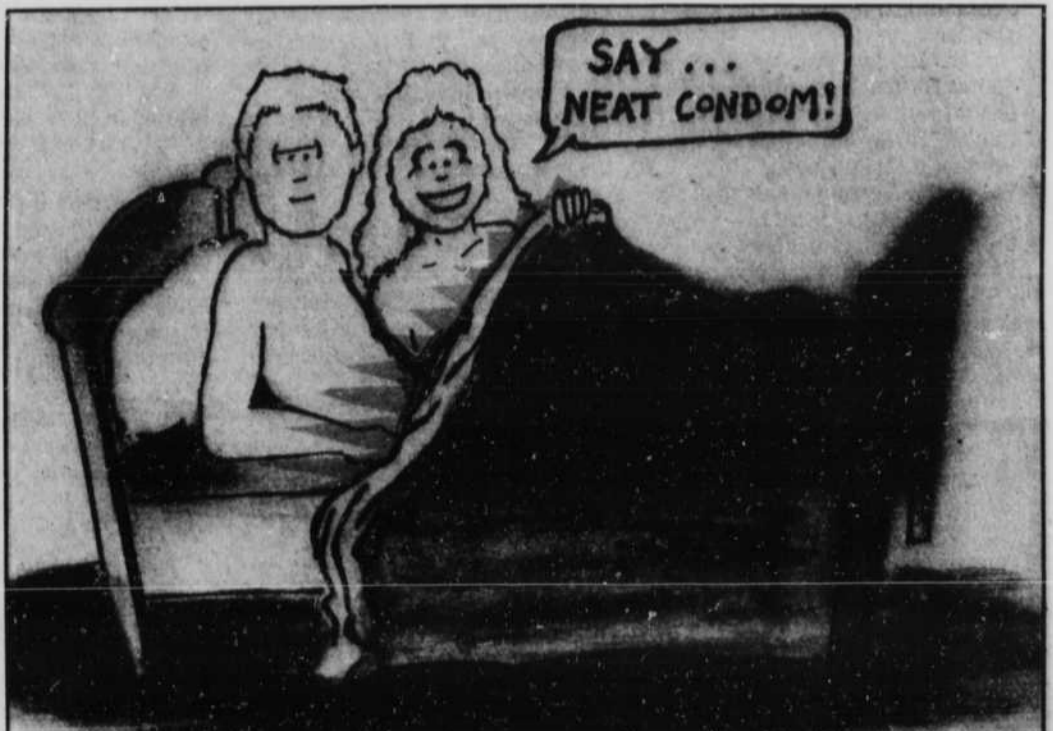
The company is marketing the condoms to colleges in five states, Fogel said. They are not yet being sold on college campuses.

The product currently is available in California, Iowa, Kansas, Arizona and Florida. The condoms probably will be available in Lincoln by the beginning of April, and will cost about \$2.99 for a package of six.

Although no officials at UNL have been contacted, Fogel said, he would like to see the condoms eventually sold on campus.

"Right now we're going to sell them off campus and later on we'll talk with the bookstores and see if they'll sell them," Fogel said.

"What we're trying to do is market the product to the major college in the state, and then we'll go from there."



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