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## CORRECTION

A graphic showing Gov. Kay Orr and the University of Nebraska's proposed budgets was misleading (DN, Jan. 30). The graphic labeled NU's budget proposal as the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's.

## WEATHER

Tuesday, mostly sunny with record high in the 60s, SW winds 10-15 mph. Tuesday night, cloudy with lows in low to mid 30s. Wednesday, colder temperatures with highs 40 to 45. Temperatures will drop to low 30s in afternoon.

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## Yost announces minority recruitment plan

By Amy Edwards  
Senior Editor

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is taking steps to keep its minority students, and to increase the number of minorities who pursue a graduate education at UNL.

John Yost, vice chancellor for research and dean of graduate studies, announced Monday the Minority Graduate Student Recruitment Plan.

Yost said the goal of the plan is to increase the number of minority students pursuing graduate degrees at UNL by 50 percent in three years.

"I hope it will make a great difference in recruiting minority students. Also, undergraduate minority students will stay here to do their graduate work."

Yost said he hopes those students eventually will teach at UNL.

The plan is for "target minorities," Yost said, which include Native Americans, Hispanics, blacks

and American-Asians. There currently are 122 targeted minority graduate students at UNL, 76 of whom are full-time, Yost said.

The plan, which targets seven doctoral fellowships at \$10,000 and four master's fellowships at \$7,500, is on a commitment basis, Yost said.

That means that after two years for the doctoral fellowships and one year for the master's fellowships, departments must continue to support the programs, depending on students' progress towards their degrees, Yost

said. Minority students also will receive first priority for the four Chancellor's Fellowships and seven Patricia Roberts Harris Fellowships.

This will increase the number of scholarships targeted for minority graduate students by 200 percent, Yost said.

The plan also includes:  
• Establishing a Minority Graduate Student Recruitment fund to provide departments with support to bring prospective students to campus for a

recruitment visit.  
• Partial support to departments for faculty to speak on campuses and for participation in meetings for recruitment of minority graduate students.  
• Establishing a Minority Graduate Student Advisory Council to help with the development of the plan and a support system to retain minority graduate students.  
• Cost sharing or matching funds for federal grant proposals to increase

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## Alcohol bills advance to floor Monday

By Natalie Weinstein  
Staff Reporter

Two bills designed to shut off the supply of alcohol to minors were advanced to the floor of the Nebraska Legislature Monday afternoon.

After listening to about two hours of public testimony, the General Affairs Committee unanimously advanced LB440, which increases the penalty for creating fake identifications, and LB441, which places "near beer" under the regulation of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act. The committee placed an emergency clause on the near beer bill making it effective May 1, 1989.

State Sen. Jacklyn Smith of Hastings, chairman of the committee, said both bills have a "very good" chance of becoming laws because the committee has given them its "total support."

LB440 increases the penalty for "manufacturing, creating or altering" ID's from a Class III misdemeanor to a Class I misdemeanor.

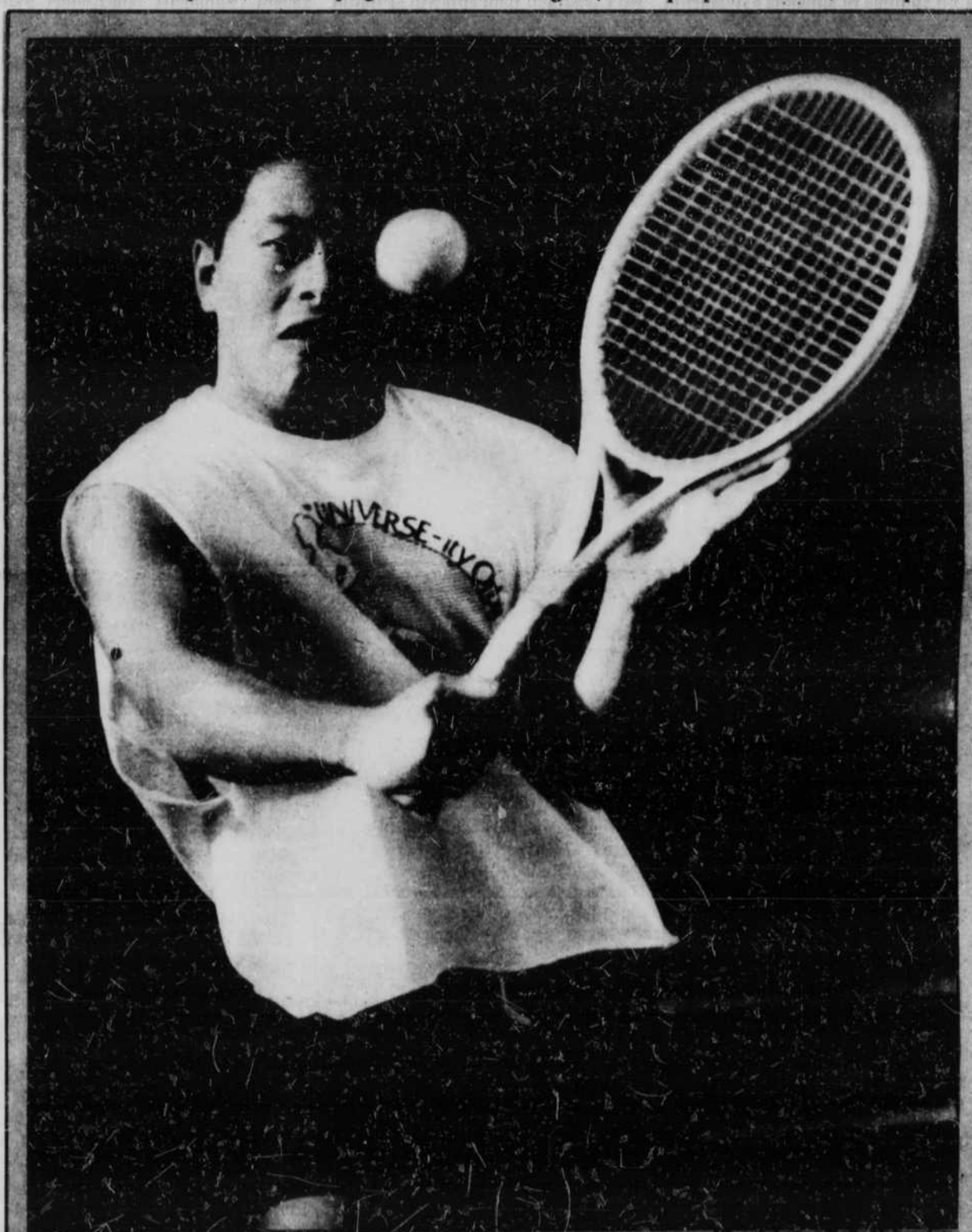
The maximum penalty for a Class III misdemeanor is three months imprisonment or a \$500 fine or both. The maximum penalty for a Class I misdemeanor is one year imprisonment or a \$1,000 fine or both. Neither category has a minimum penalty.

State Sen. Gary Hannibal of Omaha, who introduced both bills, said the state needs to "shut off the supply" of alcohol to minors. Increasing the penalty for doctoring ID's can help, he said.

The crime is "worthy of a little bigger hammer," he said. "We could really make an example of them."

LB441 defines "near beer" as beer containing less than one-half of one percent of alcohol by volume. The bill subjects near beer to all provisions of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act except for taxation. Minors would no longer be able to purchase near beer. Unlicensed retailers would no longer be able to sell it.

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### Tennis anyone?

Xerxes Coyco, a sophomore mechanical engineering major, plays tennis Monday afternoon at the Cather-Pound courts.

## Week's events support gay, lesbian pride

By Lisa Twiestmeyer  
Staff Reporter

The Committee Offering Lesbian and Gay Events has designated Feb. 1 through 7 as Lesbian and Gay Pride Week at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The week-long series of events, including films, poetry readings and a dance, is designed to "increase people's knowledge about homosexual culture and let them know gay culture exists independent of straight culture," said Nanci Hamilton, co-chairperson for the event.

"We want people to know it is a viable, valuable alternative culture," Hamilton said.

Co-chairperson David Whitaker said education has always been the main goal of COLAGE, formerly the Gay and Lesbian Programming Committee. The week's events will help continue that tradition, he said.

"We would ultimately like to make this a safer campus for diversity," Whitaker said, "so people don't have to be so afraid of those different from themselves."

The week will kick-off with a keynote address by Louis Crompton, a UNL English professor, titled "Out of the Closets and Into the World: A History of Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights" Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union. Crompton will present an overview of international gay civil rights since the 1950's based on 10 years of research.

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## Suicide attempted in residence hall

From Staff Reports

An attempted suicide was reported at 12:30 Monday morning in a University of Nebraska-Lincoln residence hall, according to University Police.

Cpl. Doug Petersen said the victim, a 19-year-old female, suffered wrist lacerations. She was treated and released from the University Health Center and Lincoln General Hospital.

## February to bring African Heritage programs to UNL

By Eric Pfanner  
Staff Reporter

Although he is excited that February is African Heritage Month, Vaughn Robertson, specialist on black affairs for the Office of Multi-cultural Affairs, said he hopes that eventually black history will be "celebrated all year long."

"I don't know how close we are to that," he said.

"I think we are in the midst of a renaissance -- well, maybe more like a birth."

To promote awareness of black history, several events have been scheduled at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for February.

UNL Affirmative Action is sponsoring "Beyond the Dream," for the African People's Union, Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m., in the Nebraska Union. The program is part of a national teleconference organized by Black Issues in Higher Education. The teleconference will involve students from universities around the country and other private groups.

Paul Miles, special assistant for minority affairs to the vice chancellor for student affairs, said other highlights of the month include a speech at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Culture Center, 333 N. 14th St., about blacks in politics by state Sen. Ernie Chambers, followed by a panel. A minority career night will be held Feb. 7 at 6 p.m. in the Culture Center.

The Big Eight Conference on Blacks in Student Government will take place Feb. 16 through 19. An APU committee of nearly 50 people from UNL will attend the conference at the University of Colorado, Miles said.

Guest speakers for the month include Donald Woods, on apartheid, Feb. 22 in the Nebraska Union, and Ajamal Bindon, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Culture Center, on black issues and African-American affairs. Other events will be posted in the Nebraska Union.

Miles said for him, a highlight of the month would be to have as much participation from non-minority students and faculty as possible.

"The world is not lily-white," Robertson said. "It hurts graduates when they are not

exposed (to minority cultures)."

Because people are resistant to change, Robertson said, promoting diversity on campus has been a slow process. In the last two years, he said, much progress has been made, "but we have not yet turned the corner."

The key to making that step, he said, is to include minority events in long-range plans.

"But don't just plan -- execute, too," he said.

Robertson said he supports the diversity that he hopes African Heritage Month will encourage.

"Being colorblind is not a neat way to be," he said. "To not recognize what I am by being colorblind is somewhat insulting to me."