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CORRECTION: In a story about the Trinh T. Minh-ha films series (DN Nov. 1), the dates were incorrect. The series will be showing Friday and Saturday at the Sheldon Film Theater. The Daily Nebraskan regrets this error.	
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Friday, mostly sunny with increasing cloudiness in the afternoon, high in the mid-50s, south winds from 10 to 15 miles per hour. Friday night, decreasing cloudiness, low of 30. Saturday, partly sunny, high in the upper-50s.	News Digest 2 Editorial 4 Sports 5 Arts & Entertainment 6 Classifieds 7

UNL officials, Visser take the stand

By Eric Pfanner
Senior Editor
and Jerry Guenther
Senior Reporter

General studies adviser says she took records from office

To one University of Nebraska-Lincoln official, Mary Jane Visser's case against the university represents a "full-scale war." In the third day of a U.S. District Court trial, Visser's attorney said that UNL Affirmative Action Officer Brad Munn wrote in an Aug. 19, 1988, letter to Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen that Visser "has declared a full-scale war, and not just a battle" on the university.

At that point, her attorney, Thom Cope, stood up and asked Griesen whether it wasn't actually the other way around -- that the university had declared a war on Visser.

"No," Griesen replied. Thursday, Visser again testified that she was fired Sept. 2, 1988, from her job as a general studies adviser because of her investigation into student athletes' academic records.

Griesen testified that she was fired because of poor job performance.

Visser is seeking her job back, damages for emotional distress, back pay and compensation for attorney's fees.

Griesen said a meeting about the

man of the Faculty Senate. After Feb. 12, Wagner said, he met with Griesen, Osborne and other officials to discuss the situation.

Prior to Wagner's testimony, Visser had said she never told Gregory, her immediate supervisor before she was fired, that she was conducting the investigation. She also testified that she was aware of university policy that student records were only accessible on a "need-to-know basis."

Visser said she began her investigation after she read a March 31, 1987, newspaper article stating that Osborne was concerned about changes in academic standards for athletes.

Griesen said Gregory told him in the summer of 1988 that Visser's behavior in the office had been disruptive.

Other workers in the office, Griesen said, also told him her behavior was disruptive. Visser said she kept a log of the time she spent in her office after she was reprimanded for being out of her office too often. She said her job performance was on par with other general studies employees.

Visser cited a summary of stu-

as "something that is not appropriate for a college."

In testimony Thursday afternoon, Wagner said Visser approached him in the summer of 1987 with a student athlete's high school transcript and records of a summer health course taken primarily by student athletes. Wagner said Visser told him she thought the transcript and records were irregular.

'My impression was that he (Gregory) had a misunderstanding of my behavior in that office.'

--Visser

The transcript, Griesen said, showed that the student had received an F in 10th-grade English, a D in 11th-grade English and an A in his senior English class. Visser had previously testified that although the student's grades for the first two

years were typed, the student's senior-year grades were handwritten.

Griesen described those inconsistencies as "unexpected," not irregular. He noted that the transcript showed the student's race as white, even though the student is not white.

Wagner said Visser sent him a photocopy of the transcript and records from the health course in the summer of 1987.

Visser said student athletes significantly improved their grade point averages during the summer because they took the health course.

Visser also said she was concerned that some Nebraska football players played in the 1988 Fiesta Bowl even though they didn't pass any of their fall semester classes.

The NCAA allows players to play in bowl games after being dismissed from school in this situation. But Visser said that at the time she thought it was irregular.

Wagner said Osborne contacted him Feb. 12, 1988, and was upset because he heard that a student athlete's high school transcript was circulating around campus.

Wagner said he had given Visser's information to Jim Lewis, then chair-

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Professor: Economic factors may end Chinese repression

By Cindy Wostrel
Staff Reporter

A political science professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln told about 50 students and faculty members Thursday that economic factors will influence whether repression will be ended in China.

David Forsythe, who has written two books on human rights and global politics and U.S. foreign policy, said, "The leadership will be more inclined to (end repression) if repression is blocking economic recovery."

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--Forsythe

China was the first member of the United Nations Security Council that was reprimanded for its infringement on human rights. Other countries that have been reprimanded for infringing on human rights include El Salvador and Afghanistan. Not even the Soviet Union has been reprimanded for its infringement on human rights, Forsythe said.

China "has not historically been sympathetic to human rights," Forsythe said. Even Confucian ideas were not aimed at protecting personal, human rights, he said.

Since 1949 there have been erratic demands

Grant to finance UNL alcohol program

By Pattie Greene
Staff Reporter

A \$130,000-plus federal grant will be used to deal with alcohol-related problems at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, according to UNL health officials.

The University Health Center and the Department of Health Education received the Fund for Improvement of Post-Secondary Education earlier this semester.

The FIPSE grant was created by William Bennett, national drug czar and former secretary of education, and is awarded to universities across the country to help fund programs for alcohol and drug-related problems.

In the last three years, 200 grants have been

for democracy and civil rights in China, Forsythe said, but there also has been repression in response.

China has had periods where leaders ease repression and tolerate some democracy and literary and cultural freedom, Forsythe said. But these periods always are met by repression, he said, especially in the 1960s and 1970s.

Early this year, for example, there was a period of liberalization before the student revolt, Forsythe said.

The revolt itself, he said, was "not just a student movement." Intellectuals, blue collar workers and businessmen with vested interests also supported the protest, he said.

But since the protest, Chinese leaders have cracked down, Forsythe said.

The Chinese leadership has tried economic perestroika while restricting glasnost, Forsythe said. This contrasts with the Soviet Union where extending human rights is a means to restore political and economic power, he said.

Since 1985 Soviet bloc countries have had revolutionary changes. China is not immune from these changes, Forsythe said.

Forsythe said the Bush administration is following a carefully calibrated policy in dealing with China. The policy of suspending arms sales and high level official meetings and shielding "bleeding Chinese" in U.S. embassies yet continuing open communication with the Chinese constitutes a policy of "some sanctions, some business as usual," he said.

Beyond China, Forsythe said, this policy may have strong negative effects. Other countries may see that they can crush human rights and "democratic movements, he said, and not feel the full wrath of U.S. sanctions.

awarded, according to Ian Newman, director of the Nebraska Prevention Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse. This is the first grant received by UNL.

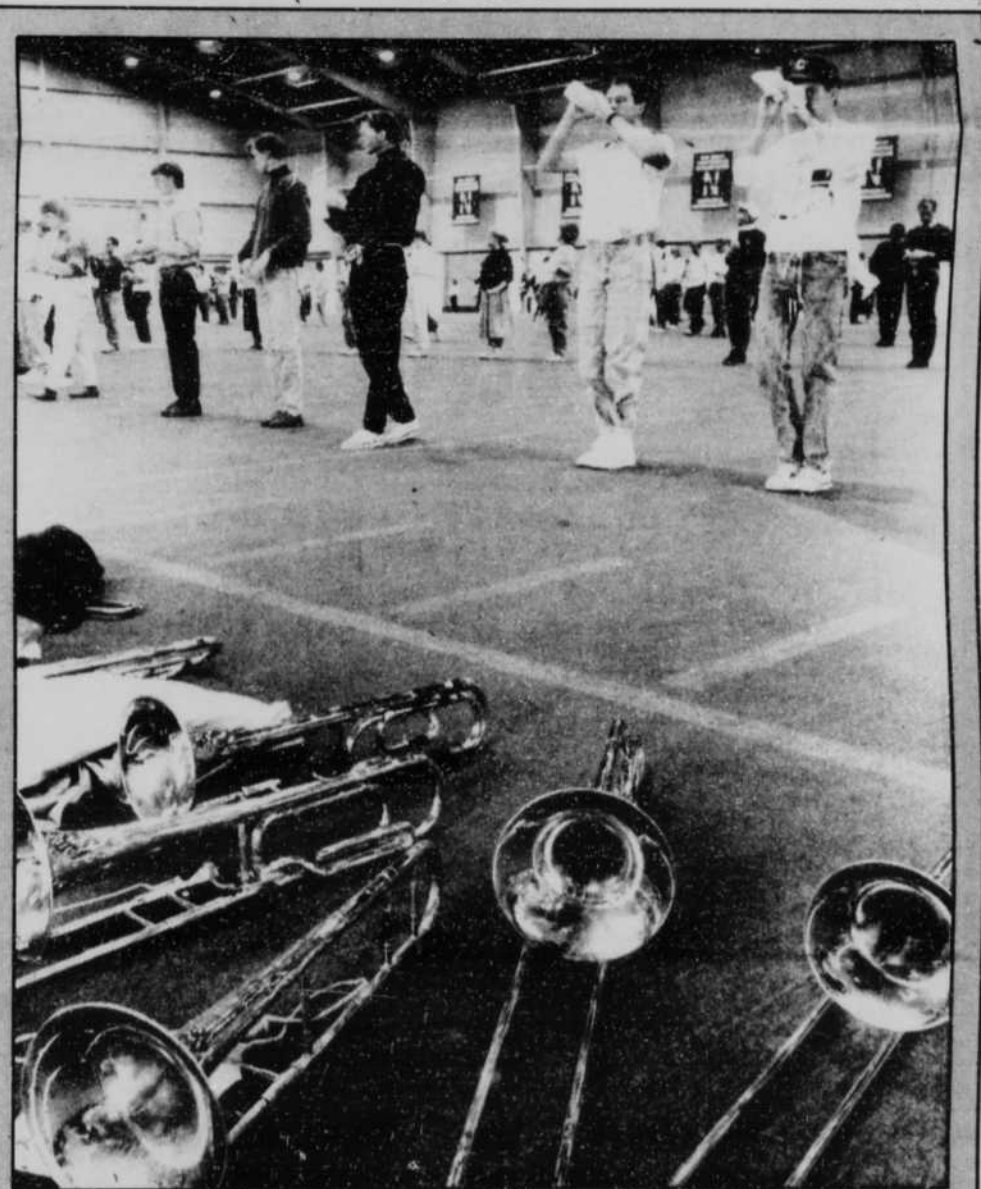
The health center and health education department filled out an application last summer.

David Hunnicut, project coordinator, said data is being compiled now from the health center's student survey on alcohol and drug use taken last spring.

"That will set the direction for the rest of the project," Hunnicut said.

After the data has been compiled, campus alcohol policy will be examined by project coordinators.

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The football team isn't the only benefactor of the Cook Pavilion. The marching band avoided a lip-chapping rehearsal Thursday morning, when temperatures were in the 20s, by using the practice field.

Underused shuttle a 'stepping stone'

From Staff Reports

The relatively unused shuttle service was the major problem identified by the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska's Parking Task Force Thursday.

Doug Oxley, chairman of the Parking Advisory Committee, said that although the shuttle service has not been widely used by students, he still thinks it can work.

Oxley said he parked in the Holdrege Street parking lot one day this week and rode the shuttle, which stops near the old Stormie's Kitchen, 1640 Holdrege St. The service is "convenient and easy," he said.

The shuttle stops at Lyman Hall on City Campus and is free.

In the shuttle service's first week of operation, which ended Oct. 24, no one had used the

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