

# Daily Nebraskan

Thursday

WEATHER

Today, mostly sunny and warm with a high of 75 and southwest winds 10-20 mph. Tonight, increasing cloudiness with a low of 45-50. Friday, mostly cloudy and cooler, high near 65.

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## Enlightened reading

Junior architecture major Taun Ngoc relaxes while reading in the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery Sculpture Garden on Wednesday afternoon.

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## Police arrest two students for UNL arsons

By Cindy Wostrel  
Staff Reporter

Two University of Nebraska-Lincoln students have been charged in connection with recent residence hall fires, an official said.

James A. White, 21, and David L. Sutton, 18, have been charged with third-degree arson in what Sgt. Mylo Bushing of the University Police Department said he thinks are unrelated cases.

The UNL Police Department and the State Fire Marshal's office had been investigating the arson fires.

White, a junior history major, of Neihardt Residence Hall was charged with the Oct. 11 and Oct. 16 fires in Neihardt, Bushing said.

Sutton, a freshman computer science major, of Abel Residence Hall was charged in connection with a trash-chute fire that occurred Oct. 12 in Abel, Bushing said.

The penalty for fires causing less than \$100 damage carries a maximum prison sentence of one year, a \$1,000 fine or both, Bushing said.

Doug Zatechka, university housing director, said police and staff reports will be sent to Kathy Austin, director of student judicial affairs, for review.

After consulting with the students, anything from no action to suspension of the students from the university could result, Zatechka said.

He said he was pleased that suspects are known, but he wasn't pleased that the fires had endangered residents.

"It could have been a lot worse than it was," Bushing said.

At least seven fires have been set in residence halls within the last three weeks, prompting housing officials and the Residence Hall Association to offer a \$1,250 reward for information about those responsible for the fires.

Bushing said he thinks the reward went unclaimed.

## Official: Minority voice must be heard

By James P. Webb  
Staff Reporter

Throwing money at recruitment of minorities is not the way to increase diversity at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, an official said Wednesday during a cultural diversity workshop for administrators.

Robert Terry, director of the Reflective Leadership Center of the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota, explained the shortcomings of traditional policy formation to about 60 administrators attending the day-long workshop at the East Union.

In his workshop, Terry said, he tries to

expand public leaders' thinking so that they develop a rationale that supports their decisions and that they understand the decisions' consequences.

Terry said he hopes this development will force administrators to reevaluate their decisions constantly.

Currently, university officials are mishandling the cultural diversity issue by simply recruiting minorities instead of deciding how minorities should fit in with the overall mission of the university, he said.

Administrators need to include minorities in the decision-making process, decide what role, if any, cultural diversity should play in the

university's mission in quality higher education, and then cling to their decision, he said.

"As long as we try to rearrange the structure and the resource problem, the problem is going to keep coming up again and again, because we're not dealing with the core stuff of who we are and what we want this place to be," Terry said.

Just thinking about the more difficult question of the role of cultural diversity in higher education will help define the university's mission, he said.

A clearer mission will clarify political goals, the standards of the system, and how resources are allocated, he said.

## Commission will revise rules

# ASUN senate votes down proposed election regulations

By Jennifer O'Cilka  
Senior Reporter

Rules governing the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska elections will be reconsidered by the Electoral Commission because of action by student leaders Wednesday night.

Meeting at the East Union, ASUN senators voted 2-21 against the government bill concerning election rules, which included changes made by the Electoral Commission. The election rules are brought before the senate each semester for approval.

Because the election rules could not be amended by senators in the

government bill, the commission will have to look at the rule changes again and re-submit them to the senate.

Bart Vitek, Electoral Commission director, said the commission had proposed several changes in last year's rules, including limiting the number of debates from eight to six; eliminating campaign spending limits and capping contributions; and adding a written policy about the removal of commission members for misconduct. The proposed changes also included the provision that the Electoral Commission would sponsor all debates and get student organizations to ask the questions.

College of Arts and Sciences Sen.

Chris Potter said he was concerned about how the commission would decide which student groups would

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ask debate questions.

Vitek said the commission would

consider which organizations were the first to file and which ones would ask a broader range of questions of the candidates. Last year's rules allowed the first student organizations that filed to sponsor debates.

Potter said he thinks the first-come-first-serve rule is more fair.

Gosch said he saw a "real flaw" in last year's approach to debate sponsorship. This is because "whoever's on the ball can get organizations to which they are very friendly" to sponsor debates, he said.

"I think without a doubt some of those debates had the appearance of being less than objective," Gosch said.

Potter also said that he thinks an

end to spending limits would hurt some groups who want to run for ASUN.

"This is going to exclude a lot of people from student government who don't have the funds to put on a \$10,000 campaign," Potter said.

College of Journalism Sen. Alisa Miller agreed, saying that "this is a time of year we are trying to get all different kinds of people in ASUN" and the end to spending limits may exclude some of those groups.

ASUN Second Vice President Stacy Mohling urged all senators who voted against the government bill to come to the next Electoral Commission meeting to voice their concerns.

# UNL's ScanNet ID system to go nationwide

By Dionne Searcey  
Staff Reporter

ScanNet, the University of Nebraska's photo identification card system, soon will be recognizable nationwide, an official said.

Ray Coffey, UNL business manager, said that earlier this month the university licensed the ScanNet package to Telecommunications Data System Co. of Richardson, Texas, for marketing.

Eli Wang, president of TDS, said the company expects to make money by selling the program to other universities.

The UNL-TDS deal will be good for both sides, Wang said.

"Whatever we sell, UNL will get some," he said.

Warren Embree, system coordinator for UNL

Support Services and developer of ScanNet, said UNL will receive a percentage of the price each university pays to TDS to acquire ScanNet.

The university already has received \$5,000 from TDS, Embree said, which shows that the company is serious about the deal.

UNL will receive about \$4,000 every time TDS sells the system to a university, Embree said.

The ScanNet system cost about \$350,000 to create, he said. UNL officials hope to recoup that much within five years, Embree said.

Coffey said the deal "could fall flat on its face or wind up being adopted by other schools and we could make several thousands of dollars . . ."

"It's a real good system. It's just a matter of how good the company is at getting the system

standardized or marketed to other institutions," he said.

Embree said about 15 universities have expressed interest in getting a ScanNet system.

The cost for each university to install the program ranges from \$7,000 to \$70,000, Wang said, depending on if the entire system is installed or if it is installed in modules. For example, a university could use ScanNet exclusively in the cafeteria or only in its bookstore, he said.

ScanNet allows only those with the correct code on their ID card to gain access to programs such as residence hall food service, the library, recreation facilities or the bookstore.

Embree said the system is designed to be hassle-free and not cause students a lot of problems.

"It should be versatile for departments, yet

transparent to students," he said.

TDS is planning to modify the system for each university, Embree said, but its basic design will be the same.

"No two universities are exactly alike. The system will be modified to fit other universities' particular and peculiar needs," he said.

Wang said TDS eventually hopes to incorporate ScanNet into two other systems. The Telephone Facility Management System would allow students to use ID cards to make long-distance phone calls. The system would be similar to a phone calling card, he said.

The other system, the Campus Facility Management System, would enable students to use ID cards in parking gates, for entrance to residence halls or to access other campus services, Wang said.