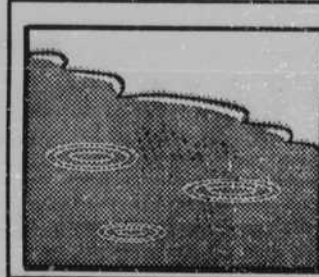


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TODAY'S WEATHER

High around 60 with a 60 percent chance of rain with a southeast wind today. An 80 percent chance of rain tonight with the low 40-45. A 70 percent chance of rain Friday with the high near 60.

Kiss-in rally opposes ROTC discrimination

Student picked up for pushing member of Queer Nation

By Tabitha Hiner
Senior Reporter

A University of Nebraska-Lincoln student was taken into custody by UNL police Wednesday for spitting on and pushing a member of Queer Nation at a kiss-in rally opposing ROTC discrimination against homosexuals.

Three police officers pulled the student away from Scott Shanks, a senior in the Teachers College, after the student approached Shanks at the rally outside the Military and Naval Science Building.

Shanks had been taping the rally on a portable video camera when the student came out of the Military and Naval Science Building and approached him.

The student told Shanks that he had friends who had died in Saudi Arabia. Shanks said he responded that he also had friends who had gone to the Persian Gulf. The student then began kicking and pushing Shanks.

Shanks said Wednesday that he hadn't decided if he would file charges against the student but he might go through university channels.

UNL investigator Ron Lundy said he couldn't release the name of the student because the student wasn't arrested. The name will be given to the Office of Student Affairs today, he said.

There were about 100 onlookers at the height of the rally, but no one else approached the group.

The rally, which began about an hour before Shanks was approached, celebrated the UNL Academic Senate's vote against ROTC discrimination and the national day of action against ROTC policies regarding gays, lesbians and bisexuals, Shanks said.

The Academic Senate voted Tuesday to urge the chancellor to "renegotiate the contracts of the three branches of ROTC at UNL in order to eliminate credit for all ROTC courses" if ROTC doesn't lift its ban on homosexuals by 1993.

The national day of action was created in November, Shanks said, when about 40 people from colleges and universities nationwide met at a conference at the University of Minnesota to oppose ROTC discriminatory policies.

About 35 people took part in the rally outside the M & N Building, which included speeches and a kiss-in.

Speakers opposed the military policy forbidding homosexuals.

One speaker, speech communications senior Paul Moore, said he served two years of active duty in the Army and received an Army achievement medal and an honorable discharge.

Then, Moore said, he was told he couldn't serve in the Army anymore because he had come out of the closet.

"They're telling me that because of one little thing about me, I can't serve, and I think that's wrong," he said.

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Top: Michele Dean, 20, of Lincoln, paints a flag with the help of Nell Eckersley, a junior Spanish major. The two were joined by about 35 protestors at Wednesday's rally.

Bottom: Kat Hindmand, a senior pre-law major (left), and Elizabeth Kimberly, a junior psychology major, participate in a kiss-in at a rally in front of the Military and Naval Science Building Wednesday. The rally celebrated the UNL Academic Senate's vote against ROTC discrimination and the national day of action against ROTC policies regarding gays, lesbians and bisexuals.

Flag desecration resolution rejected

By Lisa Donovan
Senior Reporter

Sen. Elroy Hefner of Coleridge failed Wednesday to convince lawmakers that his resolution to prohibit flag desecration should be debated on the floor of the Nebraska Legislature.

"It's a very sad day for Nebraskans when we can't prohibit the desecration of the U.S. flag," Hefner said after senators voted 17-24 not to advance the resolution out of the Judiciary Committee.



Legislature

petition to Congress to propose an amendment to the Constitution giving local and federal governments the right to prohibit the physical desecration of the U.S. flag.

Over the last two years, 23 states have passed similar resolutions, and 25 states have legislation pending, Hefner said.

LR10 was not advanced out of the Judiciary Committee earlier this session, and Hefner appealed the committee's hold on the resolution.

During his appeal to senators, Hefner said they should consider all the freedoms afforded them and how citizens should respect those freedoms.

"Our flag is a national symbol of that freedom," he said.

State Sen. Spencer Morrissey of Tecumseh, who opposed the resolution, said he thought it would curb the freedoms Hefner was speaking about.

"What you're doing is just as offensive to me as flag burning is to you," Morrissey said.

"We can't restrict the freedoms our country is founded on, built on. To do that is truly immoral."

Hefner can file a motion to the clerk of the Legislature to have Wednesday's vote reconsidered. If he does, the Legislature again would debate whether to bring the resolution to the floor.

Hefner said he isn't sure if he will pursue that avenue, adding that he wants to analyze the resolution a little closer.

THURSDAY

Correction: In Wednesday's article on the ROTC, a quotation was wrongly attributed to James Hejduk, associate professor of music. Donald Jensen, professor of psychology, said, "Given an ROTC which isn't perfect but present . . . I would take the imperfect one." The Daily Nebraskan regrets the error.



Diversions takes a swing at America's favorite love affair. Page 7.

Photojournalist featured at Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery. Page 3.

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Group to strive for improvements in ethnic climate

By Bill Stratbucker
Staff Reporter

The formation of a Racial Pluralism Action Team will give a shot in the arm to the effort of improving the campus climate for ethnic minorities, the vice chancellor for student affairs at UNL said.

"I definitely feel it will give it a boost," James Griesen said. "We've had very effective programs in the past but lacked continuity over time."

The team is hoping to develop more cohesive programming, he said.

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