Page 8 New position to focus on minority affairs

By Alan Phelps Senior Editor

UNL interim chancellor John Goebel unveiled the job description of a new minority affairs position Friday, more than seven months after NU president Martin Massengale announced its creation.

"This is a very significant moment for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln," Goebel said.

He said the new position, which will be called the associate to the chancellor and director of human and community affairs, will have a broad range of responsibilities, including being UNL's chief affirmative action officer.

"It's my hope that what we will find is a coordinated effort to pull all the things we're trying to do together," Goebel said.

The new position will not mean the elimination of the position now held by Brad Munn, UNL affirmative action compliance officer, Goebel said. Only some of the duties Munn now handles will be taken over by the director of human and community affairs, he said.

"We look forward to a very posi-tive relationship with Munn," Goebel said. UNL alumnus Dick Davis, direc-

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tor of administration and government relations at Northern Plains Natural Gas Co., served as a consultant during the development of the job description for the new position.

An important responsibility of the position will be to issue an annual "report card," Davis said, detailing UNL's progress toward minority affairs goals to be established by the new officer.

"Key administrators will have objectives relating to affirmative action," he said, "and will be evaluated on those objectives.

Davis also said the position would deal with cultural diversity and would be involved with increased efforts to enroll and retain minority students and faculty.

"This is a restructuring and refocus of UNL's efforts," he said.

Goebel said he hoped the position would be filled on a permanent basis after a UNL chancellor is selected. In the meantime, he said, a member of the chancellor's staff may fill the job temporarily "so we can initiate the process right now."

Goebel and Davis said they met with a number of community, student and faculty groups to formulate the



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Carpet croquet

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NU President Martin Massengale takes a shot during a croquet tournament in the basement of the governor's mansion Saturday. The croquet match was a part of the Nebraska Repertory Theatre's season kickoff event, "Derby Day."

Cans

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(The pyramid) would have sort of a futuristic look. For a lighting effect, you could use different-colored bottles on the floor," Scherbak said. "You can just imagine what it would look like on the inside. "I thought 'perhaps I'm being an

egomaniac, but maybe it would get in the Guinness Book of (World) Records, and kind of bring Nebraska to light,

The goal would be to encourage community support and involvement, he said, especially in donating cans. The pyramid would require collect-

ing more than 200,000 aluminum cans. The use of cans as insulation could spread to the rest of the United States and could be used as a low-cost method of building shelters, low-income housing or even rafts and boats, he said.

Scherbak, after having the panels tested for strength at the UNL Materials Testing Laboratory, discovered the panels could hold at least 30 pounds per square foot, which is acceptable for construction use.

'With aluminum cans, it's especially fascinating to me. Here is something that's thrown away, and it has all these physical properties, with quite a surprising application.'

Monday, May 6, 1991 Reported violations declining

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick Senior Reporter

Although the number of reported dead week violations declined this semester, one ASUN official said he is not sure the problem is dying out.

Jason Krieser, chairman of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska's academic committee, said the committee has received more than 30 calls inquiring about dead week policy, but that only two written complaints have been filed by students.

In the past two years, the committee, which handles dead week complaints, has received at least 10 written complaints during dead week, said Krieser, ASUN senator from the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

But Krieser said the lower number of written reports did not necessarily mean the problem was improving.

'We're not sure if this is indicative of improving conditions or lack of reporting by students," he said. "I do think there are other situations not being reported."

The University of Nebraska-Lin-coln's dead week policy states that only lab practical, makeup or selfpaced examinations may be given during dead week. The policy also states that projects, papers or speeches may not be scheduled for completion during dead week unless they have been assigned by the end of the eighth week of the semester. Krieser urged students who have

complaints about dead week violations to report them. Written com-plaints are necessary for the committee to take action, he said.

'For this to go very far, we need something on paper.

Students may have a lack of confi-dence in ASUN's ability to help them, e said, but that feeling is unfounded. 'We have helped students in the

past, and we can help them now," Krieser said.

"The usual procedure is that we would contact the instructor, and see if we could do anything to rectify the situation," he said. "If the (teaching assistant) or teacher isn't receptive, then we work up to the department head or the vice chancellor (for academic affairs).

He said the academic committee has worked successfully this year with a teacher and a department head in changing a test and a project that had been assigned in violation of dead week policy.

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