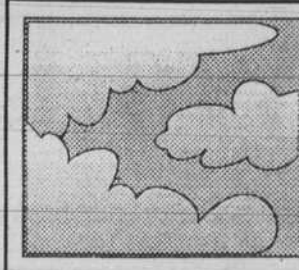


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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, mostly cloudy, chance of light snow or light freezing rain. Tonight, partly cloudy. Saturday, partly sunny with a high around 50.



Jeff Haller/DN

Kimberly Anderson, a senior Russian and history major at UNL, will leave for Russia Jan. 31. Anderson said her dog Kiesha was one of the things she would miss while she was abroad.

In Russia with love

UNL student spends time abroad caring for orphans

By Jill O'Brien
Staff Reporter

When the Russian Ministry of Education came to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for volunteers, Kimberly Anderson answered its call for help.

Anderson, a senior Russian and history major at UNL, spent last August as a volunteer at a Russian orphanage.

The ministry advertised at UNL for Russian-speaking volunteers to work in understaffed orphanages, and Anderson signed up.

She ended up working in an orphanage in Kaluga, 90 miles south of Moscow.

Under the impression that she would be teaching English to older children, Anderson said she was disappointed to discover that the older children had left for camp. Instead of them, she said, she cared for about 130 children ranging in age from 3 to 17.

Anderson said her job — working with preschoolers with speech, behavioral and emotional problems — was challenging.

Although the Ministry of Education arranged for volunteers to work in the "better orphanages," Anderson said, she was still shocked by the living conditions.

Children lived in crowded barracks, she said, and had very little privacy. She said their possessions consisted only of toothbrushes and occasional small gifts.

"I felt sorry for the kids," she said. Volunteers, on the other hand, were treated like guests, she said.

In addition to the harsh living conditions, Anderson said Russian workers at the orphanage discriminated against gypsy children.

In Russia, gypsies live outside of the government and are not required to attend school, she said.

Most Russian children are light-complected, with blue eyes and sandy-blond hair, Anderson said. But the dark-complected gypsy children with dark eyes and dark hair

make up the majority of orphans, she said.

"I was often asked if the United States had any gypsies," Anderson said.

Living in Russia for a month provided a unique opportunity for Anderson to study its language and people, she said.

Russians rarely smiled in public, she said. When she asked someone why they didn't, she said, the answer was, "We have nothing to smile about."

"Yet, at home, in private situations, like picnics and dinners, the Russians are the happiest, most generous, fun-loving and giving people," she said. "They break open the vodka and get quite hospitable. Americans don't match up to their hospitality."

Anderson said her trip involved more than learning Russian culture. She was able to witness firsthand the aborted coup attempt that erupted last August, she said.

"Things were moving so fast," she said. "People were so fed up and disgusted with the government. They were ready for radical changes."

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Bill defines legal death

Circulation, brain activity, respiration would be key to conclusion, senator says

By Andy Raun
Staff Reporter

Nebraska law needs to be changed to define when human death occurs, a state senator said Thursday in a legislative hearing at the State Capitol.

Sen. Dave Landis of Lincoln told the Nebraska Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee that LB906, a bill he was sponsoring, would establish that people died when their circulatory and respiratory systems had irreversibly failed, or when their brain activity had irreversibly ceased.

Harvey Perlman, dean of the University of Nebraska College of Law, said 32 to 34 states already had established these criteria as standards for legal death.

Perlman said Nebraska should add the bill to its books to make the legal definition of death the same as the medical one.

LB906's definition would not interfere with or change medical professionals' decision-making about the terminally ill or people in a vegetative state, Perlman said.

Landis said a commission of the "best legal minds in the country," which proposed that all 50 states adopt the LB906 definition of death, realized that "there is a need for people's rights not to fluctuate from one state to another" regarding death.

When there is no nationwide uniform definition of death, two people in the same medical condition but different legal jurisdictions could have different legal statuses, Landis said. One could be alive, and the other could be dead, he said.

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Fund to aid both Baldwin, victim in rehabilitation

By Shelley Biggs
Staff Reporter

The UNL football team and the Lincoln Foundation, Inc., announced plans Thursday for a fund to help pay for some of the rehabilitation costs of Gina Simanek and Scott Baldwin.

Baldwin, a student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, is charged with allegedly assaulting Simanek last Saturday.

Frank Solich, assistant football coach, said people have indicated they wanted to do something to help both Simanek and Baldwin. The fund has the support of Coach Tom Osborne and the rest of the Nebraska football team, Solich said.

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ASUN, DN budgets approved

By Sean Green
Senior Reporter

The Committee for Fees Allocation approved Thursday night the budgets for the Daily Nebraskan and ASUN, and heard budget justification speeches from about half of the UPC committee chairs.

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska's proposal was approved after \$350 was cut from a request of \$400 used to count votes in elections. The cut

brought the total budget for 1992-93 to \$143,236.

Lancaster County Computer Services may be used to tabulate votes for ASUN this year, trimming that part of the budget to \$50.

The Daily Nebraskan budget proposal was approved after a cut of \$6,500 for soy ink printing costs, bringing the total budget for 1992-93 to \$39,193.

University Program Council committee chairs told CFA committee members how much they spent during the 1990-91 school year, how much they were spending in the 1991-92 school year, and how much they

planned to spend in 1992-93.

The committees represented were African-American Special Events, Chicano Special Events, Kimball-Lied Performance Arts Committee, International Committee, Asian-American Special Events, American Films, International Films, Native American Special Events, COLAGE, Nebraska Model United Nations and Homecoming Committee.

The rest of the UPC committees will appear before CFA committee members Tuesday night.

Charles Daniel, chairman of the

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FRIDAY

CORRECTION:A story in Thursday's edition of the Daily Nebraskan about a vigil at Broyhill Fountain for Gina Simanek and Andrew Scott Baldwin incorrectly attributed a quote to Rosetta Howard. The quote should have been attributed to Fidel Nelson. The Daily Nebraskan regrets the error.

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