

## ASUN candidates spar over problems

### Parties agree East Campus issues left out

By Shelley Biggs  
Staff Reporter

Improving relations between ASUN and East Campus students was among the issues addressed Thursday by student government candidates at the East Campus Union.

Candidates from the ACTION and COMMIT parties said a lack of information on East Campus had affected representation of issues concerning certain UNL student groups in

the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

ACTION second vice-presidential candidate Chris Olaes said the ACTION party was prepared to take ASUN to students through the use of pamphlets and a joint ASUN-career service office on East Campus.

COMMIT presidential candidate Andrew Sigerson said his party wanted to offer more metered parking spots on East Campus. He also said he wanted to increase the core curriculum classes offered to students living on East Campus.

Parking for commuting students also was addressed by both parties. Candidates said they believed a parking garage would be one way to help ease the parking problem.

Other long-term issues discussed included improving student security on campus and recruiting minorities to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



# Officials keep eyes open, needles ready for measles

By Susie Arth  
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Spring is a time of green grass, blooming flowers, warm weather — and the measles.

Throughout history, most measles cases have been reported during the spring, and this year, the Lancaster County Health Department is prepared, said the health department's communicable disease coordinator.

Carol Mitchell said that since the measles outbreak, first reported at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1989 and Creighton University in 1990, the number of measles cases in Nebraska had steadily decreased.

Last spring, no cases were reported, Mitchell said.

A higher level of immunizations in Lancaster County and closer checks on the disease would keep the measles under control if any cases were reported this spring, she said.

The health department checks area schools weekly to see if any illnesses that resemble the measles have been reported, Mitchell said. Also, doctors are called on a rotating basis to see if any measles diagnoses have been made.

In addition, a state law requires all cases of the measles to be reported, she said.

"If there is a case of measles in town, we'll know about it."

When a case is reported, Mitchell said, an investigation begins that includes attempts to find out where the disease was obtained and who may have been exposed.

The investigation is necessary because the measles are highly contagious, she said. The virus travels through the air, she said, so being in the same room with an infected person is enough to catch the measles.

One key to decreasing the risk of catching the measles is being vaccinated, Mitchell said.

The health department recommends a vaccination for students before entering elementary school, seventh grade or college, she said.

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those views.

"I hope you would be very concerned about this because I believe the way of the future is people being

pitted against each other," she said.

Polk said she hoped students would have the courage to stand up for the rights of others.

"Whenever you are in a situation where people are contemplating oppression or violence, take a stand against that," she said.

Polk said the students also could help by going to the Nebraska Legislature and supporting civil rights legislation.

"Go to the Legislature, present your testimony on whatever issue you want to, and they are going to listen up," she said.

## Coliseum's age slows project, director says

By Sarah Duey  
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Problems arising during renovation of the NU Coliseum will cause the process to take longer than planned, a UNL official said.

Stan Campbell, director of Campus Recreation at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said renovation of the Coliseum, which began in May 1991, originally was slated to be completed in 12 months. But the date was moved back two months, he said, and the planned date for completion now is July 1.

Unforeseen complications occur when an old building like the Coliseum is renovated, Campbell said. The Coliseum was built in 1926.

For example, he said, redesigning the original plan for the air conditioning system caused some delay. The original plan for the air conditioning system was inadequate for the Coliseum's size. After renovation is completed, he said, the entire Coliseum will be air-conditioned.

"We appreciate students being patient and understanding with the renovation," Campbell said.

Renovating the Coliseum is the last of three phases. The entire project, which includes completion of Cook Pavilion, construction of the Lee & Helene Sapp Memorial Recreation Facility and the renovation of Mabel Lee Hall, cost \$14.9 million.

Once completed, Campbell said, the Coliseum will have new features. The men's and women's locker rooms, which are being refurbished, will each have a sauna. A "suit-mate," which extracts water from a swimming suit in about 25 seconds, also will be added. This feature will help prevent the rusting of metal lockers, he said.

Campbell said the basement would hold a fitness/aerobics room, a combative-arts room, an athletic-training space and locker rooms for the intercollegiate volleyball and softball teams.

The main-floor court space is being refurbished to produce four multipurpose courts, he said. The women's volleyball team will use the courts for practice and home games once the Coliseum is finished, he said.



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Lisa Newberg, left, a freshman journalism major, catches a nap after being evacuated from Abel Residence Hall when a fire broke out on the third floor. Her roommate, Angela Plack, a freshman economics major, sits beside her.

# Abel fire sets off sprinklers

From Staff Reports

A fire in Abel Residence Hall early Thursday morning set off the sprinkler system and caused the evacuation of Abel and Sandoz residents.

University Police Lt. Mylo Bushing said the fire started from two burning candles

left unattended in a room on the third floor of Abel.

Bushing said the fire was reported at 1:46 a.m.

The sprinkler system was activated, but failed to extinguish the fire. The Lincoln Fire Department brought the fire under control at 1:57 a.m., Bushing said.

No injuries were reported and damage to

university property was estimated at \$150.

Doug Zatechka, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln housing director, said that although the sprinkler system failed to extinguish the fire, it worked like it was designed to.

Sprinkler systems are mandated by the State Fire Marshal in all high-rise buildings, Zatechka said.

## Scholarship

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male counterparts when it came to scholarship termination.

While his client faced losing her scholarship not because of academic or disciplinary problems, but rather a personality conflict with her coach, McFarland said, a football standout was allowed to keep his scholarship even after being suspended by Coach Tom Osborne in the spring of 1991.

McFarland said he had asked Dierks to introduce the bill after his experience with the appeal process.

Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha, a co-sponsor of LB1185, noted that no

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representatives of UNL attended the hearing.

“They knew they were very wrong in this case,” Chambers said in reference to the case McFarland described.

## Dorm occupancy dropping, official says

By Shelley Biggs  
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Smaller graduating high school classes and an increase in the construction of new apartments in Lincoln have caused a decrease in UNL residence hall enrollment over the last 10 years, an official said.

Doug Zatechka, director of housing at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said residence hall enrollment began to decrease in 1980. The drop was not considered serious at the time, he said, because the residence halls were considered too full with capacity at more than 100 percent.

The dip in residence hall enroll-

ment began to materialize at the beginning of the 1986-87 academic year, Zatechka said, when residence hall enrollment dropped by 60 students. This year, residence hall enrollment has decreased by about 200 to 240 students and currently is at 90-percent capacity.

Zatechka said housing officials anticipated the drops in enrollment after freshmen class sizes began to decrease in the early 1980s.

Lisa Schmidt, director of High School and College Relations at UNL, said the number of graduating high school seniors in Nebraska had declined by about 1,000 students every year since 1979.

Class sizes are slowly beginning to increase, Schmidt said. Nebraska's class of 1992 is expected to increase by 80 graduating seniors, but that is not enough to make up for past declines, she said.

Giles Schildt, president of Harper Residence Hall and a member of the Residence Hall Association, said one of the main problems with the low enrollment was that there was less involvement in activities and programs.

“Most of our programs are one-shot deals,” Schildt said. “When there are fewer people living in the residence halls, it affects the amounts of people who get involved.”