

# Daily Nebraskan



TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, mostly sunny and cold, northwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight, mostly clear. Wednesday, mostly sunny and warmer with a high of 40 to 45.

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In like a lion . . .

Two University of Nebraska-Lincoln students fight to stay standing against the wind Monday.

Erik Unger/DN

## Women's security problem for UNL, faculty members say

By Cindy Kimbrough  
Senior Reporter

Women's safety is a problem at UNL that seems to be quietly growing, two faculty members said at an open forum Monday.

At the Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women forum, sponsored as part of Women's Week 1992, David Hibler, an assistant professor of English, told the commission he had heard of several instances of assault on campus. But he said he had not seen many of these incidents publicized or investigated.

"There seems to be evidence of some hanky-panky going on with the numbers-keeping," he said in regard to the number of sexual assaults reported at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Mary Beck, chairperson of the commission, said a ruling, set to take effect this year, mandated that all universities receiving federal funds make statistics about sexual assault known to students and faculty mem-

bers. That includes statistics not currently released, she said.

But Beck agreed there was a discrepancy between the number of assaults on record and the number of actual sexual assaults. A majority of assaults are not reported or investigated and therefore not on record, she said.

Hibler said he had a sense that few incidents were reported because the investigation procedures used by the police were somewhat deficient, and the victims thought there was no real place to go.

"They feel a tremendous sense of isolation," he said.

Beck said there was no real mechanism to get information on reporting assaults to students.

But with some changes in the Women's Resource Center and the affirmative action office, she said, a network of students and faculty members could be set up to provide information on sources to contact for help.

Hibler said he saw a definite need for information about campus safety and reporting cases of sexual assault.

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## Proposals could imperil aid

### Legislature could step in to save Davis scholarship

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick  
Senior Reporter

If the University of Nebraska's Davis scholarship — awarded on the basis of race — is ruled illegal under proposed Department of Education regulations, it could be saved by the Nebraska Legislature, a UNL official said.

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, said he thought the Davis scholarship might not be affected by the proposed regulations. If it is, he said, the Legislature could pass legislation to protect it.

Griesen said he and Richard Wood, general counsel for the university, had consulted on the matter.

"... We agree that the Davis scholarship as currently operating may meet all the requirements set forth in the proposed new requirements," he said.

"But to be certain, we will probably return to the Legislature for additional legislation that clearly states the Davis scholarship is needed to help deal with the results of past discrimination practices in the state."

Wood said that if the proposed regulations were put into effect and the Davis scholarship was ruled illegal, the Legislature would have to pass legislation finding a "compelling state interest" in continuing the scholarship to correct past discrimination.

However, he said, NU must wait and see the new regulations in their final form before it takes any action on them.

The Davis scholarship — a \$1 million endowment — is mostly funded by an \$800,000 appropriation from the Legislature. It provides a minimum of \$1,500 and a maximum of \$5,922 per year to African-American, American Indian and Hispanic students at NU.

Secretary of Education Lamar Alexander handed down the proposed regulations in December that would allow universities to consider race a

factor in awarding publicly funded scholarships. But the regulations would prohibit universities from awarding scholarships solely on that basis.

Monday was the end of a 90-day trial period during which the Education Department received comments on the controversial new regulations. They now may be adopted or overturned.

A similar move by the department in 1990 was repealed after public outcry.

Griesen said he thought if the regulations took effect, the Legislature would support additional legislation to protect the Davis scholarship. He said the support of Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers would be essential to secure the passage of the legislation.

"Sen. Chambers led the effort to get the Legislature to invest in the Davis scholarship and has been an excellent supporter of the program," he said. "I do believe that as long as he supports that additional request for legislation, that it would be supported by the full Legislature."

Chambers was unavailable for comment.

## Multicultural progress must be more radical, UNL professor says

By Sarah Scalet  
Staff Reporter

Racial minorities are beginning to demand that society open up culturally, a UNL English professor said.

Joyce Joyce said that although multiculturalism had increased in recent years, changes still must be made.

"Society isn't opening up because it wants to," said Joyce, who teaches classes in African-American literature. "It's opening up because it has to."

The changes in society are extending to schools.

A bill in the Nebraska Legislature would require Nebraska public schools to provide for the development and

implementation of multicultural education programs.

The bill, LB922, is pending after appearing on select file Monday in the Legislature. Efforts such as LB922 are vital, Joyce said.

In Nebraska, white people have little exposure to minorities, Joyce said, and the state is homogeneous in terms of interaction.

Although it would take a long time — about 15 years — to see the direct effects of LB922 at UNL, Joyce said efforts must start somewhere.

She said the educational system must be restructured to emphasize multiculturalism because America's history was not written from a multicultural standpoint.

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## Parties question each other's motives

### ACTION and COMMIT hold open forum debate

By Mike Lewis  
Staff Reporter

Executive candidates from the ACTION and COMMIT parties ended the ASUN open forum debate Monday by challenging each other's motives for holding press conferences.

During the debate, the last one before Wednesday's Association of Students of the University of Nebraska elections, a student asked the candidates what they thought was the difference between politics and "political games."

COMMIT presidential candidate Andrew Sigerson, a junior economics major, said ACTION had questioned his party's need for holding press conferences at all. COMMIT

candidates were accused of using their three press conferences as political tools, he said.

But ACTION held its own press conference Sunday, Sigerson said.

Alyssa Williams, a junior philosophy major and ACTION's presidential candidate, said COMMIT's press conferences fit her definition of political games.

"My press conference was for issues," she said. Sigerson said using COMMIT's press conferences to point out his opponents' weaknesses did not mean he was playing political games.

Another student in the audience asked Sigerson about his attendance record at last year's ASUN executive committee meetings.

Sigerson, who was chairman of the Government Liaison Committee, said he missed several ASUN meetings because they were held at the same time as Student Foundation meetings.

He was president of that organization.

But, Sigerson said, he sent another GLC lobbyist to take his place at the ASUN meetings, and he knew what was going on at the committee meetings.

Sigerson said his involvement with ASUN over the last three years demonstrated his commitment to student government.

Williams said she would make the ASUN meetings her priority.

Earlier in the debate, Williams said her party was pushing for a mandatory class on multiculturalism.

Since many students are required to take classes in Western civilization, she said, a multiculturalism class also should be required.

Sigerson said the University of Nebraska-Lincoln did not have enough resources to provide such a class.

"Where are we going to get professors? Where are we going to get classroom space?" he said. "We don't have that money."



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