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Cloudy and cool today, rain likely. Wednesday, partly cloudy and a little warmer.



Michelle Paulman/DN

## Blast off

Memorial Stadium groundskeeper Marvin Little hoses down bleachers at the stadium Monday. Since the seats under the upper level are protected from the rain, Little said, they need to be cleaned by hand.

## Personable professors earn praise

By Angie Brunkow  
Staff Reporter

Professors often make or break a class, UNL students say.

Professors who are personable, concerned about students and realistic about class materials are considered "best" by students at UNL.

Marc Schiederjans, an associate professor of management, brings "real life" into the classroom, said Julie Thurman, a senior marketing major.

"He teaches practical experience rather than book knowledge, and he makes the class fun," she said.

Schiederjans divides the class into teams that compete by making management decisions. The team with the least expenses after six weeks is awarded T-shirts.

R.L. Pardy, a biological sciences professor, also uses T-shirts as a teaching tool.

Pardy wears a T-shirt printed with test information before each exam, said Heather

Hoffman, a junior pre-physical therapy major. Hoffman said Pardy showed real concern for students, making certain they were keeping up class.

"You never felt lost in his class," she said. "If you tried, you could keep up and do well."

Professors who seem to enjoy and have a command of what they are teaching also are student favorites.

### You never felt lost in (R.L. Pardy's) class.

Heather Hoffman,  
Junior

Richard Hall, a history professor, is enthused about Western civilization, making students want to learn, said Bill Homan, a senior broadcasting major.

"He talked like students were interested and not just like they needed to know," Homan said.

Students also give high ratings to professors who add variety to their lectures.

David Woodman, a visiting professor of biological sciences from India, tells stories about his homeland to keep students' attention.

"The stories went along with what we were learning and made it different from what we knew about the United States," said Stacy Brandt, a sophomore biological systems engineering major.

Students also praise professors who give well-organized lectures and allow time for discussion.

Ross Thompson, an associate professor of psychology, bases his tests on the lecture so that students know what to study, said Melissa McLaughlin, a junior psychology major.

Above all, students said they like professors who get to know their students.

Bill Tuning, assistant professor of health, physical education and recreation, learns students' names despite the large size of his classes, said Charles Richardson, a senior corporate fitness major.

And Tuning always is available for students' problems in and out of the classroom, Richardson said.

## Police make changes for students' safety

By Lori Stones  
Staff Reporter

Students returning to the university will notice some changes in campus security, a UNL police official said.

Police Chief Ken Cauble said one change was the replacement of old emergency phones with code blue phones. The old phones often were mistaken for pay phones, he said, and repair costs were high.

These new phones will connect the caller to UNL operators, who then will notify university police where help is needed, Cauble said. While the phone is activated, a blue strobe light will flash on top of the phone.

Locations for the phones were determined by Campus Safety Committee members, UNL police and student representatives last spring. Phones were placed in areas where many students walk

at night, he said, and where lighting could be better.

Ruth Michalecki, director of UNL Telecommunications, said, "I hope students see it as some measure of safety. I know that you can't view a phone as secure, but it is a means of getting help quickly."

In addition to being used for security purposes, she said, phones may be used when students have car problems. Operators will notify towing places for assistance.

Cauble said security in the residence halls also has been tightened. Instead of security guards checking identification at the door, he said, they will patrol the halls while the residence hall desks check students' IDs. The halls will have full-time security officers starting in November.

Students also can expect to see more UNL police patrolling campus on foot, Cauble said, making them more accessible to students.

"This can't be done in cars, and often students won't call in with their questions or complaints," he said.

## Program to educate, counsel students on prevention of rape

By Shelley Biggs  
Senior Reporter

The Rape Education Project, a program designed to better inform students about sexual assault, will be implemented this year.

The project, a joint effort between the University Health Center, the Women's Center and the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, will give students support, counseling and information on the prevention of sexual assault.

Janet Crawford, director of community health at the health center, said each contributor to the project would provide different services.

Crawford said the health center's role was to provide a peer rape prevention program that

will be aimed at training students about sexual assault. Students involved in the program will take a class and be responsible for the education of other students on campus.

The student group will be similar to the peer alcohol and peer sexuality educators on campus, she said.

"We want to make information more available than it was in the past," she said.

ASUN president Andrew Sigerson said the student senate will act as coordinator of the project, which he said was formed to keep the issues of sexual assault and rape on everyone's minds throughout the year.

"We want to let people know how rape can affect their lives, whether it be a man or a woman," he said.

Peg Miller, coordinator of counseling at the Women's Center, said the center would work toward making students more comfortable in

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## Student leader aims to change apathy, foster UNL diversity

By Chuck Green  
Senior Reporter

Not much in Andrew Sigerson's Nebraska Union office conveys the image of a president.

File cabinets and bookcases are scattered throughout the room, a few pictures and newspaper clippings hang on the wall and a framed picture of his girlfriend is behind his desk.

But nothing pretentious. Nothing, really, that would reveal his status as president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

The week before fall classes began, Sigerson was busy rearranging furniture in his office and deciding where to hang a picture.

Now he's settled in. Last week, it was shorts and a T-shirt; now it's back to suit and tie.

But still no pompous, solemn attitude. Just red hair, glasses and an easy-going smile. Simplicity.

But Sigerson's political background, which began when he was 5, is far from simple.

From handing out campaign balloons as a kindergartner during the Congressional campaign of Omaha's Lee Terry to spending the past summer interning in the Washington, D.C., office of Clayton Yeutter, the chief domestic advisor to the president, Sigerson's winding political road is paved with success — and an occasional failure.

As a ninth grader, Sigerson helped his father, Chuck, in an unsuccessful state Legislature campaign. Chuck is now the Douglas County Republican party chairman.

As a senior at Omaha Burke High School, Sigerson got his first taste of government office as a student council member. He also got his first taste of defeat.

Sigerson ran for senior class vice president, but lost because of an unavoidable family trip to Philadelphia.

"We had to give a speech to the senior class, but I couldn't be there," he said. "So I videotaped my speech, and the class had to sit and watch that."

The result was a five-vote loss to one of his closest friends.

But it didn't faze Sigerson, and his career has since taken off.

During his college years, he has served as an ASUN senator, the executive director of UNL's College Republicans and a legislative aide for Rep. Bill Barrett's office during Barrett's stint as speaker of the Nebraska Legislature.

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