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Sunny this morning, but cloudy this afternoon, tonight and tomorrow with a chance of rain.



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Coalition builder

New UNL official plans to enhance cultural diversity on campus

By Angela Opperman
Staff Reporter

Eric Jolly, UNL's new assistant to the chancellor and director of affirmative action and diversity, said he wanted to create a corner of the world that was exciting for everyone at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. "In the long run," Jolly said, "I'd like to change the culture of this university. I think we can do that."



A member of the Cherokee Nation West, Jolly is the first Native American to be appointed to a senior position at UNL. He started Sept. 8.

His duties include supervising and coordinating cultural diversity activities, planning and implementing programs for statewide involvement and providing university leadership in advocating for diversity and affirmative action.

"I am very enthusiastic," he said. Jolly was formerly assistant dean of University College at the University of Rhode Island in Kingston.

He said he had both long-term and short-term goals that he hoped would enhance the culture of the university.

His first long-term goal centers on UNL's justice system.

"I would like to develop a system," Jolly said, "that would monitor and assure all faculty, staff and students that their problems will be dealt with in an honest, open, direct and courageous way."

He said he wanted to instill confidence in everyone at the university, and beyond that, show people that this is a fair institution.

That is why the office is hiring an associate director to manage the justice system, Jolly said.

Second on Jolly's list is creating an environment at UNL that is comfortable for all people, from all cultural backgrounds, including women and the disabled.

"I want graduates of UNL to feel comfortable in expressing themselves, and with all kinds of human interaction," he said.

More than 80 percent of the school districts in Nebraska have no diversity, he said, and UNL will be the first place many

students will encounter real diversity.

"If people are going to be successful in life," Jolly said, "they'll need to broaden their skill of dealing with other people."

Jolly also wants to build a coalition between diverse groups, he said, and form a common commitment to aid each group in meeting its needs.

"We don't want to work for a common action from all the groups, but a common agenda," Jolly said. "This work will include not only the campus and Lincoln, but all of Nebraska."

One of his short-term goals for the Affirmative Action and Diversity office is to incorporate a minority vendors purchasing program at UNL.

Jolly said this program would increase the involvement of minority-owned companies with UNL and increase their share of UNL purchasing dollars.

This will increase the minority community's access to the vendors, he said.

Another short-term goal Jolly is working toward is a major diversity programming initiative for the fall of 1993.

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Search for UNL student discontinued

By Susie Arth
Senior Reporter

Lancaster County deputies called off the search for UNL freshman Candice Harms Thursday night, but they haven't given up hope of finding her.

Harms, 18, has been missing since about 11:45 p.m. Tuesday.



Harms

Sgt. Terry Wagner of the Lancaster County Sheriff's Department said authorities had exhausted all possibilities of finding her in the area of North 27th Street and Bluff Road, where Harms' car, a 1987 blue Chevy Corsica, was found. The location is about three miles north of Lincoln.

The authorities are now waiting for public assistance, Wagner said, and are hoping to find new leads in the case.

He said the sheriff's department already had received some phone calls, "but so far nothing has panned out."

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Past professor calls regrading of exam unfair

By Dionne Searcey
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Joyce Joyce, a former UNL English professor, is demanding an apology.

Joyce, who recently resigned from the university, said she was treated unfairly when a member of a University of Nebraska-Lincoln grade appeals committee regraded one of her student's exams in 1991.

"That was a total insult," Joyce said. "What that suggests was that I did not have a right to make a decision on my student's work," she said. "Why in the world did they hire me?"

Joyce, who is now associate director of the Gwendolyn Brooks Center at Chicago State University, taught a 1991 UNL summer pre-session English class focusing on African-American writers.

In April, Joyce took her grievance to the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee of the UNL Academic Senate, of which Helen Moore was serving as acting chairwoman.

The Academic Senate committee ruled Sept. 16 that Joyce's academic freedom was violated during grade appeals. Academic freedom is the right of a faculty member to pursue teaching and scholarship without undue interference, Moore said.

Joyce said she wasn't satisfied with the senate committee's ruling.

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Lincoln Christian Church leader denies charges

By Susie Arth
Senior Reporter

The minister of the Lincoln Christian Church said Thursday that accusations that his church was a cult were ridiculous.

"I wouldn't be part of the church if it was a cult," Jay Kelly said. "I think (the accusations) are insulting."

The church is a Christian church, he said, and it teaches no unusual doctrines.

Kelly said he believed former members were attacking the church and calling it a cult because they were unable to meet its high standards.

Kelly, who joined the church in 1984 when

he was a student at Boston University, said the church was also attacked on the Boston campus.

But Kelly said the attacks at Boston were not as vengeful as those at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Other students jeer at the church's members as they walk to class, he said, and members are receiving prank phone calls.

"It's a form of discrimination," he said. "It's a spiteful, terrible thing."

A full-page warning about the Lincoln Christian Church appeared in the Sept. 14 Daily Nebraskan. A former member of the church wrote the advertisement.

Kelly, responding to the warning, said the church's practice of rebaptizing its members

followed the Bible's example. Only adults were baptized in the Bible, he said, because it is a matter of personal choice.

Kelly, who was raised in the Catholic Church, said he was rebaptized when he joined the Lincoln Christian Church because he wanted to make it his own choice, rather than one made by his parents.

But even people who were baptized as adults must be rebaptized when they join the church, he said.

The church also follows biblical example, Kelly said, in that all members must be completely immersed in a pool of water.

Kelly also denied the accusation that members must "totally submit" to the church's "disciplers."

"Nobody is told how to live their life," he said. "That is absurd."

The disciplers, he said, act as "big brothers or big sisters" and help new members become Christians.

Kelly also said it was untrue that the church forbade its members to date outside the church. It does, however, encourage its members to date others within the group.

Purity, he said, was the main reason behind the encouragement.

Kelly also denied the accusation that the church's leaders decided what constituted a sin.

"The Bible decides sin," he said. "Sin is not a matter of opinion."

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