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OPINION



Black & white love

TUESDAY



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Cloudy but a little warmer today, a chance of freezing rain tonight. Wednesday, windy and colder with a chance of snow.



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Matt Hanwell, left, and Dale Hoyt, both of Lincoln, had perfect weather conditions for ice fishing on Holmes Lake Monday morning.

Midwest states cracking down on fake IDs

By Jeff Zeleny
Senior Reporter

Fake ID holders beware. In June, Nebraska drivers licenses will become more difficult to alter under a plan already approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Two more proposals heard by a legislative committee Monday would further hinder fakers.



The new licenses will have a message printed with reflective security material inside the lamination. If the lamination is broken or tampered with, the reflective message will disappear.

The message reading: "Buckle Up. Don't Drink and Drive," will be nearly impossible to reproduce.

Minors' licenses will have the date of their 21st birthday highlighted above the photograph, as well as the driver's date of birth. This feature would eliminate subtracting the current year from the driver's date of birth, making age detection easier for liquor store employees.

Cynthia Brammeier, Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles Driver Services administrator, said the licenses were another step in the reduction of drivers license fraud.

"The new system is a better mechanism for keeping everyone honest," she said.

Fraudulent licenses are more common now than a few years ago, she said, because of improved technology.

"Personal computers and desktop publishing have done a landslide business for fraud," she said.

Because of the increase in technology, other states are also changing their drivers licenses, she said.

Iowa drivers licenses have a similar reflective feature covering the photo and birth date. The image is an Iowa Department of Transportation logo that is difficult to reproduce, Terry Dillingier, director of Iowa Driver's Services, said.

Even with the reflective feature, Iowa officials are planning to upgrade the eight-year-old licenses, he said, with a possible digitally produced ID.

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Groups holding out for official repeal

UPC, COLAGE members debate ASUN restoration of student fee allocation

By Steve Smith
Senior Editor

Although the Committee for Fees Allocation denied COLAGE's student fees appeal, UPC president Gary Doyle said he was optimistic that funding ultimately would be allocated for the group.

Doyle said the University Program Council and COLAGE, a UPC subcommittee, had

adopted a wait-and-see stance until the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska meeting on Feb. 17, when ASUN will consider UPC and other Fund A student fee requests.

That's when UPC officially will appeal CFA's most recent denial of funds to the Committee Offering Lesbian and Gay Events, Doyle said.

At CFA's appeals hearing Feb. 4, the committee voted 5-4 to deny UPC's appeal for COLAGE funding. CFA chairman Shane Tucker said the absence of a committee chairperson and underactivity were two factors in the denial, in addition to some committee members' belief that COLAGE was a political group

not eligible for funding.

"To tell the truth, I didn't actually think the CFA vote would have been that close," Doyle said. "That gives me some reason for optimism."

Doyle said he felt students at UNL were wise enough to see that COLAGE deserved funding.

"I hope that students on campus have grown since the last time this happened," Doyle said, referring to CFA's 1989 denial of COLAGE fee allocation, after which NU General Counsel Richard Wood warned ASUN senators that legal action could have been taken against UNL.

Multicultural education law one step closer to reality

By Chuck Green
Senior Reporter

One year after passing a law requiring multicultural education for Nebraska's elementary and secondary school students, state legislators still are at odds over how to carry out the measures.

But after committee hearings at the end of last week, the law is much clearer and its implementation is one step closer to completion, one official said.

Marsha Babcock, legal counsel to

the Legislature's Education Committee, said much of the confusion about the law's requirements was clarified at last week's committee hearings.

"What we tried to do was address concerns brought forth by other bills relating to multicultural education," she said.

Last Thursday, LB27, a proposal intended to resolve critics' concerns about the multicultural education law, was advanced to the full Legislature without opposition, but only after changes were made during a meeting of the Legislature's Education Com-

mittee.

Critics of the multicultural education law were concerned that the assessment process of the plan — a required aspect of the law — would require children to be tested on their values and beliefs.

The amended version of LB27 removed the word "assessment" from the mandate, and would require evaluations of the multicultural curricula beginning in the 1997-98 school year and every five years afterward.

LB27 would require the state to design a process for "evaluating the

implementation and effectiveness of each multicultural education program."

LB27 was introduced by Sen. Ron Withem of Papillion, chairman of the Legislature's Education Committee, and originally sought to require consent by the Legislature before acquisition of real property by the University of Nebraska.

The multicultural education law, introduced last year by Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha, would require state elementary and secondary school districts to implement multicultural

curricula that would expose students to the culture, history and contributions of various races.

The programs would be required to meet standards set by a 21-member advisory committee, which will be chosen and approved by the Nebraska Board of Education.

Also, the proposed curriculum would not alter the number of hours students would have to carry, and the board would assess periodically the progression of students' attitudes and awareness of other cultures starting with the 1993-94 school year.

Housing undergoing changes

New plan needed to keep halls full, UNL official says

By Angie Brunkow
Staff Reporter

Keeping residence halls at or near full occupancy will not be a problem for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, a housing official said.

Doug Zatechka, director of housing, said a plan proposed for the 1993-

94 school year includes changes that would help to solve the problem of declining occupancy in UNL residence halls.

He said the plan would focus on encouraging more upperclassmen to live on campus, and should help UNL avoid the problems other Big Eight universities face.

"All schools in the Big Eight have suffered serious occupancy losses," he said.

For example, between 1988 and 1992, occupancy in University of Kansas halls fell by 2,205 students.

UNL suffered an approximate 11 percent drop in the number of hall

residents in the last six years, Zatechka said. UNL is currently at about 90 percent capacity.

Zatechka said he thought the declining number of students in the halls was related to the privacy gained in off-campus housing.

But UNL residence halls continue to be a popular housing choice because of the relatively low cost, Zatechka said. On the average, UNL students pay \$644 less per year than students at other Big Eight schools.

UNL also offers more options for the money, including cable television, phones, mattress pads and com-

Proposed housing increases

Projected average occupancy is 3,902 students.
Average increase per student would be \$79.16.

MEAL PLANS	CURRENT RATE	PROPOSED RATE	% INCREASE
Double-20 meal plan	\$2,915	\$2,995	2.7%
Double-13 meal plan	\$2,860	\$2,940	2.8%
Single-20 meal plan	\$3,465	\$3,545	2.3%
Single-13 meal plan	\$3,410	\$3,490	2.3%

Source: Division of University Housing

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