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Husker men, women earn NCAA berths



## Employee updates asbestos removal method

By Kathryn Borman  
Staff Reporter

Loose asbestos may soon be a thing of the past at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln as a university employee's vision for cheaper removal is employed across campus.

Richard Hoback, a manager in facilities management, said the new method could save NU thousands of dollars in the future.

The new procedure, described as the glove bag method, was conceived by Hoback after he observed the use

### Minor changes to old techniques save the state time, money

of glove bags for asbestos removal from poles. The bags are made of heavy, clear polyethylene with built-in glove inserts.

Workers use disposable tools to remove coverings that contain asbestos. The bags are sealed and disposed after usage.

For use on small spots of asbestos on ceilings, Hoback envisioned an idea for a glove bag that could be extended to the ceiling by narrow poles, while a worker stood on a platform beneath the bag to remove the

weak section of asbestos.

"I could see an application for it," Hoback said. "And we couldn't afford to do it anymore the way we were."

After Hoback came up with his idea, he asked Asbestos Removers Inc., the university's asbestos removal contractor, to design the glove bag.

In January, the bag was demonstrated to the Department of Health and was approved. The approval meant the removal of sections of asbestos from ceilings no longer required the

lengthy and costly process of mini-containment.

The mini-containment regulations required workers to filter all the air that left a room where work was done. Then an industrial hygienist had to analyze the room's air samples.

Also, asbestos removers were required to notify the Department of Health 10 to 21 days prior to removal. In addition, furniture in the area had to be removed, and work from the room was disrupted for at least 24 hours, Hoback said.

The new method, in contrast, allows workers to remove areas of asbestos smaller than three square feet without filtering air from the room, taking air samples for analysis or notifying the Department of Health. In addition, occupants must evacuate the room for only the one and a half to two hours needed to complete the process.

Hoback gave an example of the new method's viability.

He described two sections of ceiling about the size of basketballs that had to be removed from an office in

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## Cooperative teaching beneficial, student says

By Becky Becher  
Staff Reporter

Chris Pohlman never wanted to be a teacher.

She went to college to become a journalist. But after two years, she changed her mind. Her affection for children and her desire to make a difference in their lives pushed her toward a career in education.

Pohlman's goal is to be an elementary school counselor. She said she hoped to use what she had learned at UNL's Teachers College to make learning fun for students in her classroom.

Pohlman, a senior elementary education major, is involved in UNL's Elementary Teacher Education Program. The new program emphasizes placing UNL students in elementary school classrooms and instructs future teachers on cooperative learning.

"Cooperative learning is not just working in groups," she said. "It's when each member of a group contributes something and the group works toward a common goal."

Pohlman said she was excited to be involved in the program and said it was on the "cutting edge of education."

"This is new," she said. "Nebraska is one of the only schools in the country to be doing this."

Jim Walter, chairman of curriculum and instruction, said students had two semester-long practica before they were accepted into ETEP. Once accepted, they have three semester-long practica followed by one semester of student teaching.

Walter said students interacting with children were used as the basis of dialogue in teaching and learning.

Deb Anders, one of the field experience coordinators and professors for ETEP, said videos of the students teaching and journals were an important part of the practicum.

Students in a practicum teach six lessons to their assigned classroom over the semester. The lessons are

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## Parent figures vital in greek house living, residents say

By Kara Morrison  
Senior Editor

Most college students, looking forward to the freedom and independence of campus life, don't expect to be living with a parent on campus. But many find an advantage in having a parent figure close by.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln greek system employs 42 houseparents who serve as directors of housing for fraternities and sororities. The Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Association have designated today

"Houseparent Appreciation Day" to recognize the importance of houseparents in the greek system.

Mark Rinehart, public relations and philanthropy chairman for IFC, said houseparents' major duties included planning meals and working within a designated budget, helping organize house functions and formal dinners and coordinating activities with parent's clubs and alumni.

Rinehart, a senior international business major, said houseparents also provided another valuable function: that of giving advice and

filling in as a parent figure for students, especially those whose parents live far away.

Mike Murphy, a junior marketing major and IFC member, said houseparents also gave etiquette lessons and helped contribute to the overall image of each house.

"A lot of them establish the rules and conduct for the chapter," he said. "They kind of keep us in line."

Holly May, housemother of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, has held the position longer than any houseparent at UNL: 19 years.

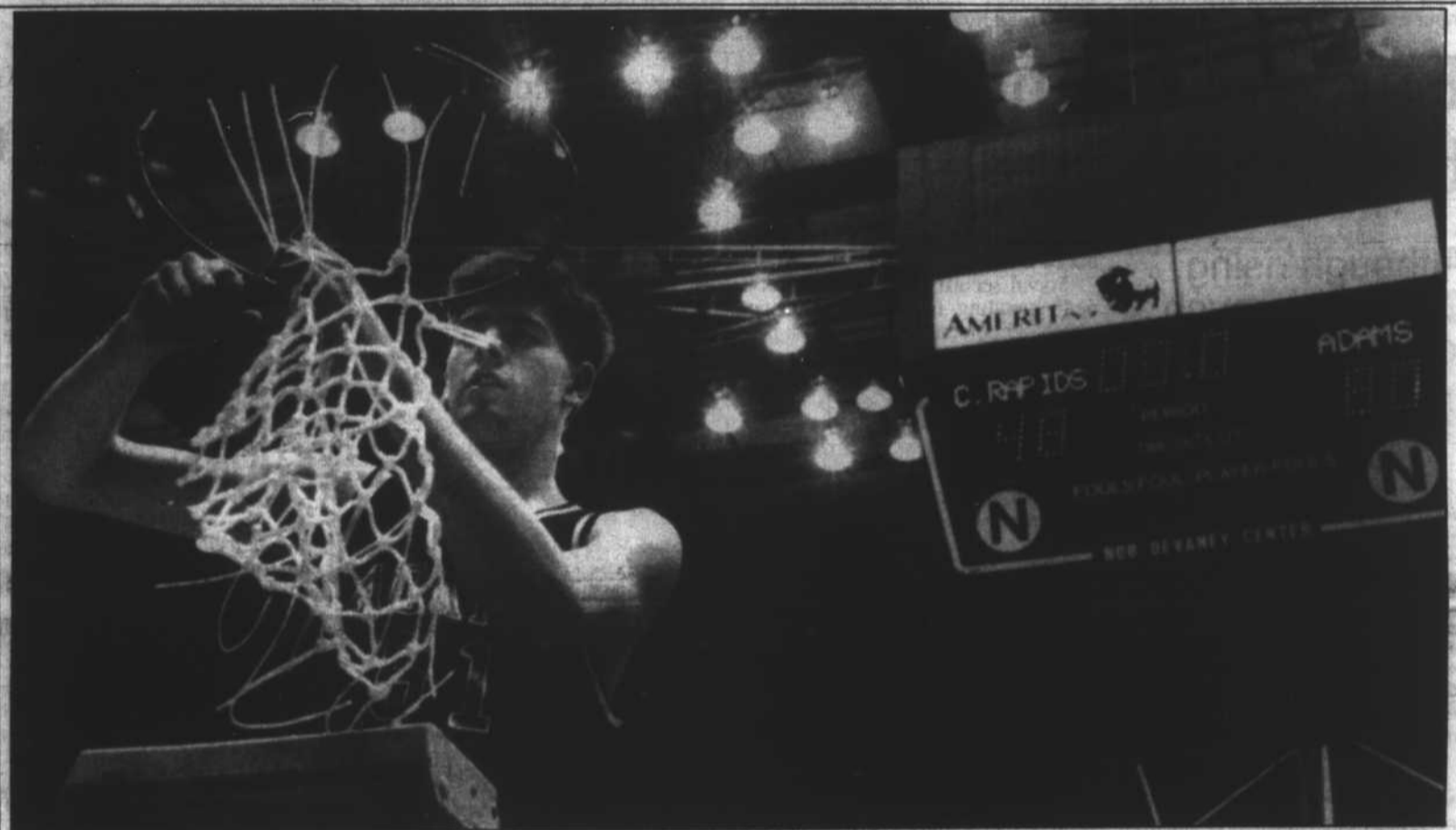
May likens the job to managing a hotel for 65 occupants. She said she serves as the "official hostess" as well as keeping track of the budget, meals, handling repairs and managing two cooks, a housekeeper and about 10 busboys.

But she said none of these duties qualified as her most important job.

"Helping the ladies in any capacity, anytime they need help, and being loyal to the house—that's my first duty," May said.

"I treat the house as if it were my own and as if each girl was mine."

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Kiley Timperley/DN

### From Hornet to Husker

Chad Ideus takes his turn cutting down the net after the Adams Hornets defeated the Cedar Rapids Tigers in the finals of the Class D-1 state basketball championships. Ideus, a junior, has verbally committed to play basketball for Nebraska after he graduates.

## Hazing accusation leads to investigation

### Woman claims group harassed her at meeting

By Jeff Zeleny  
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One week ago, Shanrell Nelson was interested in being part of a group to share social ties and common interests.

After being allegedly humiliated and intimidated for nearly four hours last Monday night, she said she wished she would never have gone in search of the group.

Nelson, a 19-year-old Nebraska Wesleyan student, was interested in pledging Zeta Phi Beta, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln sorority. At a pledge meeting, Nelson said she was

verbally harassed and degraded.

Nelson said she was hazed at the meeting, which was held at a Zeta Phi Beta active member's apartment at 680 S. 20th St. When Nelson went into the apartment, she said she was greeted by a man referred to as "Big Brother Night Train." He was there to teach Nelson discipline and respect for the sorority, she said.

"I was told to stand in the corner," she said. "I started crying, and I was put down in several ways."

About eight sorority members were present, but did nothing to stop the verbal abuse, she said. The members were given degrading names like "Big Sister Sexy Chocolate" and "Big Sister Naughty By Nature," Nelson said.

Nelson said she was called, "Little Sister Keep It In The Closet," because she talked too much.

Shanelle Porter, a junior biology major, and Denise Lucas, a senior

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Nebraska Wesleyan student

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elementary education major, were also pledging the sorority at the meeting, but they said they weren't treated badly.

"We all went through the same thing," Porter said. "She was blowing the thing out of proportion, none of the things happened like that."

Nelson's first association with Zeta Phi Beta was earlier this semester when the sorority held a tea in the Nebraska Union. The members were friendly during this meeting, she said.

When she got home from the apart-

ment, Nelson told her mother about the evening, and how she felt threatened. They reported the incident to the police that night.

"When I went home, I tried to hold all that in," she said, "but I couldn't hide this."

A Zeta Phi Beta officer declined to comment further on the incident Sunday until the investigation was completed.

Sgt. Ann Heermann of the Lincoln Police Department said the county attorney's office reviewed "false imprisonment charges, but they couldn't be substantiated, because of the lack of evidence."

Linda Schwartzkopf, director of UNL Student Judicial Affairs, said her office was investigating the report to determine if a violation of the student code of conduct occurred.

The Office of Greek Affairs also is investigating the incident.