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CORRECTION

In an article in the April 5 issue, it was incorrectly reported that RHA had passed a bill allowing faculty on the judicial board. The bill will not be voted on until April 18. The Daily Nebraskan regrets the error.

SPIKE OPINION



TUESDAY



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Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Tonight, cloudy with fog, drizzle and a chance of showers.

## Commission's role befuddles administrators

By Jeff Zeleny  
Senior Reporter

Two UNL peer groups and a disagreement over the role of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education has led to some confusion for those who govern the university.

The commission, formed in January 1992 to oversee the state's higher education institutions, last week approved its list—a group that differs from the list compiled by the NU Board of Regents.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln administrators expressed their disapproval, and said they would use the regents' list, which was approved last year.

"I think it's awkward having two peer lists," UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier said. "Because our regents have approved a list, that has

### Questions stem from differing peer group selections

to be our list." The commission and the regents agreed on six institutions: Colorado State, Iowa State, Purdue, Missouri, Colorado and Kansas.

The regents' list also includes Minnesota, Illinois, Ohio State and Iowa, while the commission settled on Auburn, Kansas State, Louisiana State, Oklahoma State, Georgia and Tennessee.

Spanier said the commission's list was inappropriate for UNL because the institution is a combination land-grant and comprehensive-state-research university.

"I don't believe the people of the state of Nebraska that know the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and understand pretty well what kind of an institution we are, really see that group as an appropriate group," he said.

Spanier said the disagreement stemmed from more than personal opinions. Locations of the peer group institutions were also a concern, he said.

"I was disappointed to see they took our four institutions that are in the same geographic crediting regions, and substituted four institutions from the south that we have no contact with," Spanier said.

NU President Martin Massengale agreed that there was a difference in opinions, but said it wouldn't affect the cooperation between the organizations.

"The regents' group is our official peer group," Massengale said, "and we will use it." Bruce Stahl, executive director of the com-

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### UNL Peer Groups

#### Coordinating Commission's list:

Auburn, Colorado St., Iowa St., Kansas St., Louisiana St., Oklahoma St., Purdue, Colorado, Georgia, Kansas, Missouri and Tennessee.

#### Board of Regents' list adopted last year:

Colorado St., Iowa St., Purdue, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota, Illinois, Ohio St. and Iowa.



A laugh in the sun

Andrea Allen and Joe Sis, both senior architecture students, spend some time enjoying the weather in the Sheldon Sculpture Garden Monday afternoon.

Staci McKee/DN

## Two students robbed near City Campus

From Staff Reports

UNL Police are investigating a strong-arm robbery and assault that occurred early Monday morning just east of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's City Campus.

UNL Police Sgt. Mylo Bushing said two male UNL students were walking shortly after 2 a.m. Monday when a car—described only as a large, green 1970s model—pulled up next to them at 19th and Vine streets.

Three men allegedly jumped from the car and demanded money from the students, Bushing said. One student gave them \$5, while the other denied having any money.

One of the assailants then allegedly grabbed the student's wallet, scoured it for money and asked, "Why don't you have any money?"

Bushing said the man then hit the student in the face.

The other student ran to a nearby residence hall and called the police.

Bushing said the student who was assaulted was not seriously injured.

Investigators have few leads on the incident, he said.

"As far as I know, this hasn't happened before, at least not recently," Bushing said. "This is the first incident of this type that I've heard of in a long time, near campus or anywhere else in the city."

## SOURCE, PROGRESS parties run for RHA positions

By Chuck Green  
Senior Reporter

Brad Prall is hoping two presidents are better than one in today's UNL Residence Hall Association elections.

Prall, a sophomore biology major from Fremont, and Stacey Beedle, a sophomore agriculture major from Beatrice, are the candidates for president and vice president, respectively, for the SOURCE party.

Both currently are presidents of University of Nebraska-Lincoln residence halls—Prall is presi-

### Organization needs pride, leadership, candidates say

dent of Selleck, and Beedle is president of Pound.

And both, Prall said, have the experience needed to take over RHA for the next year.

"Both Stacey and I have four semesters each on RHA," Prall said. "After seeing what people on RHA do and how they do it, you feel more able to do it than if you were just a residence hall resident and not involved in RHA."

Opposing SOURCE will be PROGRESS, led by presidential candidate Raquel Wright, a freshman psychology major from Maxwell, and vice-presidential candidate Kris Larson, a junior biology major from Gering.

Wright is president of Smith Hall, and Larson is an RHA senator from Abel Hall.

Wright said pride among residence hall students was something that she would try to improve if elected.

"People who live in greek houses have a lot of pride, and I'd like to see that same kind of pride among residence hall residents," she said.

Wright also said she was optimistic about today's election.

"It's really hard to tell, but I'm pretty optimistic," she said. "I decided to run because a lot of great things have been done in RHA, and I would like to have a part in keeping those things

going."

Prall said he had no plans for major changes in RHA if elected, but that he would try to build on the success of past administrations.

"We want to continue to organize residence hall students to get involved in the halls, and to feel confident they have a governing body that can serve them," he said. "Without the students, there would be no reason to have a governing body, so it's important they get involved."

Prall said he has gained some good ideas from past RHA administrations, and that some of the ideas that failed in the past could be tried again.

## UPC to pursue more student input in program selection

By Michelle Leary  
Senior Reporter

The University Program Council will actively seek student input and participation this year to decide what programs to sponsor, UPC officials said.

UPC President Gary Doyle said the new "door-to-door" policy will allow better communication between students and the UPC office.

"In the past, students were ex-

pected to come to the office if they wanted a program," Doyle said. "The only problem with that (policy) was that people weren't coming in, and so we were doing the programs we wanted to do."



campus programs in the Office of

Student Involvement, said UPC made a good decision to take a more active role in reaching out to students.

"Rather than waiting for people to come to them, UPC will be making more of an effort to reach out to the campus," Buckley said.

Doyle said the organization had sent letters to major student organizations and had held several open forums.

"The forums were a bust," he said. "Usually only five people showed up

to them.

"Those people, however, had great ideas, but their ideas didn't have a campus perspective," he said.

Doyle said he hoped the letters would be more successful.

"We asked each organization to make a wish list and tell us what programs they would like to see done," he said.

UPC has not yet received any lists from the different student organizations. However, Doyle said several

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