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CORRECTION

The Daily Nebraskan stated in Tuesday's arts and entertainment section that the Gin Blossoms will play the Ranch Bowl Thursday. That band actually plays tonight. The Daily Nebraskan regrets the error.

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Today, mostly sunny and mild. Tonight, a few clouds. Dry for Thursday.

UNL-related bills take back seat to budget

By Kristine Long
Staff Reporter

Although there are 22 days left for the Nebraska Legislature to pass bills this session, it still is too soon to tell if the session has been a good one for UNL.

Lee Rupp, chief lobbyist for the university system, said that in the final days of the session, the Legislature would be focusing on budget

and revenue bills, Rupp said.

"We are working very hard to get it down to zero," he said.

Chris Peterson, former chairman of the Government Liaison Committee, said he was glad the proposed budget cuts had been reduced from 5 to 2.5 percent, but he was still not satisfied.

Peterson said he thought GLC and other student lobbyists had an impact on the Legisla-

ture.

If students hadn't attended the press conferences and the student march, Peterson said, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln would still be looking at a 5 percent cut.

Rupp agreed.
"It is critical to have student involvement," he said. "If you don't tell your story, then no one else will tell it for you."

The No. 1 priority for the university is to

continue to try to lower the proposed 2.5 percent budget cut, Rupp said. This priority may be overshadowing other university-related bills.

LB381 would trim the costs of student-athlete insurance. Rupp said the bill had priority status in the Legislature, but might not make it to the floor for debate because of the budget discussion.

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Fran Kaye, a UNL associate professor of English, near her home in Cheney.

Travis Heying/DN

Speaking out

Leaflet lady does more than fight against capital punishment

By Steve Smith
Senior Reporter

Fran Kaye is passionate about a lot of things. That's because she does a lot of things.

The 16-year University of Nebraska-Lincoln veteran's work schedule includes teaching

literature, editing the Great Plains Quarterly and working at her son's elementary school. Most noticeably to the UNL commu-

nity, however, is Kaye's work handing out anti-death-penalty leaflets in front of the Nebraska Union every Wednesday.

A look at Kaye, with her round glasses and hippie clothing, instantly conjures up images of the 1960s. She's even been known to describe herself as a "hippie pinko."

True to the '60s era, Kaye has dedicated her career to battling racism, sexism and the death penalty.

Kaye, the special events coordinator of Nebraskans Against The Death Penalty, said she handed out anti-death-penalty literature because capital punish-

ment was one of the issues she was most passionate about.

She said she thought some people supported the death penalty because they were scared.

"To me, it's a way of saying, 'I'm scared. I'm frightened for my job. I'm scared of street crimes. I'll feel much better if this person is dead,'" she said.

Kaye said she, too, had been frightened at times when she was handing out information. In general, Kaye said, UNL students and faculty are less hostile than the people she meets in downtown Lincoln.

"A couple of times, I've really

been afraid (downtown)," she said. "I've never gotten in a fight, but there have been a few times that I've been threatened."

"I've had people flip me the bird when they're walking by," she said. "I've made people mad and had them crumple leaflets up and throw them back at me."

A pacifist by nature, Kaye said, she doesn't strike back. She just feels bad about the encounters.

"There's really nothing I can say," Kaye said. "I usually get sick to my stomach. Leafletting is a good way to feel lousy."

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Graphic film shows true history of Holocaust

By Katherine Gordon
Staff Reporter

David Forsythe, a political science professor, is intent on curing the ignorance of human rights history that he says was evident in the willingness of Americans to believe the Holocaust never occurred.

A Roper poll, conducted in November 1992, asked 1,498 Americans whether there was a real attempt by Nazis to destroy all of the Jewish people. About 22 percent of those polled said they were uncertain whether the Holocaust really happened.

"It's really disturbing to think that one-fifth of the Americans in the (poll) sample have doubts that this occurred," Forsythe said.

"It shows that somewhere along the way we're not doing a good job teaching history."

Forsythe, who specializes in human rights, will show a newly released British film that illustrates the results of the Holocaust.

He said he hoped those who saw the film would be convinced of "the enormity of the evil carried out by Nazi policy."

The film, which lasts approximately 50 minutes, shows what British troops discovered at concentration camps when they were liberated in April 1945.

"It will show graphic close-ups of victims, corpses and conditions," he said.

The straightforward and somewhat offensive nature of the film contributes to its potency, Forsythe said.

"The camera lens does not lie," he said.

Forsythe said all UNL staff members and students could attend the film showing Thursday at 2 p.m. in Burnett 208. The room's capacity is about 50 people, but Forsythe said they'll make room for anyone who wants to attend.

"If one or two people come and learn something it will be worth it," he said. "I'm going to make certain the students in my class know the truth."

Graduate guarantee program still untested, officials say

By Karen Okamoto
Staff Reporter

Employers have not taken advantage of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's graduate guarantee offer, university officials said.

Under a program announced last August by Chancellor Graham Spanier, UNL guarantees its graduates will have the basic skills to perform well in their jobs after graduation. If employers believe a UNL graduate is deficient, the university will remedy the situation at its own expense.

In August, Spanier said he did not expect many employers to invoke the terms of the

guarantee.

Herb Howe, associate to the chancellor, said Monday he did not think Spanier was surprised by the lack of takers.

"I think it's understandable; it's pretty early," he said.

Spanier could not be reached for comment. A majority of university officials also said they were not surprised by the results.

"I would be absolutely shocked if someone called and said (architecture graduates) weren't qualified," said Cecil Steward, dean of the College of Agriculture.

Cindy Cammack, recruitment and placement coordinator for the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, said she

was not surprised, either.

"I think (employers) would find other ways to hone up the skills of those whom they've employed," she said. "I don't think when push came to shove that many employers would follow up with the (guarantee) program."

Also, unqualified graduates probably would not be hired in the first place, because employers generally are good at screening candidates, Cammack said.

Anne Kopera, coordinator of advising for the College of Arts and Sciences, said she had heard that other schools with similar programs also had no takers.

But Morris Schneider, associate dean of the College of Engineering and Technology, said

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she thought the program had not been adequately tested yet because December's graduates were the first to be guaranteed under the

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