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Step right up
Russ Kness of Albia, Iowa performs a vintage show for children at the Haymarket Heydays last week. See story and photos on page 5.

Jeff Zeleny/DN

Fourth of July crackles with excitement

By Shane Tucker
Staff Reporter

As the sharp bite of sulfur and the crack and pop of firecrackers fill the air this weekend, University of Nebraska-Lincoln students will celebrate the Fourth of July in a variety of ways.

Jason Hince, 19, a sophomore industrial engineering major, has a special interest in Nebraska's Fourth of July activities.

"This is the first state I've lived in that fireworks are legal — I think I'll stick around for that," Hince said.

Many students will take the time to be with their families. Shedrick Triplett, 21, a senior economics major, said he plans to visit his grandparents in Chicago.

"We usually have a cookout with the family and then go to a fireworks show," Triplett said.

Shelley Hockemeier, 19, a sophomore accounting major, said she plans to use the holiday as a chance to relax and spend time with her friends.

Hockemeier is not alone in her desire to take it easy during the holiday. Many UNL students will spend the fourth with their friends, and Lin-

coln will offer them a variety of things to do.

Holmes Park, at 70th and Van Dorn streets, will be the hub of most of Lincoln's July Fourth festivities. The Lincoln Jaycees and the Sowers Club will sponsor Blastfest '93, an Independence Day festival offering games and fireworks for all ages.

According to John Schram, co-chairman of the Jaycees Blastfest committee, the fun will start with coed and men's softball and sand volleyball tournaments Saturday and Sunday.

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Law college opposed

By Lisa Vernon
Staff Reporter

State Sen. Ernie Chambers' proposed phase-out of the University of Nebraska's College of Law has not been received warmly by some university officials.

Chambers sent a letter last week to University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Graham Spanier about a proposition to eliminate NU's College of Law.

Chambers of Omaha said in the letter that based on national and regional studies, "there exists a glut of lawyers and this situation continues to be exacerbated by an overproduction of lawyers by law schools."

He also stated that phasing out the college may be desirable because of the state's budget problems.

But Harvey Perlman, dean of NU's College of Law, said he did not agree with Chambers' statements.

"This idea is one that I feel no one is considering but Chambers," Perlman said. "There is really no way Creighton can substitute for UNL because we both have different missions."

Chambers also said in the letter that he thinks there is no need for two law schools in Nebraska, with Creighton being able to meet the demands of students who want to attend law school in Nebraska.

Spanier was out of town and couldn't be reached for comment by the Daily Nebraskan, but earlier told The Associated Press the NU College of Law was important to the state.

"I'm sure there are many individuals besides Senator Chambers who believe that there are too many lawyers in Nebraska," Spanier said. "But over the 100 years of our history, we

have found that in most years, there is a high demand for our graduates because of community needs and because our graduates are well trained."

Chambers did not return numerous calls made earlier this week by the DN.

NU's College of Law has about 450 students, and its budget is \$5 million a year, but \$3 million of that comes from tuition, grants and alumni donations, Perlman said.

While eliminating the NU College of Law might seem cost-efficient, Perlman said it would still end up costing the state.

"Removing the law college at UNL would increase legal assistance and education prices in Nebraska," he said.

Perlman said it was surprising that Chambers, an alumnus of the Creighton School of Law, made this proposal.

"It is quite ironic that Chambers is raising this issue, because more than 10 percent of next year's law school enrollment will be comprised of minority students," Perlman said.

In his letter, Chambers told officials he is gathering information about the law school and would appreciate any help.

Spanier said he does not know what effect Chambers' proposal will have.

"We will provide a detailed response to Sen. Chambers' proposal, but I think it's unlikely that the people of the state would wish to close one of our greatest assets," Spanier said.

Even if the proposed closure of the College of Law does not happen, Perlman said Chambers' letter still might have an affect on the school.

"I don't think this is a sensible idea, and I don't think others will either; my only concern is that applicants to our college may hear about this and apply somewhere else instead of UNL," Perlman said. "Like I said, all Chambers is doing is raising an issue."

Budget cuts

The elimination of 15 faculty positions and the reduction of 21 administrative and support staff positions would reduce the budget by \$1.375 million.

Some positions eliminated were:

- Associate Dean for Cooperative Extension
- Staff position in University Relations
- Reduce staff for ADAPT
- Curator of Mary Riepma Ross Film Theatre
- Custodial positions
- One office/service employee on Chancellor's staff
- Associate Director at Research and Extension Center
- Two summer administrators in Home Economics/Dean's Office
- Reduce support staff in News-Editorial and Graduate Journalism

Source: Office of the Chancellor

Scott Monroe/DN

Reality of budget reductions felt

By Jeff Zeleny
Senior Editor

Seven months after a special session of the the 1992 Legislature announced a \$2.2 million cut to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's budget, Linda Wilson discovered she was losing her job.

The notice, given in April, came as a complete shock to Wilson, an administrative technician in the news-editorial department of the College of Journalism.

"I had no clue when they told me," Wilson said. "They said it was the budget."

Although Wilson was aware of

budget problems throughout the university, she wanted more answers about her position's elimination, and sent a memo to UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier.

Spanier returned the memo, which helped address some concerns Wilson had about her dismissal, she said, and was reassured it had nothing to do with her job performance.

Wilson's job includes assisting and supervising journalism students in their work on the UNL laboratory newspaper, The Journalist.

"It's not your normal eight to five job with The Journalist," she said. "Election night we were here until 4 a.m."

Wilson said she will probably be replaced by a graduate student, which concerned her.

"I don't think they'll be full time, I think that's pretty crucial," she said. "Many students have come to me with concerns. I spent time tutoring them. I feel bad about that for students."

"I'm sure they'll find someone that can do it, but not with the care and full time."

Wilson's is one of 36 positions eliminated because of the budget reduction. Twenty one administrative and support staff positions and 15 faculty positions were eliminated to

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