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Firing Away
Julie Ferguson of Lincoln fires her rifle in the muzzleloading competition at the Rock Creek Renegades Range during last weekend's Cornhusker State Games. For complete games coverage, see page 7.

Administrative evaluations to start in fall

By Brian Sharp
Staff Reporter

Starting this fall, the shoe will be on the other foot for administrators at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

A new policy enacted will allow UNL faculty and staff to evaluate administrators every five years, UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier said.

Administrators will be given these evaluations to determine whether or not they will be reappointed for the next five years, Spanier said.

"It sends a message to everyone," he said, "that no one owns an administrative position for life."

Spanier said the new policy, very similar to what was used while he was at Oregon State, will include evaluations of vice chancellors, college deans and other top administrators.

"I think in a university it's very important not only for administrators to review faculty and staff," he said, "but for faculty and staff to review administrators."

Fred Choobineh, UNL Academic Senate President-elect, said the policy, which was first discussed last fall, is simply good management.

"There are a lot of other schools that are doing it," Choobineh said. "In the surrounding states, we're not the leaders in this area."

The change, however, may not be much different from what some colleges are already doing.

Will Norton, dean of the UNL College of Journalism, said his college tried to go through constant evaluation of everyone on a yearly basis.

"I don't think it will be much different from what journalism has been experiencing," Norton said.

Currently, the bylaws of the university require annual evaluations both of faculty/staff and administrators,

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UNL students freed from Bosnian prison

By Jeff Zeleny
Senior Editor

Two University of Nebraska-Lincoln students working as relief volunteers in Croatia were released Monday after being held in a Bosnian detention center for about 18 days.

Abbas Ali, a senior engineering major, and Suleman Ahmer a graduate student, left the U.S. in November to aid in Bosnian relief efforts, said Zahid Nazir, Ali's roommate.

"They are collecting things that

are needed in Bosnia," he said. "Sometimes they need medicine, sometimes they need food."

The two students from Pakistan were distributing supplies from a relief office in divided Croatia when captured. Constant uprisings in the area made the situation extremely dangerous, Nazir said.

"Anything could have happened with the war going on there," he said. "Their parents were really worried."

"Bad things have been going through my mind since they were missing," Nazir said. "They're back

in they're office safely (now), but I haven't been able to talk to them."

Arshad Syed, information systems manager for the College of Business Administration, went to Croatia July 6 to help negotiate the students' release, Syed's wife, Lucretia, said Wednesday.

Syed convinced the American Embassy in Croatia to assist in the rescue effort after much persuading, his wife said.

"He was thinking about exchanging himself for his two friends in order for them to do something about

it," she said.

The U.S. military was reluctant to get involved, she said, because the students were from Pakistan and not American citizens. Through Syed's efforts, the two students were released safely.

Ali and Ahmer were working for Al-Nasr International Organization of Lincoln. The organization, certified by the state in January, was founded by Syed to provide world-wide humanitarian relief.

"This is their first place," Lucretia Syed said.

Psychology research ranks No. 1

By Shane Tucker
Staff Reporter

If the Nebraska football team brought home a national championship in football, it would be the talk of campus.

But the University of Nebraska-Lincoln currently does have a national championship that few students know about.

Faculty in the UNL Department of Educational Psychology brought to the university a No. 1 ranking in research productivity in the field of school psychology, according to a recent study published in *Psychology in the Schools*.

The honor was nothing new to the nationally-renown Teachers College department. A similar study conducted in 1984, spanning the seven-year period from 1974-1980, ranked the department third in the nation.

"We're really delighted," said Jane Conoley, chair of the UNL Department of Educational Psychology. "This is the second time the survey's been done, we've been in the top three for the last decade."

The current study spanned the period from 1985-1991. It examined the institutional affiliations of various authors who published in five major journals dealing with school psychology.

The study used the size of the department's faculty and the number of times they published to determine a national index with which they ranked the nation's institutions.

The study, which considered 596 different institutions, used research productivity to determine the quality of the programs.

However, because the survey considered only a few journals and didn't consider books or chapters published by faculty, the productivity of some institutions may have been underestimated.

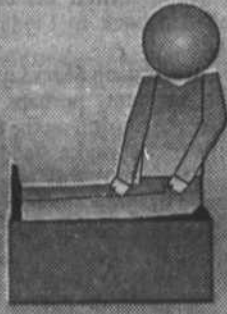
"The survey looked at journals,

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UNL heads psychology research

The top 10 universities in the field of psychology:

1. U. of Nebraska - Lincoln
 2. Louisiana State U.
 3. Texas A&M
 4. U. of Texas - Austin
 5. Memphis State U.
 6. U. of Wisconsin
 7. U. of Georgia
 8. U. of South Carolina
 9. U. of Minnesota
 10. Lehigh U.
- Other Big 8 Schools:*
17. U. Of Kansas
 25. U. of Missouri
 30. Iowa State U.



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