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Patricia Arquette and Christian Slater star in "wierd" romance. Page 9



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Today, cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Friday, more of the same.

Ex-Husker found guilty in fatal car crash

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick
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As Kenny Wilhite played his final season of Nebraska football last year, his involvement in a car accident that killed an 11-year-old girl was being investigated in Platte County, Mo.

Wilhite, a former Nebraska cornerback, was found guilty of careless and imprudent driving for the accident that claimed the life of Ann

Quick of Mexico, Mo. He was sentenced to one year in jail after a May 17 trial in the Platte County Circuit Court, the Platte County prosecutor's office said Wednesday. Wilhite appealed the case and was released after posting 10 percent of a \$3,500 bond.

The accident took place on July 6, 1992. Wilhite and Lorenzo Brinkley, now a senior linebacker, were driving north on Interstate 29 near St. Joseph, Mo. when they collided with a minivan carrying five passengers.

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne told the Daily Nebraskan Wednesday that

he was aware of the accident when it took place, but he did not announce it. "I was aware of it," Osborne said. "I was not aware of any sentencing. I thought that was all settled in court."

"Why would I announce it?" he said. "It was public record. If the news people would have picked it up, they would have printed it at the time."

According to the accident report filed by the Missouri Highway Patrol, Wilhite was driving 80 mph in a 65 mph zone

when he struck the second car, driven by Kenneth Quick of St. Joseph, Mo.

When the two vehicles collided, the van driven by Quick skidded into the median, struck a guardrail and overturned on the driver's side, the report said.



Wilhite

The impact of the crash threw Ann Quick from the 1990 Dodge Caravan. She was trapped underneath the van and pronounced dead at

the scene.

Wilhite could not be reached for comment. His agent, Jim Fender, said Wednesday night that Wilhite was in Toronto, preparing to sign a contract with the Sacramento Gold Diggers of the Canadian Football League today.

Brinkley said he was sitting in the passenger seat at the time of the accident. He recalled Wednesday what had happened.

"It was a little bit after midnight," he said. "I was in the passenger seat

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System works to diversify administration

University now hiring more women, minorities

By Dionne Searcey
Senior Reporter

Last year, a white male was the most powerful administrator on each of the university's four campuses.

This year, two of the chancellors are women. They are part of a new diverse generation of administrators who are taking charge of the University of Nebraska.

UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier has pledged to diversify the campus' administration and encouraged other members of the university system to do the same.

"It's something that's a high priority of mine and something the university hasn't been as responsive to in the past as it might have been," Spanier said.

So far, numbers show that Spanier is keeping his word.

Twenty-two percent of University of Nebraska-Lincoln faculty members hired in 1992-93 were minorities. Women constituted 32 percent of faculty members hired during the same time period.

A number of vacancies over the past two years in upper-level administrative positions

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Minister says church doesn't fit cult mold

By Chris Hain
Staff Reporter

The lead minister of the Lincoln Christian Church said although a recent cult awareness forum may be targeting his church, he doesn't think his church fits their characteristics.

The three-day cult awareness forum that concluded last night cited the local Lincoln Christian Church as fitting the description of a cult.

Ron Gholston of Denver, who conducted the seminar, said a church that is abusive or assumes authority over its members' lives is a cult.

Gholston was a sector leader of single adults in the Boston Church of Christ from 1985 to 1988, and was forced to leave when he wrote a 12-page letter citing abuses within the church.

Gholston said the Lincoln Christian Church is a member of what he called the "Boston Movement." The movement has been identified by the Chicago-based Cult Awareness Network as one of the five most active cults on college campuses.

Ken Hicks of the Lincoln Christian Church said his church was affiliated with the Boston Church of Christ, but he said there have been many changes in the church since Gholston left it five years ago.

Hicks said his group is a normal, loving

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Damon Lee/DN

NU Vice President J.B. Milliken recalls his experiences with the University of Nebraska Tuesday. Milliken, who received his bachelor's of English degree from UNL in 1979, returned to work in the NU system in 1988.

The other side

NU administrative role suits a former student leader

By Jeff Zeleny
Senior Editor

In 1978, J.B. Milliken led a student protest against the NU Board of Regents' decision to cut funding for guest speakers at UNL.

The demonstration on the steps of Varner Hall was Milliken's first experience with the central administration at the University of Nebraska.



"I suppose there's some irony there," he says. "I'm not sure I could have predicted I would end up here."

Milliken graduated in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He graduated from the New York University School of Law in 1983.

After earning a juris doctorate, he practiced law at a Wall Street firm in New York City. But he says he knew that wasn't the right career choice for him.

"I went to law school with the idea I would not practice law as a career," he says.

"The whole time I was there I was thinking how I could get back to the public sector."

In 1988, then NU president Ronald Roskens hired Milliken as his executive assistant. The job fulfilled an important career goal, Milliken says, which was working for an institution with a mission he believed in.

"The University of Nebraska certainly fit that bill," he says. "One of the reasons I wanted to come back and work at the University of Nebraska (was) the issues are ones I consider to be more important than issues I was dealing with as a Wall Street lawyer."

Although he was only 31 years old when he started dealing with important issues to shape higher education in the state, Milliken says he didn't feel too young for the job.

Five years and two NU presidents later, Milliken says he is aging, but not because of university work.

"I have to deal with scores of complicated issues," he says. "I haven't really thought of it as aging. My child has aged me more in seven weeks than this job has in five years."

"I haven't had a midlife crisis yet."

The last five years of work have been a challenge, Milliken says. Roskens resigned, and former UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale was named a finalist to succeed him, which prompted other finalists to step down.

Now, another presidential search is under

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NU corporation secretary

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way to replace Massengale, who announced last January he wouldn't have his contract renewed.

"I think this has been an exciting place to work for the past five years," Milliken says. "You play the hand you've been dealt."

Last January Milliken was named an NU vice president. The bigger job load requires a difficult balance, he says.

"I'd be the first to admit I don't always have things at equilibrium," he says.

Milliken now is responsible for university relations, federal affairs, public affairs and communications, in addition serving as corporation secretary.

In this position, Milliken says, he feels like he's making a difference.

"The issues we deal with here are critical to 50,000 students in any given day and certainly the state of Nebraska."