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Triplets Jeff, left, Mark and Mike Adolphus have dressed identically for the last five years. The brothers, University of Nebraska-Lincoln freshmen from Los Angeles, said they usually agreed on what to wear, but voted when they couldn't agree.

Three's company

'All For One' California triplets spark curiosity at UNL

By Steve Smith

NL freshmen Jeff, Mike and Mark Adolphus have everyone else at

the university seeing triple.
The Adolphus brothers are identical triplets who came to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln from south-central Los Angeles.

But the brothers do more than just look alike. They dress alike as well - every day. For more than five years, they've worn identical outfits to school every day, match-

ing everything from baseball caps to shoes.
"We started dressing alike in the ninth grade, and it just kind of stuck," Jeff Adolphus said. "We got a lot of feedback on it at first, and our mom really liked it, so we kept on dressing alike."

The triplets' matching wardrobe encom-

passes shirts, shoes, socks, slacks and leather jackets.

Sharing closet space makes wardrobe decisions a little easier. The brothers always have shared a bedroom, and they share a room in Schramm Residence Hall at UNL.

One might catch them walking down 14th street on their way to school with identical black backpacks slung over their

left shoulders.
"We decide the night before what we're going to wear," Mike Adolphus said.
"There's hardly ever a disagreement on (what to wear), but if there is, we vote on it."

The triplets passed over schools such as the University of California at Los Angeles and Oregon University to come to UNL. The Adolphus brothers said representatives from the Afrikan Peoples Union came to Los Angeles to recruit Californians to come to Lincoln. The effort paid off for the Adolphus

Nebraska was attractive for a number of

reasons, the triplets said.

"For one thing, (school's) cheaper out here," Mark Adolphus said. "Also, there's the violence.

'The lack of it here, that is," Mike Adolphus said.

On closer inspection, the triplets display some small differences. Jeff wears a hoop earring while Mike and Mark wear studs.

Each brother has a different idea of what he wants to do when he finishes college. Mark wants to get married, settle down and start a family. Jeff wants to own his own business. Mike said he wants to "get it all together" in college before making any ca-

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Professors see good, bad sides to 'reinvention'

By Shane Tucker Staff Reporter

NL professors had mixed reactions to a recently released national plan to "reinvent" government.

Earlier this month, Vice President Al Gore released the National Performance Review, a proposal that Gore hopes will streamline and downsize government, John Hibbing, a UNL political science professor, said.

"Downsizing is one aspect, they also want to devolve government to local authorities," Hibbing said.

The philosophy behind this idea, Hibbing said, is that the private sector can do some things more efficiently without government

Roy Frederick, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln agricultural economics professor, said the streamlining idea would have an effect on the organizations and people within government. One of these organizations is the Department of Agriculture.

Frederick said Gore's plan had two major aspects — programming and reorganization.
On the side of USDA programming, the plan

would end the practice of giving honey and wool subsidies. Nebraska doesn't have a lot of people involved in these industries, Frederick said, so this aspect of the plan won't have a great effect on the state.

But Frederick said the reorganizational side of Gore's plan could affect jobs in Nebraska.

The administration plans to reduce the number of USDA agencies from 43 to 30 and the number of employees from 124,000 to 117,000. The plan also will reduce the number of USDA

field offices by 1,215.

Frederick said the amount of efficiency Gore's plan could create would be limited by the large number of employees required to carry out the dictates of Congress.

Congress passes laws and someone has to administer them and that is the USDA, Frederick said. "The reason there are so many employees is because Congress passes so many

Hibbing expressed confidence in Gore's plan. He said he believed the administration's streamlining plan would be more successful than those of previous administrations for a variety of reasons.

For example, he said, many aspects of Gore's plan can be attained through executive order rather than through congressional branches.

By Rainbow Rowell

inding a job is tough for new nursing graduates.
But if Congress approves

President Clinton's health care plan, nurses will have more opportunities than ever, a Nebraska Hospital Association official said.

The outlook for nurses is "as bright as it's ever been," John Roberts, vice president of policy research and development for the Nebraska Hospital

Association, said,

Roberts said the new plan would make nurses and nurse practitioners the "stars of the future system."

Joyce Harb, staffing supervisor for Lincoln General Hospital, agreed.

Harb said once Clinton's plan took effect, Americans would be spending less time in hospitals and more time in home health care and community health centers directed by nurses.

These changes could arrive just in time for recent nursing graduates who have had a tough time finding fulltime nursing positions.

Roberts said Lincoln hospitals did not have any full-time openings for

But this is partly because the job market for nurses is cyclical, he said. Three years ago, he said, Lincoln hospitals faced a shortage of nurses.

When a shortage occurs, wages for nurses increase, more people are attracted to nursing, and the job market becomes saturated, Roberts said.

Once this happens, he said, nursing opportunities appear scarce, deterring students from going into the

After five or six years, the cycle starts again with a shortage of nurses,

Dr. Bunny Tozehl, District 3 president of the Nebraska Nursing Association and assistant professor at UNL's nursing college, said despite the tight urban market, rural hospitals still had job openings.

Of the 60 students who graduated from the nursing college in May, 16 found jobs in rural Nebraska, Tozehl

In addition, 20 students found jobs in the Lincoln area. Others either left the state or were waiting to look for a

Although statistics are not available for previous semesters, Tozehl said many more graduating students took jobs in Nebraska last spring than

blems, officials say lost students avoid gambling pro

By Steve Smith Senior Reporter

lthough most UNL students have been lucky enough to avoid serious gambling problems, their fortunes could change, a campus community health educator

Janet Crawford, an instructor at the University Health Center, said staff at her office hadn't dealt with gambling addictions and other problems this semester. But she said she wasn't sure that trend would continue.

"Gambling is a fascinating topic," she said. not dealt with any such problems, she did not

"It's incredible how addictive it can really be." Students living on campus are just minutes

away from a variety of gambling forms—simulcast horse racing at State Fair Park, keno at nearby Kerrey's Restaurant, or the new Ne-

braska Lottery, which is available at nearly every convenience store in town.

"There's certainly the potential for student gambling problems," Crawfordsaid. "The proximity and availability (of gambling opportunities) play large roles in those kinds of problems, and that could be the case here."

Crawford said though her department had

rule out the possibility of having to deal with it in the near future.

"As the weeks goby, we may see problems," Crawford said. "If so we'll give the students what they need with education for that subject."

Employees at gambling establishments said while they may be close to campus, students weren't flocking to them. Those that are visiting the establishments seem to be in control of their gambling practices, they said.

Deb Hangman, a shift manager at Big Red Keno, 201 Sun Valley Blvd., said the business' proximity to campus has brought some students

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in to play keno, but none that would amount to a "regular crowd."

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