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Passing Wildcats

Huskers survive Kansas State scare and go on to win 45-28, despite record passing day from Wildcat quarterback Chad May.
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Cloudy with a chance of rain today. Tuesday, continued cloudiness, chance for rain.

Regents approve green space, consultants

Park construction begins next April

By Mark Harms
Staff Reporter

Despite protests from ASUN senators, the NU Board of Regents voted to go ahead with the construction of North Plaza Park.

The park, or greenspace, is part of a proposal submitted by UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier to replace a parking lot north of the Nebraska Union with an arboreous landscape.

The board voted 6-2 to approve the proposal, a board official said. Speaking before the board, Deb Silhacek,

chairwoman of the ASUN Campus Life Committee, said there was an "overwhelming" response from students and faculty against building the park.

Silhacek said the \$198,000 dollars budgeted for the park could be better spent on other projects, such as renovating Richards Hall and funding the Academic Success Center. She said those projects were neglected because of budget cuts.

"The program is not right in light of continuous budget cuts," she said. "The plan needs to be reassessed from a student's point of view."

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Student Regent Keith Benes said he worried about the message building the park would send to the

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Group to investigate NU engineering

By Mark Harms
Staff Reporter

The NU Board of Regents approved a list of consultants Friday to study Nebraska's engineering programs and suggest solutions if problems are found.

But board members disagreed about the wording of the consultants' mission.

Regent Rosemary Skrupa of Omaha said she was happy with the consultants selected, but she was disappointed that the definition of their charge contained no specific mention of estab-

lishing an independent college at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

"This is very nice verbiage, but it is not getting to the heart of the matter," Skrupa said. "What precipitated this was a very urgent request by business leaders and faculty to reestablish an independent engineering college in Omaha."

Skrupa proposed an amendment to have the consultants look specifically at establishing an engineering college at UNO.

Regent Nancy O'Brien of Waterloo also said the consultant's charge should specify studying UNO's request for its own engineering college.

"If this study does not address the particular issue of an independent engineering college in

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Flames of enlightenment

AIDS vigil informs crowd, recalls victims

By Ann Stack
Staff Reporter

It only takes one candle — one light in the darkness — to make a difference.

That was the message of Friday night's candlelight vigil for AIDS awareness.

For some, the candlelight symbolized hope for the future, as indicated by the number of young children there.

For others, the flames served as a memorial — a symbol of sadness and loss. UNL graduate Lynne Knutzen-Young was one of those people.

On January 14, 1993, AIDS claimed the life of her brother, Duran Knutzen. Friday night, Knutzen-Young participated in her first candlelight vigil for AIDS/HIV awareness.

Sponsored by the Minority AIDS Education Task Force, the sixth annual Lincoln Candlelight Vigil included a march from 12th and O streets to the north side of the Capitol.

About 75 people turned out for the event, nearly doubling last year's count of 40 attendees.

Joel Gajardo, Coordinator of the Hispanic Community Center, said concern, support, and education were the objectives in the fight for AIDS/HIV awareness.

"It's growing much more rapidly than anyone anticipated," he said. "And right now, the only solution is prevention."

The evening's agenda included speeches by a representative of Gov. Ben Nelson and Sen. Don



Travis Heying/DN

Marty Matson of Omaha listens during a candlelight vigil Friday night while other participants recall loved ones who have died of AIDS. About 75 people attended the march to the Capitol for AIDS awareness.

Wesely of Lincoln.

Crowd members also had the opportunity to speak openly about lives of loved ones claimed by AIDS. A chorus of "Kum-Ba-Ya" was interspersed throughout the program.

Wesely began his speech by complimenting Nebraska on its lack of segregation of those infected with HIV.

"In this state, we've been able to stop the hysteria that has started

elsewhere," he said. "We've been able to combat the 'Scarlet Letter' attitude. Nebraska should be commended for moving slowly and wisely.

"But maybe we've moved too slowly. It's time to reach out and comfort those who need our support," Wesely said.

UNL English graduate student David Whitaker, who has attended five other AIDS awareness vigils in Lincoln and Omaha, said he thought

Nebraska needed to catch up with the rest of the country.

Since January 1993, 160 cases of AIDS have been reported in Nebraska, Gajardo said. That number more than doubles the number of cases reported during 1992, he said.

In the past, Gajardo said, a list of names was read to commemorate Nebraskans who had died of AIDS. By now, he said, the list has gotten too long to read.

Free hemp rally draws disappointing small crowd

By Rainbow Rowell
Staff Reporter

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's NORML/Hemp chapter experimented with its first free concert rally Saturday night. But the results were disappointing, the group's president said.

David Splichal said only 40 people were at the rally at any given time.

"When we charge three bucks, we get about 300 people," Splichal, a junior horticulture major, said. "So maybe next time we'll charge five bucks and hope for 500."

Splichal said competition from UNL's Homecoming festivities might have contributed to the poor turnout.

The group usually organizes two rallies each year to attract new members and provide information about the legalization of marijuana.

Saturday's rally was scheduled to start at 6 p.m., but had a late start. First band Pretty Kitty, formerly Bunker Joe, started playing after 7:30 p.m.

Pretty Kitty lead singer and guitarist Daniel Kruse said the band wanted to help out NORML/Hemp because of troubles in their hometown of Hartington.

Kruse said he thought five Hartington kids were entrapped by the legal system for smoking ditchweed, a type of marijuana that grows wild in Nebraska.

"There's an aura of secrecy and shame that surrounds this issue," Kruse said, "and this brings an aura of ignorance."

Just the Opposite, a Lincoln duo, also played at the rally. Urethra Franklin was scheduled to play, but

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NU officials struggle to implement gender equity

Attempts at gender equity get burned

By Mark Harms
Staff Reporter

UNL has made important strides toward achieving gender equity on campus in recent years, an official said.

But these efforts have spurred hostile reactions from some faculty and students, said Claudia Price-Decker, chairwoman of the Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women.

The hiring of more women and minorities and the increasing role of the Affirmative Action Office are signs the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is moving in the right direction, Price-Decker said.

"Perhaps because of the progress that we

have made, we now see a backlash which is reflected in hostile behavior toward women and others who have attempted to secure a more equitable environment at UNL," she said during her report to the NU Board of Regents Friday.

Price-Decker recalled numerous incidents of such hostility:

Eric Jolly, director of the UNL Affirmative Action Office, received hate mail, had derogatory remarks stamped in the snow outside his office window, and had a full, used condom put on his office door, Price-Decker said.

She said male students barged into the offices of women faculty and asked them who they had to sleep with to get their jobs. Department chairmen told the women it was their problem, Price-Decker said.

In another incident, Price-Decker said, a

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Football scholarships decrease 20 percent

By Dan McKinney
Staff Reporter

Since 1972, the NCAA has been struggling to define gender equity.

Now, after an NCAA task force defined gender equity in August, Nebraska's struggle lies in implementing equity.

Nebraska athletes and administrators are trying to determine whether equity has to be achieved through equal numbers of sports or equal numbers of scholarship athletes.

Building off of Title IX — the 1972 law calling for equal educational opportunities among men and women — the NCAA has defined gender equity as providing male and

female athletes equal opportunities for scholarships, benefits and services.

Nebraska currently has 11 men's and 10 women's sports. With the addition of women's soccer next year, the number of men's and women's sanctioned sports will be equal.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Graham Spanier said adding women's soccer would take Nebraska one step closer to equity.

"When we have women's soccer up and running, I will feel we have satisfied most of the definition of gender equity," Spanier said. "The only test we wouldn't pass would be equal numbers."

At Nebraska, approximately 61 percent of scholarship athletes are men. In 1993, 231 men, as compared to 144 women, receive scholarships. In 1991, the NCAA conducted a survey,

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