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Ranking

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UNL received lower quartile ratings than other schools in the percentages of graduation rates and of freshmen who were in the top 10 percent of their high school classes.

That ranking was based on faculty resources, financial resources, alumni satisfaction and student selectivity. Basing a rank on such factors puts UNL at a disadvantage, said Joan Leitzel, senior vice chancellor for

Academic Affairs.

"Those kinds of rankings are a problem for us," she said. Any survey that factors in student selectivity to the evaluation process automatically will send UNL to the bottom of the list, Leitzel said.

UNL has an open-admissions policy. Students know before they apply whether they will be admitted because UNL lists the qualifications for admission on the application.

"Only people who know they're going to be admitted apply, therefore it looks like we take everybody," she

said. "That's not a good measure of quality."

Numerically, it may seem that UNL doesn't stand up to other schools, Leitzel said, when in reality the university's admission standards have nothing to do with the quality of programs here.

Herb Howe, UNL associate to the chancellor, said UNL could expect a jump in rank when plans for tougher admission standards take effect.

The higher rank will take some time to appear in surveys, he said.

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Daniloff

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—Daniloff, UPI correspondent

makers out of the Russian White House.

He said he witnessed the battle from CNN's broadcast center atop a nearby building. When tanks fired on the rebels, it literally "shook Moscow," he said.

American input, which has the most influence in the chaos-ridden Russian republic, is needed now more than ever, he said.

Daniloff said the United States should be a more visible force in the aftermath of the armed conflict.

"I think the United States has been a little too silent on the issue of getting back to democratic values," he said. Democratic influence — American or otherwise — to help Russia recover and move toward economic and political stability is essential, Daniloff said.

"Russia needs to be gently nudged, gently pushed into democracy," he said. "Because, as we've seen, they can backslide easily."

Daniloff criticized Washington for its silence on the issue and called on President Bill Clinton to take a more active role in the Russian situation.

"President Clinton has support-

ed Boris Yeltsin 110 percent, but he left the message among the Russian people that he's more interested in political stability there than actual reform," he said.

"I'm saddened we haven't heard more from Washington. I think (Clinton) ought to pay a little more attention to Russia."

Daniloff is no stranger to Russian political unrest. He made world headlines in 1986 when Soviet authorities arrested him in retaliation for the United States' arrest of Gannadi Zakharov for espionage.

Daniloff later was released as the result of a Soviet-American agreement, and all espionage charges against him were dropped.

Daniloff said the military involvement in the latest Russian episode was justified.

Boris Yeltsin's "strongman" tactics, which are not allowed by the Russian constitution, were necessary to keep political stability, Daniloff said.

"If you remember, Abraham Lincoln took strong measures to preserve the Union during the Civil War," Daniloff said. But Daniloff said those dictator-like actions should be a source of concern if they continue, he said.

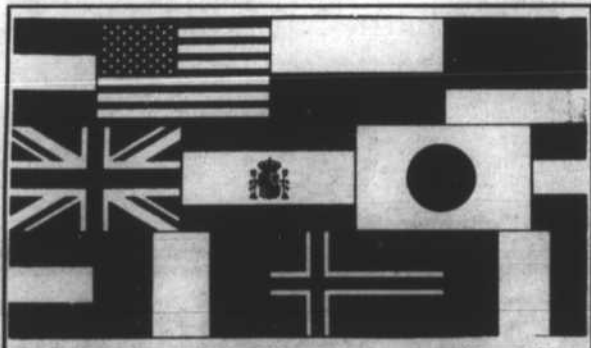
"My concern is whether or not this strongman position he's taken will be permanent," Daniloff said, "instead of a temporary position leading to democratic progress."

Though he said the Russian situation was cause for pessimism in the short term, Daniloff said he was optimistic about Russia's long-term future.

The country is "wealthy with resources," including a strong work force and grass-roots economic efforts, he said.

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Lindvall

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keep his mind focused.

"I was afraid if I fell asleep I would die," he said.

At about 7 a.m. the next day, construction workers rescued Lindvall. He was taken to Lincoln General Hospital, where he remained for almost two months.

"The first week I have no recollection," he said. "I'm real fuzzy about the whole stay."

Both of Lindvall's legs were threatened by the accident. Draining the infected blood from his right leg saved the limb. But his entire left leg was amputated.

Lindvall said he vaguely remembered doctors telling him his left leg would be amputated, but didn't realize it until he regained consciousness.

Losing a limb is much like losing a family member, he said. There is a grieving process involved.

"There were times in the hospital when I thought death was a much more pleasant alternative," he said.

But the depressing times were minimal, Lindvall said, and his attitudes were usually positive.

The cardiac arrest kept Lindvall in Lincoln General Hospital for an addi-

tional month. After 10 operations performed by 14 different doctors, Lindvall was transferred to the Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital on July 26.

He was rehabilitated and trained to use a prosthetic leg while he was at Madonna.

"I had to relearn how to walk, basically," he said. "I had problems trusting it. You don't want to trust something that's not you."

But through therapy, Lindvall said, he has learned to rely on his prosthetic leg. He will begin using it permanently once an infection on his leg clears up.

Lindvall received support from Sen. Bob Kerrey, who lost a leg in Vietnam, as well as from other amputees. The support system included practical advice, he said.

"I'd never met an amputee until I became one," he said.

Fritson said she cried for four months after the accident. But through the parents of other amputee victims she learned to cope with her son's condition, she said.

"It's like, wow, there can be life after this," she said.

Lindvall will begin taking classes in January. He already has become active in fraternity activities.

"It's good to be back in my environment," he said.

Assault

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drunk, he said, which limits what police can do.

Cauble said three officers were on duty the night of the attack to patrol both city and east campuses on a busy homecoming weekend. From 300 to 400 people attended Rapfest, he said.

Looking back, Cauble said, off-duty police officers should have been at Rapfest all night, Cauble said he

blamed the mistake on a breakdown in communications between UNL Police and APU.

Normally, police must determine whether an event needs security before it can take place, he said. Although police knew of Rapfest, a "student organization event registration form" was not filed.

"They didn't get a hold of us. Our people didn't call them," Cauble said. "Who was at fault is now irrelevant."

Steps have been taken to ensure such a mix-up won't happen again, Cauble said.