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## For An Eternity

A look at possible steps in the planning of a wedding.  
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Today, partly sunny and mild.



### Mutton bustin'

A young cowboy tries his hardest to hang on to the back of a sheep during a break from the bull-riding action Friday night at the Wahoo Bull Riding Rodeo.

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## Authorities trap people making harassing calls

By Brian Sharp  
Staff Reporter

The telephone rang in a Pound Residence Hall room last December. The student lifted the receiver and heard the voice of an obscene caller.

Last week, that caller was arrested by University of Nebraska-Lincoln police after a trap was placed on the telephone.

David Klein, a UNL sophomore, was issued a misdemeanor citation for making three calls to the Pound Residence Hall room.

Sgt. Bill Manning said UNL had its share of intimidating calls, and police weren't taking them lightly.

"If you go to the trouble of making obscene and threatening phone calls and you start interfering with somebody's life ...," he said, "we are going to come and visit you."

Any phone call made with the intent to harass, offend or threaten is a Class III misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of three months in prison and a \$500 fine.

The majority of such calls at UNL fall under the offensive or obscene category, Manning said, and are placed by other students.

But there are cases involving outside callers, he said.

One in particular, a man from Colorado, is known to call university campuses nationwide. The obscene caller singles out men, Manning said, and has telephoned UNL students in the past.

Although police have identified the man, the phone calls cannot be traced directly to him, Manning said.

But in many local cases, identifying the caller is much easier.

Manning said that with Caller-ID, the police officer often arrived and was told the caller's number. Police then must simply call the number back and ask for an address, he said.

"In cases like that they (the callers) don't even think before they do something stupid," he said.

When traps are used, Manning said, they are operated through the phone company. With the flip of a switch, a phone record can be kept of times, dates and locations of calls.

Police later check phone company records with times of disturbing calls. Manning said the police then got a search warrant for the records if the information was available.

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## Students earn priority in regent campaigns

### Two candidates vie for vacated District 3 seat

By Jeffrey Robb  
Senior Editor

Regent Rosemary Skrupa said Sunday it didn't matter "one little bit" whether anyone ran against her in the upcoming NU Board of Regents election.

What does matter during this campaign, she said, is that students of the University of Nebraska and taxpayers of the state have their needs addressed. That sentiment has been echoed by candidates throughout the four developing races.

"I think it's a privilege to go to where intentions and concerns are expressed to discuss them with the people," Skrupa said.

Skrupa of Omaha, Robert Allen of Hastings, and Nancy Hoch of Nebraska

City are all planning to run for re-election, though none have filed. Skrupa, the District 8 incumbent, said she expected competition, although no one has announced their intentions.

In District 3, two candidates, Keith Vrbicky of Norfolk and Chuck Hassebrook of Walthill, are seeking to replace Margaret Robinson of Norfolk, who announced she would not run again.

Allen, the District 5 regent, will face John Klosterman of David City, who declared in November. Hoch will run against Drew Miller, a Sarpy County commissioner, after she files candidacy for the District 4 seat. Miller has been campaigning since October.

With 11 days remaining for candidates to file, no race has the three candidates necessary for it to be placed on May's primary ballot.

Over the past few years, Allen said, the university has ignored students' needs by focusing on the wrong problems. Allen said he wanted to help

### NU Regent Race

#### District 3



**Incumbent:** Margaret Robinson of Norfolk will not run for re-election  
**Candidates:** Keith Vrbicky, Norfolk, physician  
Chuck Hassebrook, Walthill, Center for Rural Affairs

#### District 4



**Incumbent:** Nancy Hoch of Nebraska City will run for re-election  
**Challenger:** Drew Miller, Sarpy County Commissioner

#### District 5



**Incumbent:** Robert Allen of Hastings will run for re-election  
**Challenger:** John Klosterman, David City, farmer and cattle feeder

#### District 8



**Incumbent:** Rosemary Skrupa of Omaha will run for re-election  
**Candidates:** No other declared candidates

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refocus efforts through his campaigning.

Controversy over building projects, a commencement prayer, pink triangles supporting homosexuals and the engineering debate, Allen said, have all distorted NU's No. 1 priority—its students.

"We can't win discussing homo-

sexuality, abortion or prayer," Allen said. "We have the needs of the students that need to be met."

The engineering debate has turned into a public and political fight, Allen said.

Members of the Omaha engineering community want a separate college for increased access to education.

Currently, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has the only engineering program in the NU system.

The problems stem from concerns not being taken through the proper channels.

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