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## First-round first?

Nebraska seeks to win its first NCAA tournament game in school history tonight against Penn.

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Today, mostly sunny and warm.

## Hazing measure survives legislative debate

### Sen. Chambers says bill's language could favor rich over poor

By Matthew Waite  
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A measure that would make hazing a crime in Nebraska received second-round approval Wednesday after bill sponsor Sen. Gerald Matzke of Sidney came under fire for more than two hours.

Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha led the skepticism of LB1129, saying the language of the bill was unconstitutionally vague.

"Too many cooks made this and spoiled the broth," he said.

Chambers said the language of the bill would give rich people an advantage over poor people. He said prosecutors could try a person for hazing instead of a more serious crime like assault.

Matzke disagreed, defending his bill.

"There's nothing in the hazing law that will induce prosecutors to go soft on college boys," he said.

Chambers denounced the language of the bill, calling it one of the poorer-drafted pieces of legislation this session.

"This bill is going to be brought into play at some time," Chambers said. "Its constitutionality will be challenged."

The bill includes many things it did not intend, Chambers said, including the actions of athletic teams.

He said he was in favor of the bill, just not the wording involved.

"This is a bill I am not trying to stop," he said. "There are parts I think are particularly bad."

Chambers proposed amending the bill so alumni advisers could be charged with hazing if found to be involved in an incident.

Matzke conceded, saying he agreed with Chambers.

"I hate to admit it, but Sen. Chambers has a good point," he said.

The Chambers amendment passed without opposition.

Sen. Dwite Pedersen of Elkhorn said the bill opened students up to entrapment. He said most hazing happened under the influence of alcohol.

Because society does not condemn college students for drinking, Pedersen said, charging students with the crime of hazing is entrapment.

Pedersen was one of four members to vote against the measure.



Sen. Gerald Matzke responds to questions from Sen. Ernie Chambers, right, during discussion of LB1129 Wednesday on the floor of the Legislature. The bill, introduced by Matzke, would make hazing a crime in Nebraska.

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## Sexually explicit memo hits CBA

By Kara G. Morrison  
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A sexually explicit letter received by several women faculty members in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's College of Business Administration has been turned over to legal authorities, university officials said Wednesday.

"It's being investigated by the proper legal authorities," Joan Leitzel, senior vice chancellor for academic affairs, said. "All efforts will be made to try to identify the sender."

The letter details a story, titled "Smart Dogs." In the story, an engineer, accountant, chemist, who are all males, are owners of female dogs. A fourth character, a male union member, owns a male dog.

The four-paragraph story containing sexually explicit language ends with the male dog having sex with the three female dogs. While doing so, the male dog claimed he injured his back, filed a grievance report for unsafe working conditions, put in for workman's compensation and left for home,

the story said.

The letter ends, "The joke is on you. Stop causing a problem at UNL or we're going to boot you out. HA HA."

The letter, signed "Anonymous," was personally addressed to a number of women faculty members and received in faculty mailboxes in the College of Business Administration.

In response, CBA Dean Gary Schwendiman and seven business department chairmen sent a memo to all CBA faculty Tuesday calling the incident "abhorrent."

Schwendiman's memo stated: "The writing and sending of the memo and all other types of harassment are abhorrent and will not be tolerated."

"This kind of action against any individual member of the College of Business Administration community is an attack on all members of the college and university community and will be dealt with accordingly."

Leitzel, who said Schwendiman contacted her about the incident immediately, called the letters obscene and appalling.

“The joke is on you. Stop causing a problem at UNL or we're going to boot you out. HA HA.”

—letter anonymously mailed to women CBA faculty

"It was a very ugly, sick kind of thing to do," Leitzel said.

Leitzel and other university officials recently have been looking into allegations of a chilly environment for women in CBA after an Association of American University Professors' report earlier this semester detailed incidents of sexism in the college.

Schwendiman said one unopened envelope, postmarked in Lincoln on March 11, would be turned over to NU General Counsel Richard Wood today. Schwendiman said the envelope was similar to others received by women faculty members.

## Basketball obscures St. Patrick's Day

By Angie Brunkow  
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Although only 300 fans can follow the Nebraska men's basketball team to the NCAA tournament, many more will be cheering on the Cornhuskers from home.

Gary Weiss, owner of Bleachers, 5601 S. 56th St., said Nebraska basketball boosters made last weekend the busiest his bar has had since it opened four years ago.

And he expects that enthusiasm to last well into the NCAA tournament.

"The enthusiasm the ballplayers have demonstrated on the court is very infectious to the fans," Weiss said. "It's gotten to the point people are really taking up the religion."

Last Sunday, the Huskers de-

feated Oklahoma State to win their first-ever Big Eight tournament championship. The team plays Pennsylvania today in Uniondale, N.Y., in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

David Crum, assistant NU ticket manager, said the few tickets that were available to fans were spoken for within two days.

The ticket office took calls for the \$25 tickets on Monday and Tuesday, he said, and then it sifted through the requests to eliminate Nebraska posers.

"Fans from Connecticut—they call every one of the schools going to their same site," Crum said. "They try to disguise themselves as Nebraskans."

Many ticket requests also came from fans in New York, New Jersey

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