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Saxophonist Gerry Mulligan will bring his improvisations to the Lied stage Saturday. Page 6

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Senate tables resolution on UNO college

By Matthew Waite
Senior Reporter

A resolution spelling out faculty rights and concerns about the establishment of an independent engineering college in Omaha was tabled Tuesday after a professor ripped up the bill before the Academic Senate.

Tom Sires, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln engineering professor, said the resolution put words into people's mouths.

"You know it and I know it," he said. "It's garbage."

"You are so far ahead of the horse, you are ridiculous. You're making people choose whether they want to choose or not."

The resolution stated that engineering professors at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and UNL must be given the option to choose with which administration they wished to be affiliated.

It also stated that the quality of programs at UNL must not suffer to provide funding for the new college.

Sires said the problem with the bill was advocacy. He said no Omaha faculty members were called about the measure.

The senate should wait for a task force formed by University of Nebraska President Dennis Smith to finish its study of the possibility of a separate college in Omaha, Sires said.

The senate tabled the resolution. Sires said if the senate needed to bring the resolution back up after the task force announced its findings, it could.

In an interview, Smith said he had been unable to contact some people that he wanted on the task force. He said he hoped to release the list by the end of the week.

The internal lobbying involved with the task force has been heavy, Smith said. But, he said, it doesn't matter.

"I guess one advantage to being here a short period of time is the lobbying has had little impact ... no impact," Smith said. "We need to (select the task force) without any pressure from either side."

In earlier remarks to the senate, Smith said that all too often administrators lost sight of what the university was about.

"Administrators turn over. Students graduate," he said. "If a university is to be excellent, then the excellence must rely on the faculty."

Smith said his record as an administrator had drawn some interesting criticism.

"I have been accused, on occasion, as thinking like a faculty member," he said.

The university has an obligation to serve the citizens of Nebraska, Smith said. He said faculty and administrators must establish the best university possible with budget constraints.

Smith said higher education in the United States was in trouble. He said funding issues like welfare reform, crime prevention and building more prisons had taken priority over higher education.

A drive to expand programs, coupled with a shrinking budget, will hurt the quality of education at the university, Smith said.

"We need to be poised to undertake new opportunities ... but only if we can guarantee we will excel," he said.

Smith said that to be successful, it was important for all of the campuses to function as a team.

"If the University of Nebraska is successful, then each individual campus succeeds."

Art projects show students joys of teaching

By Kara G. Morrison
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"I think I've got the hang of it," 6-year-old Kaeli says, wrapping gobs of purple yarn around her fingers and smiling through hot pink face paint.

As she helps Kaeli, senior elementary education major Shelly Wemhoff looks up to explain, "It's called finger weaving."

Wemhoff, one of about 20 students in Curriculum and Instruction 306, a UNL elementary art methods class, was demonstrating art projects Tuesday at the Children's Museum, 13th and O streets.

"We did this last semester," Jo Brown said, instructor Jo Brown, "and people at the museum liked it so much, they called and asked us to do it again." Brown teaches the art methods class.

Brown says her students voted unanimously to continue the project. The students planned their own art activities for the event and brought their own materials, Brown said.

"I know (UNL students) who did this last semester and had a blast," junior Amy Martin said.

Martin, surrounded by crayons and paint brushes, was helping several children with crayon wax-resist pictures, made by using watercolor paints over crayon drawings.

Some of the future teachers were getting a lesson themselves.

On tiptoe, showing UNL senior Scott Zimmerman the art of face painting, three-year-old Christian was busy brushing bright red paint on Zimmerman's nose.

"I thought the kids would all be shy," Zimmerman said, "but they've really been open."

The children's enthusiasm also was a lesson to Zimmerman.

"I'd like to involve art in my classroom," he said. "It's another way of getting (children) interested in learning."

Other projects children could choose included making kites and puppets and stringing necklaces made of Froot Loops cereal.

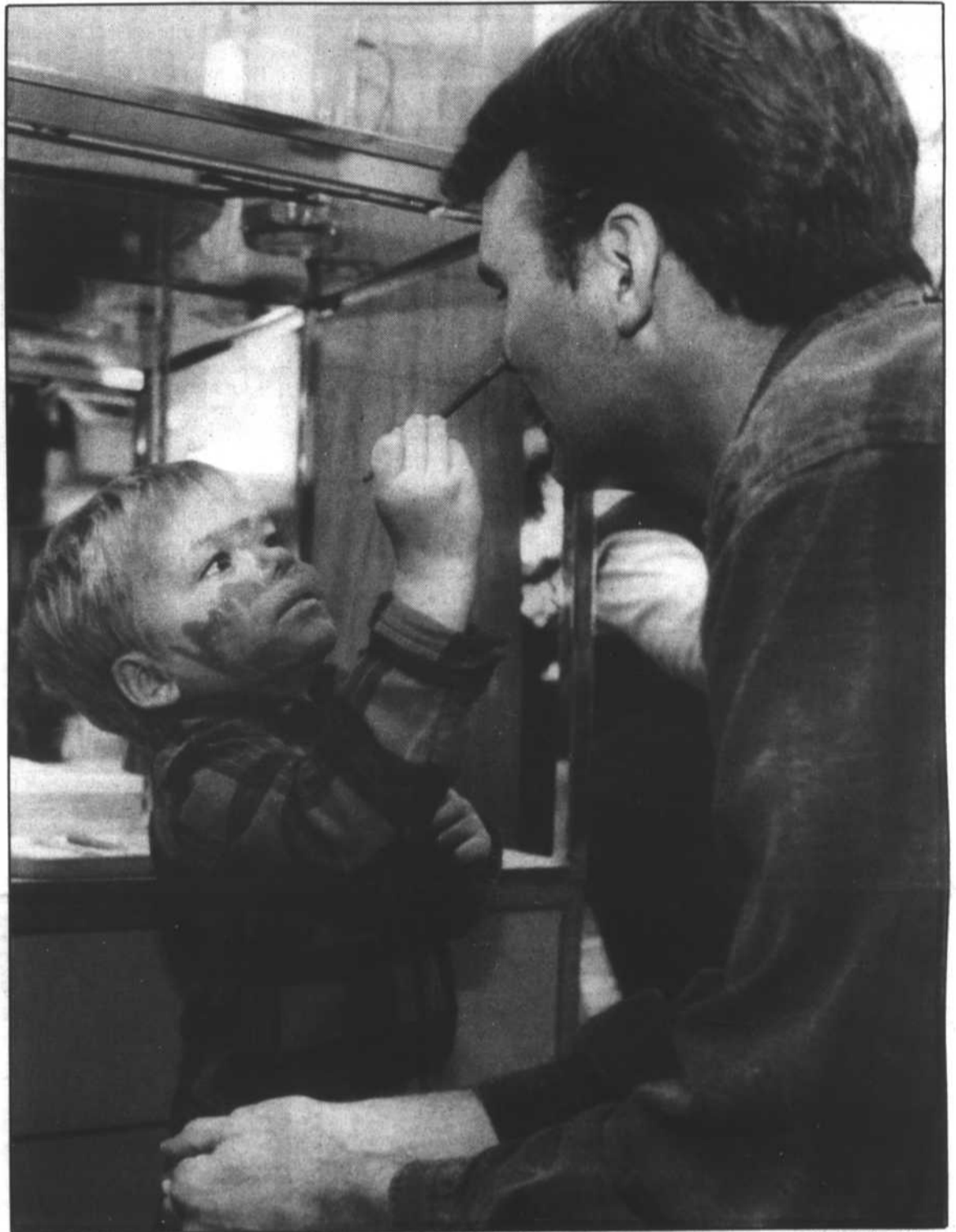
Sitting near the Froot Loops, 10-year-old Jackie was starting her third art project.

"I was bored at home and asked my mom to bring me," Jackie said.

Brown said the event was planned for a day that Lincoln Public Schools were closed. LPS students were still on spring vacation Tuesday.

Most of the the project tables were surrounded by children and their parents at 3 p.m., but the weavers were the busiest bunch of all.

Wemhoff said she had helped about 20 children with different weaving projects in an hour. The



Elementary education major Scott Zimmerman has his face painted by Christian Irons Tuesday at the Lincoln Children's Museum. Zimmerman is participating in a volunteer activity in conjunction with his elementary art methods class.

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pace did not make the project less fun, she said.

"I wish we could do more of this kind of thing," Wemhoff says, "You're out working with kids, hearing their thoughts."

Senior Julie Copley agreed.

"I love this," she said. "I think it's better than going to schools for practicums. You have so many different ages to work with here."

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UNL senior

her doctorate at the university and has a studio in the Burkholder gallery in the Haymarket, said most importantly, the project got her own

students excited about teaching. "If a student gets a kid excited, then they'll want to do these things (in their own classrooms)," she said.

Student's father happy with anti-hazing law

Jeffrey Knoll will finish recovery and return to UNL in fall

By Angie Brunkow
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A new anti-hazing law in Nebraska will help ensure that accidents, like the one involving Phi Gamma Delta pledge Jeffrey Knoll, won't occur again, his father said Tuesday.

Jim Knoll of Ogallala said the law, along with increased fraternity member awareness and administrative supervision, would help deter hazing on campus.

Gov. Ben Nelson signed the law on

Monday, making hazing a crime punishable by a maximum of six months in prison and a \$1,000 fine. Organizations can be fined up to \$10,000.

The law was proposed by Sen. Gerald Matzke of Sidney in response to a hazing accident on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus. During the incident, Jeffrey Knoll was forced to consume alcohol and then fell from a third-story window of the Fiji house.

Jeffrey is living at home in Ogallala, still recovering from the accident. Jim Knoll said his son would return to school as a full-time student in the fall.

"We're delighted he has come as far as he has," Jim Knoll said. "We really won't know the prognosis until he gives school a try again."

Jeffrey, who underwent 13 weeks

of therapy in Lakeview, Colo., is working at Valentino's and continuing speech therapy once or twice a week with a local pathologist.

Jim Knoll said the anti-hazing law, along with the media attention given to Jeffrey's accident and the increased supervision of alcohol consumption on campus, would help prevent hazing in the future.

"I'm glad there's a law finally in place," he said. "Things like this will hopefully never happen again."

Jim Knoll said he and his lawyer proposed the idea of an anti-hazing bill to freshman senator Matzke during a constituents' meeting.

"We thought it would be a real good way to have some success as a freshman senator," he said.

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father of Jeffrey Knoll

Jim Knoll said he was "bewildered" that an anti-hazing law, which was passed unanimously by the Nebraska Legislature last week, did not exist until now. "It's hard to believe a bill like this has never been introduced before or passed," he said.