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## Candidates debate guns and abortion

By Matthew Waite  
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OMAHA — Candidates and campaign representatives for three different Nebraska political offices squared off Sunday at a public forum in Omaha.

Candidates for governor, U.S. Senate and the 2nd congressional district answered written questions from more than 200 people at the Jewish Community Center.

The forum was sponsored by the National Association of Jewish Women and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Sen. Bob Kerrey, Rep. Peter Hoagland and Republican gubernatorial candidate Gene Spence faced campaign representatives from Republican Senate candidate Jan Stoney, Gov. Ben Nelson and 2nd district congressional candidate Jon Christensen, a Republican.

Candidates were questioned about their stance on gun control, school vouchers for a private education, religion in the United States, health care, and abortion.

Candidates tended to stick to party lines on several issues. But all agreed there should be some welfare reform and that the United States should continue to support Israel.

The audience applauded for candidates who favored gun control and abortion rights.

The Democrats at the forum supported gun control and the Republicans opposed it.

Bill Protexter, representing the Christensen campaign, said his candidate opposed gun control. He said Christensen didn't believe controlling guns would deter crime.

As a boy, Spence said, he hunted every day after school in Franklin. He said he was worried gun control might infringe on the rights of hunters.

Spence said the gun control issue changed from place to place.

"When someone has a shotgun in New York, you know what it's for — it's to kill," he said. "When someone has a shotgun in Western Nebraska, you know what it's for — to hunt."

Hoagland read the Second Amendment of the Constitution to the audience. He said the amendment provided that there be a well regulated militia when colonists were afraid of a strong central government taking over the new country.

But, he said, the amendment never intended that every citizen have the unfringed right to own a gun.

On the issue of health care, candidates tended to agree that there were many questions left to answer before reform would pass.

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Mike Fultz, right, an assistant football coach at Lincoln High and former UNL football player, uses Mark Van Ophem, a law school exchange student from Holland, for a demonstration of shoulder pads and the game of football in Selleck Hall Saturday.

## Newcomers tackle Huskers' game

By Nick Wiltgen  
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International students at UNL got a taste of Huskermania Saturday when a group of former Nebraska football players introduced them to the game.

Mike Fultz, an All-American who played at Nebraska from 1973 to 1977, spoke to a group of about 40 new international students on the basics of the game.

During a special luncheon in Selleck Residence Hall, he explained field goals and first downs, and demonstrated the equipment players must wear.

"At each end of the 100-yard field is an end zone. You want the Huskers to get the ball into that end zone. When we do, it's called a touchdown," Fultz said.

"That's when you cheer for Nebraska!"

He was joined by more recent football players, including: Sedric Collins, who was on the team from 1991 until this fall; Duane Wiles, who was on the team in 1992; and Trumane Bell, who played in the 1992 and 1993 seasons.

The international students formed groups of five or six, and each group had an American student host. The students and the hosts ate lunch together and then attended the University of Nebraska vs. University of Pacific game at Memorial Stadium.

The program, now in its second year here, came out of a meeting of monthly student leaders, said James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs.

One student said that to most international students, "football" conjures up the image of what Americans call soccer.

Griesen and the students agreed it would be an interesting idea to start a program that would acquaint international newcomers with Nebraska's sport of fame.

Linda Schwartzkopf, director of student judicial affairs and co-host of the event, said that Fultz, currently the assistant football coach at Lincoln High School, also spoke at last year's event.

The reaction to Fultz's appealing style was so positive that the event was held again this year, she said.

Mark Van Ophem, a graduate law student from Holland, was Fultz's demonstration "dummy" during the program. He said he liked football but the pauses were boring.

"It's not continuous, like soccer," Van Ophem said.

Graduate economics student Herwig Wouters was among a half-dozen students who were called outside to show off their new football knowledge for a television station.

"I'm looking forward to seeing myself acting stupid on the screen," Wouters said.

Toshiyuki Taki, a UNL student from Japan, had no reservations about his excitement. As the Huskers scored touchdown after touchdown in the first half, he shouted, "We're going to hit a hundred!"

One of the American hosts, Mike Durkin, said it was an interesting event for him.

"It's nice to share a part of our culture with them," he said. "I'm from Massachusetts, and the level of excitement here is even a little weird for me."

## Alcohol-free nightclub may rock UNL campus

By Brian Sharp  
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Imagine an alcohol-free nightclub with disc jockeys, dancing, comedians and live bands.

Now imagine that club in the Nebraska Union.

David Bower, drug education coordinator at the University Health Center, said the illusion should become a reality by next fall. The club would be located in the Crib, he said, with events scheduled various nights between Thursdays and Saturdays.

"We're really looking at doing this thing up right," Bower said. "Who's to say how popular this thing could be? If we make enough money to keep us going and everybody has a good time, that's our main focus."

Preventing underage drinking is Bower's focus. The club will be geared toward students, especially those under age 21, he said.

Bower said the concept began last semester, and officials had hoped a club could be running by this fall. Many groups have tried

to set up clubs in the past, and they have fizzled in a few months, he said. University of Nebraska-Lincoln officials didn't want to rush things and take the chance of continuing that trend, he added.

A nine-member steering committee for the club was named about three weeks ago. The committee includes representatives from university housing, the Nebraska Union, the greek system, the health center and student affairs.

They are looking at clubs such as "The Static Attic" at the University of Pacific in Stockton, Calif., "The Gardens Garage" at Maryland University in College Park, Md., and "Union Station" at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan.

"There are a number of successful college nightclubs on campuses throughout the country," Bower said. "We just have to find out why."

Teto Henderson has been manager of Union Station since it began four years ago.

"We're already too small," Henderson said. "We're getting more and more popular as we

go along. We are here for the students and more and more students are getting involved."

Union Station is located in the KSU student union and is open every day.

Like the projected UNL club, it started as an alcohol-free alternative on the campus social scene. But with the addition of delicatessen food, that focus was soon lost and a diner of sorts developed.

Jack Sills, KSU union director, said the club took over what used to be an eight-lane bowling alley, along with some additional space in the union.

There's a quiet corner for studying, a dance floor with a built-in sound system and the bar, which serves food and drink. The club has old butcher-block tables and is decorated with university memorabilia, Sills said.

"The challenge ... was adjusting," Sills said. "Adjusting to what students want is the secret. If we were expecting it to survive on non-alcohol drinks we wouldn't have survived this long."

Henderson agreed, saying the non-alcohol

drinks had never become a problem or an issue. Soda is the beverage of choice, he said.

The biggest problem Henderson found was being limited in what food he could sell. The kitchen isn't equipped with a fryer, he said, which makes it difficult and costly to sell popular items such as french fries.

For UNL, that challenge could be easily overcome.

Daryl Swanson, director of the Nebraska Unions, said he planned to talk with managers of the union restaurants about the possibility of keeping later hours, with hours possibly as late as 1:30 a.m.

The look of the Crib poses the most immediate hurdle, Swanson said.

The location already provides seating for about 200 people, dimming lights, a built in stage, a small sound system and locking doors to control entrance.

"The Crib would give us something to start with," he said. "But I don't know if the ambi-

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