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## On the road again



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Erika Pearson, a senior psychology major, performs during halftime at the Nebraska-Kansas State game in Manhattan on Saturday. It was the band's first trip to a regular-season away game in five years.

## Band travels to regular-season away game

By John Fulwider  
Staff Reporter

The Cornhusker Marching Band this weekend took its first road trip to a regular-season away football game in five years.

Jay Kloecker, director of the Cornhusker Marching Band, said the band's last trip was to Missouri in October 1989. Lack of funds was the reason for the five-year intermission between away performances, he said.

"Up until 1989 we had been paying for an away trip every year — some of our money from athletics and the rest ... was coming from the school music budget," he said. "The cost of one away trip with the marching band was more

than the budget we were getting from athletics.

"We told the athletic department that ... we couldn't afford to take the whole band to away games."

Kloecker said a road trip with an overnight stay could cost as much as \$21,000.

"That's a substantial chunk of change," he said.

The decision to begin traveling again was made last year at a meeting with Athletic Director Bill Byrne, Kloecker said.

"He said, 'We would like you to start traveling — we'd like to have the band at one Big Eight away game every year,'" Kloecker said.

Kloecker said he did not know

how Byrne managed to secure the money to send the band to Manhattan, Kan.

"It's actually none of my business," he said. "We're just happy that they think we're important enough ... to be at some of the big games."

Band members said that before they left for Manhattan on Saturday, they were excited about their upcoming performance in KSU Stadium.

"We get to show off the whole band. This will be the first time (in five years) anyone in the Big Eight has been able to see us outside of our own stadium," said trumpet player Kirk McGee, a senior business administration major.

The band is larger today than it

was five years ago. Kloecker said 285 band members and 15 staff members traveled in seven charter buses this weekend to the Kansas State game. A 20-foot-long truck was used to haul two tons of instruments and other equipment.

The convoy rolled at 4:30 a.m. on Saturday and arrived in Manhattan, Kan., at 7:30 a.m.

Kloecker said he was pleased with the trip.

"It was a good trip; the band performed well. It was a very smooth trip."

There were no parties this time; band members had no time. The band left Manhattan at 5:30 p.m. and returned 30 minutes ahead of schedule on Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

## MASA continues to boycott

By Julie Sobczyk  
Staff Reporter

The Mexican American Student Association will continue to boycott the Multi-Cultural Affairs office, according to a letter the group wrote to Chancellor Graham Spanier.

MASA President Cathy Maestas said the group wrote the letter to remind the student affairs office that the boycott was still in effect.

"The boycott stands," she said. "We just want to point out and we want people to know that although some concerns have been met, our main concerns have not. No one can name any significant change, as far as our relationship with MCA or student affairs."

MASA's boycott started last February because of the Multi-Cultural Affairs office's hiring practices. All directors and assistant directors of the office are black, Maestas said.

"MCA is supposed to serve students of all backgrounds, and they are not doing that," she said.

MASA also is concerned that the office's latest hirings did not include Latinos in the interviewing, Maestas said.

"In the last hire there was not a great attempt to make the screening diverse or to include Latinos," she said. "Three Latinos applied, but none made the interviewing."

In light of the recent death of Francisco Renteria, Maestas said, MASA also would like to make sure University of Nebraska-Lincoln police officers become more bilingual, she said.

"If there was a bilingual staff, who knows? Maybe this Renteria tragedy would not have happened."

A UNL police officer mistakenly identified Renteria, 29, as a man violating a protection order. Renteria died on Oct. 1 while in the custody of Lincoln police.

MASA's letter also addressed the lack of communication between MASA and the student affairs office. Maestas said no one from Student Affairs contacted MASA to arrange meetings. MASA has arranged all the meetings during the summer and this semester, she said.

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs at UNL, said he was willing to meet with MASA.

"The MASA leaders know I've been available to meet with them any time they want," Griesen said.

Griesen said within the next week

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## Professor: Regent candidate spending typical

By DeDra Jansson  
Senior Reporter

The wide range of campaign spending in the NU Board of Regents races is common, a political science expert said.

Regent candidates have spent between \$5,000 and \$46,000 during the campaign, according to a State Accountability and Disclosure Commission report released last week.

John Hibbing, a political science professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said such variation was common in lower-level races. Some candidates have more access to money than others, he said.

"You can spend as much as you want," Hibbing said. "There are no restrictions on

these things, and this is what results."

Keith Vrbicky of Norfolk has been the biggest spender in the campaign so far, the report showed. He has spent about \$46,000. Vrbicky is a candidate in the 3rd District.

"We've spent more, but we've also worked harder," Vrbicky said.

Vrbicky said he had appeared at every parade and county fair in his district.

"We won't spend a dime more than it will take to effectively communicate to our voters in our district the issues facing the university," he said.

Most of Vrbicky's spending occurred before the primary, he said.

As the campaign continues, Vrbicky said he would have to rely on costly media adver-

tising to communicate those issues. He cannot spend all his time on the campaign trail, he said.

Vrbicky has purchased radio and billboard advertisements. He said he had spent no money on negative advertising.

"Our campaign has focused on the issues," he said.

Vrbicky said he hoped to limit his spending to between \$50,000 and \$55,000.

"Some of the candidates in the other districts may outspend us in the end," he said.

Most of the \$47,000 that has been raised so far has come from Vrbicky and his wife, Karen, he said. They have contributed almost \$24,000 to the campaign.

"My motivation is it's an important posi-

tion for the future of our youth," Vrbicky said. "I look at it as an investment in my children's and your children's futures in education."

Vrbicky said he would not rely on corporations to fund his campaign. Only two corporations have contributed to his campaign. One of those corporations, Midwest Ob/Gyn in Norfolk, has contributed about \$1,000. Vrbicky works for that corporation.

Two political action committees also have contributed to Vrbicky's campaign.

Vrbicky's opponent, Chuck Hassebrook of Walthill, has spent only \$11,500 during the campaign, about \$35,000 less than Vrbicky.

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