

# Vote

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follow politics, and that is bad." Kevin Kavanagh, a freshman general studies major, said he probably wouldn't vote; he hadn't registered. "I'm not interested in politics yet," Kavanagh said.

Both students said they did not associate with a political party, but Ronne said she identified more with the Republican party because her parents were members.

Hibbing said students were fairly independent when it came to political parties. He said independents did not vote as often as people affiliated with a political party, and students' independence could contribute to the low number of younger voters.

Since the 1980s and the terms of Ronald Reagan, students have been more conservative, Hibbing said—a change from the traditional liberal stance students in the '60s and '70s

took. "That might be changing back in the '90s, but it may be too soon to tell," he said.

Hibbing said his children were excited about a straw poll election at their elementary schools Tuesday. That kind of enthusiasm usually wears off by the time children reach legal voting age, he said.

However, Hibbing said, the number of voters increased with age and the level of education. He said voter participation peaked among 55- to 60-year-old voters.

Virginia Currin, a 34-year-old junior psychology major, said she was going to vote in the election. She said her family made it a project to get informed about the candidates and vote.

Currin said voting gave her the right to gripe about the government. "For us being minorities, we haven't always had the privilege," said Currin, who is an African American.

# Student senate will assume sponsorship of Homecoming

By Melanie Brandert  
Staff Reporter

ASUN made itself the official sponsor of Homecoming at its meeting Wednesday.



Andrew Loudon, president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, said after the meeting that senators approved a new bylaw change that gave the event a permanent sponsor.

Previously, homecoming was

sponsored by the Office of Student Involvement, University Program Council and the Student Affairs office.

Loudon said future Homecoming coordinators would be appointed by the ASUN president.

He said the steering committee would consist of representatives from the following organizations: ASUN, Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Association, Residence Hall Association, Student Alumni Association, NU Athletic Department and University Program Council. Each organization will organize specific events during Homecoming week.

ASUN decided it wanted to take over the event because it thought the weeklong celebration should belong to UNL students.

"ASUN is the only autonomous or student run organization on campus," he said. "We are totally student-run and elected, so in a sense we are student-owned."

Loudon said Homecoming was successful this year because ASUN provided activities that encouraged more student involvement.

"We are bringing traditions back and there is a sense that students are getting more involved with Homecoming activities," he said.

# POLICE REPORT

## Beginning Monday midnight

8:24 a.m. — Accident, Stadium Drive, \$100 damage.  
11:00 a.m. — Larceny other, Morrill Hall, \$700 loss.  
4:29 p.m. — Larceny from building, Love Library, periodicals taken, cleared with one arrest.  
6:43 p.m. — Larceny from building, Sandoz Residence Hall, purse and contents taken, \$32 loss.

## Beginning Tuesday midnight

12:56 a.m. — Phone calls, Smith Residence Hall.

1:35 a.m. — Bomb threat, 1125 N. 16th Street.  
1:44 a.m. — Miscellaneous, 1510 Vine St., cleared with one arrest.  
10:34 a.m. — Hit-and-run accident, Union Meter Lot, \$500 damage.  
12:09 p.m. — Larceny from building, South Memorial Stadium, \$80 loss.  
3:58 p.m. — Larceny from building, Abel Residence Hall, bike taken, \$420 loss.  
4:02 p.m. — Hit-and-run accident, Area 1 parking lot at 18th and Q streets, \$250 damage to vehicle.  
6:08 p.m. — Injury/sickness, Neihardt Residence Center, party transported to Lincoln General Hospital by Eastern Ambulance.

# Grant to upgrade lab equipment

By John Fulwider  
Staff Reporter

A \$10,000 grant to the Department of Industrial and Management Systems Engineering will improve a UNL research program, a department assistant professor said.

Robert Williams said the grant, which was used to upgrade existing laboratory equipment, would expand the Nontraditional Manufacturing Research Center's research capabilities.

The grant was one of 25 metro-

logy equipment grants to 19 schools as part of Browne & Sharpe's Excellence in Metrology Education Grant Program. Brown and Sharpe is the oldest leading manufacturer of equipment for metrology, the science of measuring precision machine components.

Williams said a previous grant from Browne & Sharpe allowed the center to purchase a MicroVal Coordinate Measuring Machine, which will be upgraded with the new grant.

The device allows for different machine parts to be measured pre-

cisely in a number of dimension and surface measurements.

The CMM and other machines also are used by students who do not attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Students from other colleges and engineers employed by local manufacturing firms use the equipment on weekends.

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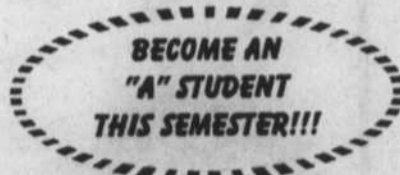
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