

# UNL magazine wins arts award

By Lane Hickenbottom  
Staff Reporter

UNL's own *Prairie Schooner* magazine will be honored with the Organizational Achievement Award at the 1996 Governor's Arts Awards.

*Prairie Schooner* was selected from a field of more than 300 individuals and organizations that were nominated for their continuing contributions to the arts in Nebraska.

Published quarterly with support from the UNL English Department

and the University of Nebraska Press, this literary magazine has featured excellent contemporary fiction, poetry, essays and translations for the past 70 years.

Hilda Raz, editor of the magazine, said she was excited about the award. "This recognition means a lot to us at this time. It's praise from our home state, something very special," Raz said.

On a national level, the *Schooner* has won many awards in recent years. Among these awards are the Best

American Essays Award in 1995, the Best American Short Stories Award in 1994 and prizes from Pushcart Prizes and Best American Poetry.

National recognition is great, Raz said, but it doesn't quite have the same sweet taste that comes with winning at home.

"We've had lots of national recognition, but this is our first major recognition from the state," she said. "This recognizes *Prairie Schooner* in a national context, but (also) right here at home."

Linda Hughes, community arts coordinator for the Nebraska Arts Council, said the award also was a significant achievement.

The committee that selects winners, Hughes said, is comprised of people who represent a wide range of knowledge regarding the arts in Nebraska. Past winners of the award are among those included in the panel.

*Prairie Schooner* is available for \$6.45 a copy at the University Bookstore, J.L. Lee Booksellers and Barnes & Noble.

## Roses

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Lisa is a stereotypical workaholic — she lives for the deal. While sitting triumphantly across from a major client, she receives the startling news that her foster father has just passed away. Unfazed, she finishes her business coolly and professionally.

Arriving home, Walker finds her goldfish also has died. Unable to hold in her grief any longer, she breaks down and cries in front of an open window.

The next day, she goes to work as if nothing is wrong only to find an astonishing bouquet of flowers waiting for her, delivered by Farrell.

Forced into a vacation by her boss, Walker sets out to discover who sent the flowers, only to discover that Farrell sent them himself after seeing her crying at her window the night before.

From there, the story becomes a typical, sappy romance. But unlike many Hollywood romances, "*Bed of Roses*" succeeds.

## The Facts

**Film:** "Bed of Roses"  
**Stars:** Christian Slater, Mary Stuart Masterson  
**Director:** Michael Goldenberg  
**Rating:** PG (mild language)  
**Grade:** B  
**Five Words:** Valentine's Day a little early

Masterson is beautiful as the unsure and shy Walker, who dreams of a knight in shining armor but is scared to believe her dream can come true.

Slater fits very well into the "nice-guy-who-has-been-burned-by-love-before" role.

But the story is exactly what shines most. A simple, innocent story, "*Bed of Roses*" does not try to mask what it is — a sentimental fable about true love. And in the end, that's what keeps "*Bed of Roses*" from being just another love story.

## Young saxophonist wins concert spot

By Craig Wagner  
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska Jazz Orchestra's Young Jazz Artist Competition winner will perform with the orchestra tonight at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center, 141 N. Ninth St.

The orchestra, comprised mainly of music educators, designed its "Catch a Rising Star" competition to encourage the education of young jazz performers.

The competition was open to students age 21 and younger, but those who entered the contest were all in high school.

The first round of competition was held last fall with nine contestants, five of whom went on to compete in the final round Jan. 21. The competition was judged by the orchestra's music director and members of the rhythm section. The competition had a fine turnout and was closely watched.

The winner was Frank Brasile, a 17-year-old high school senior from Omaha Central. Brasile plays the baritone saxophone and will perform big-band jazz with the orchestra.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$12 for adults, \$9 for senior citizens, and \$5 for students.

## Vegas

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Enter Sera (Elisabeth Shue), a streetwise prostitute who takes a liking to Ben, whose company fills her void by allowing her to feel needed.

These poor, unfortunate souls love each other for who and what they are, and they each feed off that.

But Ben isn't doing so hot. Whenever he spends just a few hours away from the booze, he starts getting the shakes, dry-heaving and convulsing. The only way to fix this is to drink even more.

And when Sera realizes that she might not be able to live with Ben in this condition, their illusions of security and faith in each other begin to crumble.

"*Leaving Las Vegas*" features incredible performances from both Cage and Shue.

Cage's versatility helped him

through duds like "Trapped in Paradise," and he's back for revenge in "*Leaving Las Vegas*." His shell-of-a-man portrayal of Ben is right on the money, drawing the moviegoer into his very soul, where nobody would want to go.

Shue is equally impressive, especially when considering her earlier work in films such as "Adventures in Babysitting" and "The Karate Kid." She gives Sera a very hard edge, but keeps a knowledge of the dangers and hopelessness of her life.

The supporting cast is full of surprises as well, including cameos by Steven Weber ("Wings"), Valeria Golino ("Hot Shots!") and Julian Lennon.

Director Mike Figgis brings out the humanity in each of the characters, making them as realistic as possible. Figgis isn't afraid of showing just how cruel and heartless real life can be to anyone at anytime in any place.

The soundtrack for the film is

## The Facts

**Film:** "Leaving Las Vegas"  
**Stars:** Nicolas Cage, Elisabeth Shue, Julian Sands  
**Director:** Mike Figgis  
**Rating:** R (language, subject matter, nudity, violence, etc.)  
**Grade:** A  
**Five Words:** Hopeless souls share unconditional love

equally exceptional, featuring performances from Sting and Don Henley.

Incidentally, Oscar nominations are about three weeks away, and don't be surprised if "*Leaving Las Vegas*" is mentioned in a cornucopia of Academy Award categories.

It's gritty. It's vicious. It's life. It's "*Leaving Las Vegas*."

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115 Nebr. Union

**Join the OFFICE**  
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**KON**  
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**Student Government Elections Information Packet**  
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**Student Election Group Form**  
Filing Deadline Noon - Jan. 31

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