

Graduation could get easier

By Erin Schulte
Staff Reporter

A resolution to revise graduation procedures will be voted on by the Academic Senate at its monthly meeting today at the Beadle Center.

Doug Jose, president of the Academic Senate, said if the resolution passed, seniors could participate in commencement as long as they were enrolled two weeks prior to the event in classes that completed graduation requirements.

Professors no longer would be required to submit final grades the day before commencement, Jose said. Graduates would not receive a diploma until all classes were completed successfully.

The current guidelines leave graduates wondering if they will participate in commencement, thus pushing professors to submit grades too soon, he said.

Leo Sartori, one of the Academic Senate members who proposed the

resolution, said it would be favorable for students.

Problems with grade appeals would be avoided with the new resolution, Sartori said. If a last-minute problem occurred, he said, students could graduate as long as they were registered, but they might not receive their diplomas that day.

Grade appeal decisions would be more fair and would not have to be rushed, he said.

Another problem Sartori said he experienced could be eliminated by the resolution.

Final exam grades were due the Friday before commencement, he said, and sometimes professors had as little as an hour to grade exams.

The option of exempting seniors from finals is not fair, Sartori said, and the resolution will allow seniors to take finals and leave professors ample time to grade them.

In other business, Chancellor James Moeser will meet with the Academic Senate for the first time. Jose predicted that Moeser would present his agenda for the year.

NU Board of Regents Chairman Don Blank of McCook also will address the Senate.

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Law & Order

A LOOK AT CRIME ON CAMPUS AND IN THE COMMUNITY

BURGLARY

More than \$10,000 damage was done to property during a break-in at Lincoln East High School on Saturday night, police reports said.

A custodian arrived at noon Sunday to find the center north doors unlocked, Sgt. Ann Heermann said.

The custodian discovered that someone had broken into a storage room, two lockers and the cafeteria, where silverware was thrown all over the floor.

Cooler doors had been pried open, and food and a computer were destroyed for a total loss of \$10,194.

ASSAULT

A man armed with a baseball bat burst in through a window and assaulted an apartment resident Friday night, police said.

Randall Rogers, 26, was watch-

ing television in his living room when, just after midnight, his doorbell rang. Seconds later, a cement block crashed through the window of his apartment near 13th and C streets.

A black male wearing a white, hooded sweatshirt climbed inside and allegedly threatened Rogers with a baseball bat, police said.

Rogers fled to the bedroom with the suspect chasing him. When Rogers attempted to leave through the broken window, the suspect hit him in the back of the head with the bat and fled, police said.

Rogers was released from Lincoln General Hospital after being treated for a head injury and minor cuts from the broken window.

During the investigation, police found 1 1/2 pounds of marijuana in the apartment.

Police arrested Rogers for possession of marijuana with intent to deliver and took him into custody after he was treated for his injuries.

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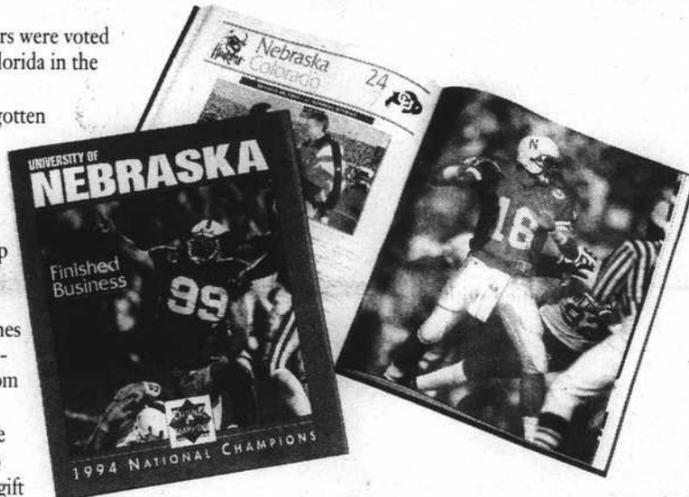
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Grasslands are treated like dirt, Massengale says

By John Rupprecht
Staff Reporter

Nebraskans need to be more aware of the importance of the state's grasslands, NU President Emeritus Martin Massengale told an audience at the University of Nebraska State Museum during Sunday Afternoon with a Scientist.

Massengale serves as the director of the Center for Grassland Studies. More than half of Nebraska is covered with grasses that are important for agriculture, natural beauty, wildlife habitat and prevention of erosion, he said.

Grasslands are next in importance to water, air and land as a natural resource, Massengale said. If all grasses in the world disappeared — for just one year — the result would be worldwide famine.

"All the prominent crops in Nebraska except for soybeans are in the grass family," he said.

Massengale said the value of Nebraska's agricultural commodities was about \$9 billion a year. That amount includes grass-eating range animals in the Sandhills.

"Ranchers are really another form of grass farmers," said Chuck Butterfield, a research technologist for the UNL Department of Agronomy who also spoke at the program.

And grasslands don't always receive the attention they deserve, he said.

"There is a large focus in education on rain forests," Butterfield said. "Our children right here in Nebraska come up to Omaha (Henry Doorly Zoo) to see rain forests and drive right past grasslands."

Massengale said funds for grass research had suffered deep cuts because of downsizing and federal aid reductions.

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