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WEATHER:

Today - Partly sunny, and warm. Southeast wind 15 to 25 mph.

Tonight - Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain.



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Scott Bruhn/DN

Lil' Red slaps fives to some of the 14,000 school children who attended the fifth annual "School is Cool" Jam at the Bob Devaney Sports Center on Monday morning.

Schoolhouse rock

Husker athletes teach 14,000 students

By Chad Lorenz
Senior Reporter

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Amber Floyd and Keyne Rolence think school is cool — especially when it's in the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Teachers such as former NU quarterback Tommie Frazier and Cornhusker gymnast Joy Taylor taught lessons about staying in school and saying no to drugs.

The two sixth-grade girls from Centennial Elementary School in Utica were among 14,000 grade school and middle school students who came to the "School is Cool" Jam.

Screaming youngsters waved their "School is Cool" white hankies — handed out by their teachers — from the crowded stands. Lil' Red bounced around the floor and gave high-fives to nearby grade-schoolers.

The students came to hear University of Nebraska athletes speak about the rewards of education and to watch local and national athletic talent.

Floyd and Rolence said Tommie Frazier was their favorite teacher.

Frazier, the quarterback for both Husker national championship football teams, told the children to be determined in everything they do, especially school.

"I hope to play pro football, but if I don't,

"The more well-rounded you are, the more prepared you'll be for the rest of your life."

JOY TAYLOR
Nebraska gymnast

"I'll always have my degree," said Frazier, who was escorted on and off the court by UNL Police Chief Ken Cauble. "And in this very arena, I'll get that degree."

Tanya Crevier, known as the world's best female basketball handler, impressed the crowd with her skills and motivational message.

She dribbled, spun and juggled as many as four basketballs around her head and under her legs to songs such as "Destined to Win."

Crevier told the crowd to never give up. She showed them as she tried four times to simultaneously catch two balls behind her back by reaching between her legs. On the

final attempt she caught them and bowed.

Sandy Kendell, a sixth-grade teacher at Hickory Hill Elementary in Papillion, said Crevier's message kept the children's interest because she entertained them while teaching.

"The kids loved it," Kendell said.

The event's finale, a jam contest with Husker football players Eric Warfield, Jamel Williams and Michael Booker, also was a hit.

The three demonstrated impressive dunking skills, so all were declared winners — for trying.

Nebraska's national championship football players were joined by national championship volleyball players Billie Winsett, Allison Weston and Christy Johnson.

The three volleyball players explained the strategy the team used to win its national title.

"You've got to set the goal, and you've got to stay focused if you want to be a champion," Johnson said.

Taylor said the secrets to gymnastics — balance and overcoming fear — could help in academic success. She urged students to keep a balance between school and activities.

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Students invited to discussions about diversity

By Joy Ludwig
Staff Reporter

UNL students and faculty can actively participate in a series of interactive discussions about diversity this week and next week in the Nebraska Union.

The Brown Bag Diversity Series will cover issues such as affirmative action, building and understanding diversity, multiculturalism, homophobia and racism, said John Harris, special assistant to the vice chancellor for student affairs.

"It's an attempt to provide cultural education for our campus community on a variety of issues," he said.

Harris encouraged students and faculty to bring their opinions so they could participate in discussions instead of just listen to lectures.

The people giving the presentations are from different walks of life, Harris said, including professors, a student, a minister and a UNL staff member.

"Hopefully they will be able to stir up an interest in what we are doing and discussing,"

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Director: Playboy exploits women

By Anne Hjernsman
Senior Editor

It's a wolf in bunnies' clothing. That's what Charlyne Berens, an assistant news-editorial journalism professor, said of Playboy's plan to feature University of Nebraska-Lincoln students in its "Women of the Big 12" issue.

The Playboy Bunny will be hopping into Lincoln on April 22 and 23 to interview and photograph candidates for what has become one of the magazine's most popular annual editions. It features women from one of the country's major college confer-

ences each year.

For some, it could be a dream come true.

For Berens and other feminists, it could be a nightmare.

Before coming to UNL in 1990, Berens worked as editor and co-publisher of the Seward County Independent for 14 years. She served as president of the Nebraska Press Association from 1989 to 1990.

Berens was also a panelist in a recent discussion on pornography involving journalists and journalism professors.

"I just don't think we need Playboy and magazines like that in the

world," Berens said. "They merely perpetuate stereotypes about women and keep them in their traditional place as objects of lust."

Karen Ring Borgstrom, a Playboy publicist, disagreed and said the women who appeared in the college conference issues were anything but traditional.

"Most of them are serious students with serious career goals," she said.

But career goals and fields of study aren't what Playboy's pictorials are about, Berens said.

"They say nothing about what a

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