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Rowing up



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KERI ZAPPA, a Nebraska woman novice rower, holds on to a pair of spoons (oars) as the team waits to load them on to the boat trailer and return home. Today and Saturday, the team will be rowing in a 36-hour Erg-a-thon in Memorial Plaza to raise money for charity and the club. Please see story on page 8.

Consultant to help UNL improve climate for women

By ERIN SCHULTE
Senior Reporter

A consultant hired by UNL to scrutinize the climate for women athletes on campus said she was not hired to second-guess the university's handling of the Lawrence Phillips issue, but rather to help UNL improve the overall environment for women on campus.

"I want to make sure this is not a regurgitation of a single issue," Betty Ledbetter said. "I didn't come here for the purpose of finding if the university made a correct decision."

"You can't change the past, what you can do is learn from it."

Phillips, a former star running back for the NU football team, pleaded no contest in September 1995 to charges of assaulting his ex-girlfriend, who was a member of the NU women's basketball team. He was suspended from the

team for six games, then reinstated.

Ledbetter, vice president and general counsel for Brown University in Providence, R.I., has come to campus to interview student-athletes about the climate for women at UNL. Ledbetter has worked on cases that deal with hate speech and compliance issues for the NCAA.

Ledbetter said she planned to look at the university as an outsider.

"Someone from the outside may look at issues in a broader fashion," she said.

Ledbetter said she randomly selected names from sports rosters for her first interviews, but that word was spreading she was here to help fix any possible problems.

All students are welcome to talk to her, she said, if they have insight to what's going on for student-athletes, or

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Bookstores at odds over copyright laws

By ERIN SCHULTE
Senior Reporter

Managers at the Nebraska Bookstore admit that they may get their class packets to students more slowly than the University Bookstore. But unlike their competitors, they say, they take time to make sure no copyright laws are broken.

Course packets that use material from other books or journals must receive copyright approval before they're printed.

But this semester, the University Bookstore printed and sold English 186 course packets two days before receiving copyright permission.

Rushing to get packets to professors and students makes customers happy, said Martha Hoppe, manager of Nebraska Bookstore's Grade A Notes, which competes with the University Bookstore for the packets.

But breaking copyright laws to serve customers is a flawed practice, she said.

"They get impatient, and the instructors are on their case — they assume they'll eventually get the copyright," Hoppe said. "They're trying to satisfy their customer, but it's illegal, and it's unethical."

Even if the packet receives copyright approval before it's sold, the fact that it was printed without approval is the key problem, Hoppe said.

"It's like driving a car when you're a week from your 16th birthday," said Jason Young, another Grade A Notes manager. "Sure, you're gonna get (approval) eventually, but ..."

A legal scrap in the late 1980s produced a law commonly known as the "Kinko's law" that prohibits copy shops from reproducing copyrighted materials without the permission of the copyright holder, she said.

Kinko's was ordered to pay \$200,000 for each past infraction of that law, Hoppe said, and the incident has made copy shops more aware of their copying rights.

"That's why Kinko's is no longer in the business of packets," Young said.

Hoppe said both professors and the university were liable if unapproved copyrighted material ends up in their packets.

Young and Hoppe said the University Bookstore was taking away business from Grade A Notes, which makes about 75 packets a semester compared to the University Bookstore's 300.

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Kerrey predicts cooperation with elected newcomer Hagel

By CHAD LORENZ
Senior Reporter

Nebraska's lone Democrat in Washington isn't afraid to stand alone.

Although U.S. Sen. Bob Kerrey will be the only Nebraska Democrat in Congress next year, he said he'll work well with Republican newcomer Chuck Hagel.

Kerrey and Hagel's senate business next year won't be a partisan conflict, Kerrey told the Daily Nebraskan Thursday.

"It's in Nebraska's best interests for us to work together," he said.

Kerrey admitted that he and Hagel had some obvious political differences, but said he wouldn't know how much they disagreed until they started forming specific plans and casting

votes.

Sometimes the details of a candidate's stands aren't worked out until that time, Kerrey said. For example, Kerrey said he didn't completely understand Hagel's plan to eliminate the Department of Education.

"That's a campaign issue and that's over now," Kerrey said.

He said he would decide if he supports Hagel's plan after it's all laid out.

If the department can be cut without lowering the nation's high standards of education, Kerrey said, he may vote for it. Kerrey said he once supported plans to combine the Department of Education with another department.

"If it really is that he wants to cut 31 percent out of education, I'm 100 percent against it,"

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Victims of Stalin, Lenin remembered

By PAMELA STORM
Staff Reporter

Members of one of Lincoln's largest ethnic groups gathered Thursday night to remember ancestors killed under the brutal regimes of Josef Stalin and V.I. Lenin.

Marking the anniversary of Russia's 1917 Bolshevik Revolution about 100 ethnic German Russians from the Lincoln area came together to remember relatives and loved ones who suffered and died in the Soviet Union.

Millions of German Russians died under the rule of Josef Stalin and V.I. Lenin, University of Nebraska-Lincoln senior Samuel Sin-



MATTHEW WAITE/DN

ELMA KEHLING lights a candle Thursday night to remember Russian Germans who were killed after the Communists took over Russia. Clara Wertz looks on.

ner said. They were starved to death, hanged, shot in the head and stabbed in the back, he said.

Sinner told the crowd to remember that the survivors of the geno-

cide created a close-knit group among German Russians and said that bond needs to survive.

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