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NU gymnast Marshall Nelson has become one of the Cornhuskers' most prolific scorers this season. PAGE 9



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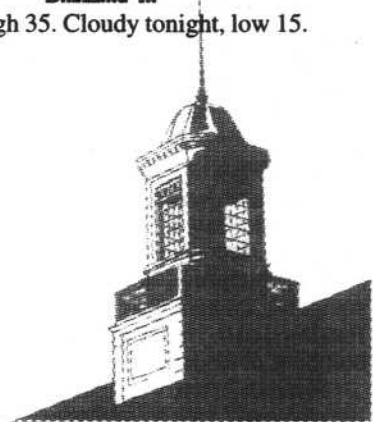
"Sunbeam," a painting by Laura Nothorn, will be displayed when Lincoln's downtown galleries open their new shows this weekend. PAGE 7

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Windy, high 35. Cloudy tonight, low 15.



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NU urged to amend hiring ratio

Bill pushes for more women, minority faculty

By ERIN SCHULTE
Senior Reporter

The University of Nebraska could face budget cuts if it fails to recruit minority and women faculty, according to a proposed bill heard Monday by the Nebraska Legislature's Education Committee.

LB858, introduced by Sen. Don Wesely of Lincoln, would create the "Excellence in Higher Education Fund." The bill would require NU campuses to restructure hiring and tenure policies to encourage recruitment of minorities and women. This would be funded by 1 percent of the university

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budget.

The goal of the bill is to bring NU into the top quarter among peer universities in its employment of women and minorities. If, by the year 2002, NU is not in the top half in employing women and minorities, 3 percent of its budget would be held in escrow until NU achieved this goal.

The bill states hiring women and minorities is important because Nebraskans need to be better prepared to compete in a global economy. To do that, a broad higher education experience is needed, it states.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor James Moeser spoke against the bill at the committee hearing. He said NU officials agreed with the goals of the bill, but not the method used to achieve them. He read testimony prepared by NU President Dennis Smith, who was sick and could not come to the hearing.

"There is no need for a bill that would hold a portion of our budget hostage until a quota is met," Moeser said.

Moeser said the University of Nebraska was on target with its rate of hiring women, and that it should be in the top half of its peer institutions in this area. Hiring minorities, he said, was

not as successful.

"Here we are falling short of the mark," Moeser said.

That was not unusual at any university, though, he said. Sen. Ardyce Bohlke of Hastings asked Moeser if his previous employers, the University of South Carolina and University of Kansas, had problems recruiting minorities.

"They're dealing with precisely the same issue," Moeser said. "All the campuses were fighting desperately to find faculty of color."

Sen. Janis McKenzie of Harvard said judging by the makeup of uni-

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Broadcasters disagree with gambling bill

The proposed bill would ban all forms of gambling advertising.

By JIM GOODWIN
Staff Reporter

Purveyors of Iowa's "loosest slots" will have to advertise their wares by word of mouth in Nebraska if a bill heard Monday in the Legislature's General Affairs Committee is passed.

The bill would ban all advertising pertaining to out-of-state casino gambling. Casinos are illegal in Nebraska. They are legal, to some extent, in Iowa, South Dakota, Missouri and Colorado.

Sen. Jim Jensen of Omaha, who co-introduced LB381, said because casino gambling is illegal in Nebraska, the ban would be akin to outlawing the advertising of prostitution, which is legal in Nevada.

He said the bill would diminish the effects of compulsive gambling on Nebraskans' health, safety and welfare.

Sens. James Jones of Eddyville, Ed Schrock of Elm Creek and Kate Witek of Omaha also introduced the bill.

Specifically, LB381 would outlaw the broadcast, transmission, printing or display of casino commercial messages in Nebraska.

First-time violators would face a \$10,000 civil penalty. Subsequent violations, assessed daily, would incur penalties between \$20,000 and \$50,000.

The state treasurer would distribute all fines to the Nebraska Lottery's Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund, which would grant them to state rehabilitation organizations.

Opponents questioned the U.S. constitutionality of such a law, saying they felt it would violate the commerce clause and First Amendment freedoms of expression.

Howard Shrier, president of the Nebraska Broadcasters Association, said his organization opposed increased government regulation of television and radio.

"It would send a dangerous and chilling effect to ban advertising simply because we don't like a product or service," Shrier said. "We're not saying we're pro-casino gambling. We're saying we're pro-First Amendment and pro-advertising."

Representatives of the Advertising Federation of Lincoln, Omaha Federation of Advertising and Nebraska Press Association joined Shrier in opposing the bill.

Proponents said LB381 would curtail the ill social and financial side-effects of casino gambling by limiting the industry's introduction.

"What twisted logic lets us sit by letting glitzy ads attract our children

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LANE HICKENBOTTOM/DN

CATHER RESIDENCE HALL president John Tierney (center) serves as moderator at the ASUN debate Monday night in the Harper-Schramm-Smith Food Services building. Members of the ADVANCE party, from left, are second vice-presidential candidate Malcolm Kass, first vice-presidential candidate Amy Rager and presidential candidate Curt Ruwe. KEG party members shown are presidential candidate Scott Brauer, left, and second vice-presidential candidate Heather Olson. The first vice-presidential candidate for the KEG party, Mark Meyer, could not attend because of a class.

ASUN candidates hold first debate

By KASEY KERBER
Staff Reporter

The first debate between the ADVANCE and KEG parties lasted only 45 minutes, but may have seemed a lot longer for the members of KEG.

The Monday night debate, sponsored by the Residence Hall Association and held in the Harper-Schramm-Smith 24-hour study lounge, drew a crowd of about 25. The debate was the first of four be-

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tween opposing parties campaigning for control of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

More than a dozen of those in attendance were wearing ADVANCE stickers.

And while crowd participation was not allowed as part of the debate's format, light applause

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We have an increasing number of student contacts and hope to gain more until we saturate them into student government.”

SCOTT BRAUER
KEG presidential candidate