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Getting a chance

NU Sam linebacker Brian Shaw is on the top of the depth chart this spring at his position, a spot Shaw hopes to keep. PAGE 7



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The live-action edition of "101 Dalmations," which stars Glenn Close as Cruella DeVil, will be released to video this week. PAGE 9

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Senators set to debate surplus

Property tax issues are expected to dominate the rest of the Legislature's session.

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A buck — even if you've got \$300 million of them — only stretches so far.

And therein lies the debate that will carry on for much of the rest of this year's legislative session. This week, senators will begin discussing property tax issues and how to spend a \$305 million state surplus.

Last year, senators wrangled for hours with a bill that placed lids on taxes levied by local

governments beginning in 1998.

Local governments take in \$1.6 billion each year in property taxes, said George Kilpatrick, legal counsel for Revenue Committee Chairman Jerome Warner of Waverly.

Schools receive \$1 billion of this money. With the property tax lids, schools and local governments will receive less money.

This year, senators will try to determine who gets a helping hand in coping with the tax cuts using the surplus money.

Kilpatrick said the surplus comes from excess tax dollars, as the state has not had much spending growth, meaning taxes come in faster than they are spent.

"The current debate is how much surplus should go to local governments, and other people want to lock in money for schools," Kilpatrick said.

The \$305 million surplus might be used to

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replace revenue local governments will lose from property tax cuts. One proposal before the Legislature would allot \$100 million each year in surplus to schools. LB806 also would force some smaller schools across the state to consolidate to save money, said Tammy Barry, legal aid to Education Committee Chairwoman Ardyce Bohlke of Hastings.

The bill makes it mandatory, Barry said, for elementary-only school districts to merge with a single high school district. The elementary board's budget would be determined by the high school board.

About half the school districts in the state consist of only elementary schools, Kilpatrick

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Greek Week opens with AIDS lecture

By LINDSAY YOUNG
Staff Reporter

Fraternity and sorority members Monday night were shown how they can be a friend in the age of AIDS.

Joel Goldman and T.J. Sullivan kicked off Greek Week with an AIDS awareness program at the Lied Center for the Performing Arts.

Goldman is HIV positive, and Sullivan, a college friend, has teamed up with him to travel around the country speaking on the issue of friends dealing with AIDS. This is their fifth year of lecturing.

Both were members of fraternities at the University of Indiana.

Their presentation focused not only on making good decisions, but taking the initiative to step in when a friend is making a bad decision under the influence of alcohol.

Sullivan compared the idea to being a designated driver.

He said just as someone can make the decision to take keys from a drunk friend, someone can stop that drunken friend from making a bad decision sexually.

"There isn't one life we can take for granted. We're all in this together," Sullivan said at the beginning of the program.

But, Sullivan said, the program was not intended to scare or shock people with information they already knew.

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Women bowlers strike 2nd win at championship

By JOSH FUNK
Staff Reporter

The pins just kept falling as the Nebraska women's bowling club team rolled Saturday to its second national championship in the last three years.

The Cornhuskers defeated Erie (N.Y.) Community College 398-295 in the finals of the Intercollegiate Bowling Championships at the AMF Pro Bowl in North Kansas City, Mo.

The Nebraska women had the highest average in the tournament, even posting higher scores than the men's teams that were competing.

"The girls just dominated the field at this tournament," NU Coach Bill Straub said, "but they have been able to dominate wherever they went this year."

The tournament lasted three days to find the three teams with the highest averages. Those three teams competed Saturday and were taped by the FoxSports Network to be aired at a later date.

The defending national champion NU men's bowling club team finished the tournament in seventh place.

The teams in the finals used the Baker system

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Cleaning Up

Trash toting to reinforce ecology ideals

By SARAH BAKER
Staff Reporter

Instead of tossing their trash in a garbage can this week, some UNL students, staff and administrators are carrying it around campus.

The environmental group Ecology Now is sponsoring the Week's Worth of Trash through Friday to begin the activities for its seventh annual Earth Day Fair.

This week's participants are carrying trash bags around with them to determine the amount of trash an average person produces in a week — excluding food and toiletry waste.

Friday, the trash will be collected, sorted and then displayed on Earth Day in the greenspace north of the Nebraska Union. At the same location on Monday, Ecology Now will celebrate Earth Day with food, music and speakers from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dan Ulrich, coordinator of Week's Worth of Trash, said he hoped the event raises awareness.

"When we display the amount of trash that a person uses in a week, I think it may change some people's habits," Ulrich said. "I hope it will reinforce the idea of reduce, reuse and recycle on campus."

UNL Recycling Coordinator Dale Ekart said he plans to carry his trash bag with him constantly throughout the week, and also will include the trash he produces while at home.

Ekart said the outcome of the week will be interesting.

"To some degree, carrying trash will probably change the participants' ways," Ekart



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RACHEL KESTER (left), a freshman water science major, and Angie Noe, a freshman environmental studies major, are participating in Ecology Now's "Week's Worth of Trash" project. The Ecology Now members are carrying their trash with them everywhere they go this week in honor of Earth Day.

said. "Those that observe the findings at the end of the week might also be affected, even if it only causes them to think about the amount of trash they produce."

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, also volunteered to collect his trash this week.

"I'm not going to be surprised myself by how much trash I generate, but I think when other people see how much trash someone produces, they'll be surprised."

Griesen said he would keep his trash bag in his office because he couldn't take it with him to his many daily meetings. He also will keep a bag to collect his trash at home.

As of Monday afternoon, Griesen had collected a paper coffee cup, a Subway sack and wrapper, discarded paperwork and junk mail.

His discarded papers will collect the quickest, he said, and that represents only part of his trash. Other office workers also throw out trash that originates with him.

Curt Ruwe, president of the Association of

Students of the University of Nebraska, also said he would carry the bag with him everywhere it was appropriate to carry trash.

Ruwe said he was starting to accumulate trash in his bag — paper and a coffee cup lid — and he was getting some stares.

"I really got noticed when I was walking to class with the bag," Ruwe said. "I hope this sends a message to students that recycling is important."

Angie Noe, a freshman engineering major and member of Ecology Now, is another participant in the Week's Worth of Trash. She said she hopes the visual display catches people's attention.

"People look at the bag, but not many people actually comment," Noe said.

Noe said she had a copy of the Daily Nebraskan, a Jell-O box and some paper towels in her trash bag.

"I think if I lived off campus like some of the other participants, I would have more trash."