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Mr. Experience

Although he is participating in his first spring ball, NU cornerback Ralph Brown is the most experienced member of the secondary. **PAGE 7**



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Not-so-happy 'Birthday'

The romantic drama "To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday," released to video this week, doesn't live up to the play on which it is based. **PAGE 9**

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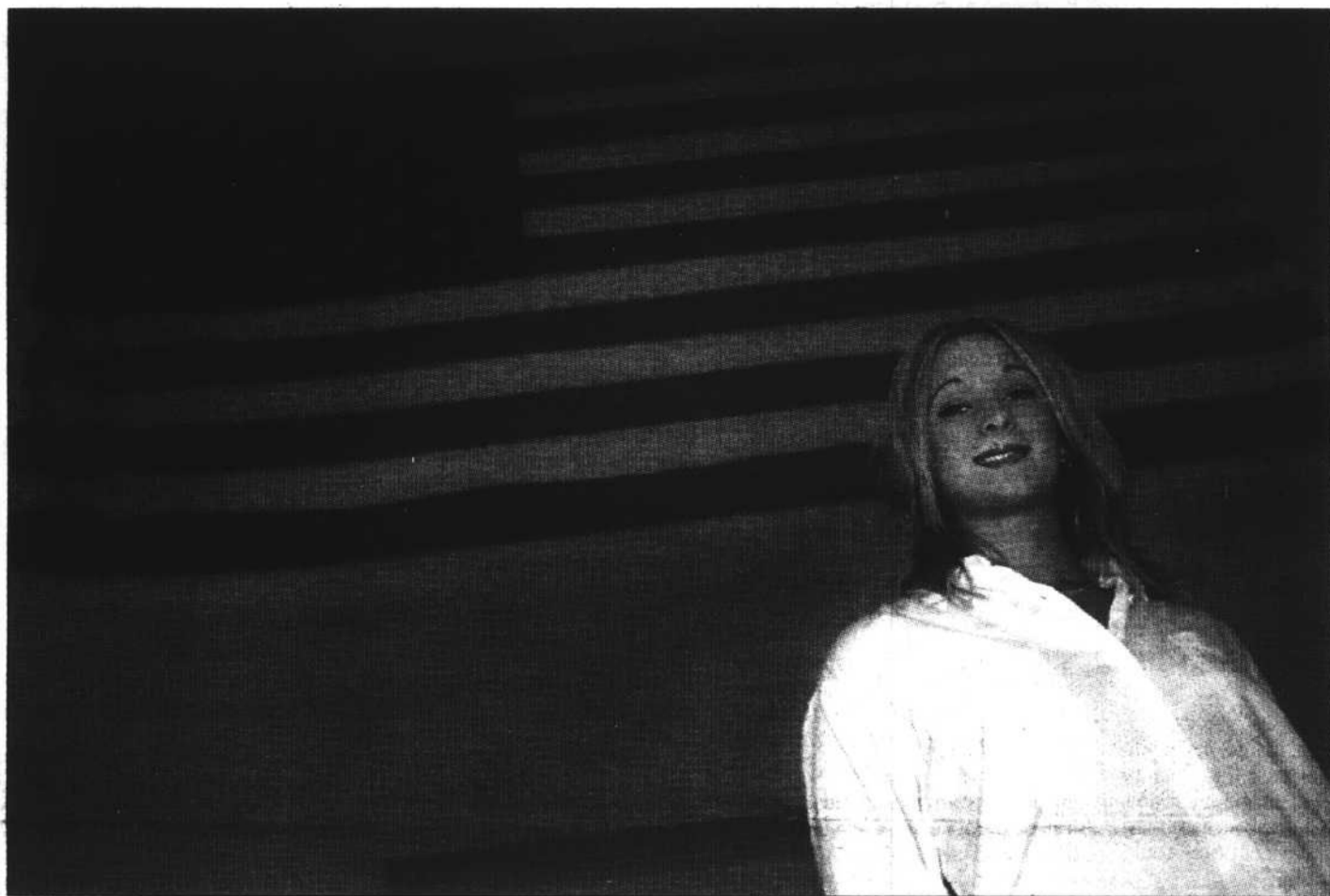
RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY ...
Rainy, high 55. Cloudy tonight, low 40.

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STEPHANIE ARTZ is one of three ROTC cadets chosen from 4,000 cadets nationwide to attend the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. this summer.

Task force sets gender equity goals

By LINDSAY YOUNG
Staff Reporter

Gender equity and safety on campus were the focus of a hearing open to the public Monday afternoon.

The hearing in the Nebraska Union's Centennial Ballroom was the final of four hearings by the NU Gender Equity Task Force on each of the four University of Nebraska campuses.

Three objectives were held by the task force for the hearings.

The task force aimed to find information about the practices and the climate particular to each campus and hear from personnel and those in charge of personnel about the programs that are useful for retention and the development of opportunities for women. The group wanted to give the people of each campus a chance to give their definition of gender equity issues.

Linda Pratt, Gender Equity Task Force chairwoman, wanted to emphasize the hearing was for discussion, not complaints.

"We are not a grievance panel," she said.

The panel would take the concerns and use them to help file a final report in July.

The discussion was led by four of the 11 members of the task force. These were Pratt, Regent Nancy O'Brien of Waterloo, Diane Gillespie of the Goodrich Scholarship Program on the Omaha campus and James Strand, president of Diversified Operations at Aliant Communications.

The hearing focused on the seven goals of the task force.

One of the task force's goals is to facilitate the hiring, career development, promotion and retention of female faculty and staff.

The issue of hiring higher-level women faculty was brought to the panel. Many members of the audience voiced their concern that many women faculty members are not employed long enough to apply for tenure.

This may stem from the small number of women faculty as compared to men, Pratt said.

"A lot of women are the only ones in their department," she said. "This is an issue of isolation or not fitting into the culture. This has been heard on other campuses."

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Sound off

UNL cadet to attend West Point Academy

By JESSICA FARGEN
Staff Reporter

UNL sophomore Stephanie Artz would normally spend her summer working and taking classes, but this summer she will study land navigation, weaponry and military tactics at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y.

Artz, a speech pathology major at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, was one of three Army ROTC cadets chosen from 4,000 Army ROTC cadets nationwide to attend West Point for an eight-week summer training camp.

And even though Artz will not be going to West Point's Camp Buckner until June 22, her training has already begun.

There is a lot to learn, Artz said, and more mental training than physical training is involved. The training camp is a pass/fail situation, Artz said. She will be taught a skill, then tested over it.

"Going there is not all just running around. There is also a lot of learning," Artz said.

Preparing for the cadet field training, water obstacle course and the Army physical fitness test she will take at the camp is important, Artz said.

But Artz said she concentrates more on

studying books about the M-16 rifle, military tactics and mastering the use of maps and compasses, over which she will be tested.

Lt. Col. Ricardo Barerra said this was a great honor for Artz and for the UNL ROTC program. This is the first year that West Point has allowed outside ROTC students to participate in the summer training camp, he said.

Barerra, commander of the ROTC unit at UNL, said the main objective of the training camp is to teach leadership.

Artz said she does not know what to expect at the camp, so she wants to be prepared for anything.

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Replacing Warner will be difficult, Nelson says

By ERIN SCHULTE
Senior Reporter

Gov. Ben Nelson said Monday he would spend the week mourning Sen. Jerome Warner's death and commemorating his contributions, waiting until next week to appoint a replacement for the Waverly senator.

Even next week, the task will be daunting, he said.

"Nobody can replace him," Nelson said. "But Senator Warner would be the first to say that his district needs representation.

"It's a tremendous responsibility."

Nelson said Warner's replacement might have to deal with extreme scrutiny and the feeling he or she wasn't properly filling Warner's shoes.

"They will do a good job, and that's all they can do," Nelson said.

If a senator dies while in office, the governor appoints a replacement to fill the senator's seat until the next election.

In the meantime, the Legislature begins floor debate this week on a tax bill package Warner helped through the Revenue Committee. Warner spent his last weeks in Tabitha Health Care Center, but still worked on the tax package

and was in contact with his office.

"(He) spent his last days in failing health thinking mostly of the Legislature and not of himself," Nelson said. "It's a personal sacrifice I can't imagine anyone else making."

Nelson said the Legislature will probably have to band together to make up for Warner's diplomatic talent of bringing together seemingly incompatible opinions.

"Clearly, the Legislature is going to feel the loss tomorrow," Nelson said, "and every day from now on."

Senators who will feel that loss have been asked by Sen. George

Coordsen of Hebron, chairman of the Legislature's Executive Board, to help decide on some type of permanent memorial for Warner. Sens. Coordsen, Ron Withem of Papillion, Doug Kristensen of Minden, Don Wesely of Lincoln and LaVon Crosby of Lincoln will help sift through suggestions from lawmakers and the public.

Nelson has ordered flags to be flown at half-staff across the state until sundown on Thursday, when Warner will be buried, but he said he'd like to see a remembrance "far more permanent than half-mast flags."

Possible memorials, Coordsen

said, include naming a state building or highway after Warner. Suggestions will be reviewed by the committee, which will make a recommendation to the Legislature for a vote.

Coordsen also said the Executive Board planned a special service for 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Capitol. Past and present members of the Legislature will be invited to meet and give short eulogies to remember Warner, he said.

"Every past senator who is alive probably served with Senator Warner at some time or other," Coordsen said. "It will be a Legislative family-type goodbye."