

## Road trip

After a 2-0 start, the Nebraska soccer team hits the road this weekend for pivotal games against Colorado and Vanderbilt. **PAGE 11**



## We have rocked you

Jamiroqui, No Doubt, Jewel and Beck garnered top honors Thursday night at the 1997 MTV Music Video Awards. **PAGE 14**

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Sunny, high 83. Partly cloudy tonight, low 50.

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## UNL introduces new alcohol policy

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UNL housing officials are trying to help students understand the consequences they face if they drink on campus.

A new alcohol policy was introduced this semester in response to what Douglas Zatechka, UNL's director of housing, called an "increased frequency and intensity" in students' drinking habits. The rules are the same: No alcohol is allowed in residence halls. But now housing officials are putting the rules in writing.

"The drinking was not limited to this campus," Zatechka said. "There are certainly campuses that have more drinking than UNL. But we felt it was time to make a definitive statement."

The statement included the introduction of the Step-By-Step Process of the Alcohol and Drug Intervention Plan. The details five violation levels and the punishments for each level.

The document was given to each residence hall student to read and sign, indicating students acknowledged the rules and consequences.

Zatechka said he wanted to prevent an incident similar to one at

Louisiana State University last week.

The excessive drinking at an LSU fraternity that left one student dead is one reason he hopes UNL's new alcohol policy for the residence halls will help keep students safe.

Zatechka also hopes it will serve as a reminder for what excessive drinking can do.

Residence hall directors were required to discuss the document and answer any questions students might have.

And questions did arise, Zatechka said.

One concern dealt with a student's choice to drink off campus and come

back to his or her residence hall intoxicated.

Zatechka said his goal was not to tell students they cannot drink, but to take responsibility for their actions when they do.

"If a student comes back to his residence hall intoxicated, goes to his room and goes to sleep, that's fine with me," Zatechka said. "We are more worried about students who might become violent or destructive when they come back intoxicated."

Such disturbances of the residence hall "community" is what the policy aims to control, Zatechka said. "There is a dollar cost associated

with the damage students cause," Zatechka said. "But the human cost is greater."

Also, some students were concerned that intoxicated students would not be able to come home to the residence halls.

Sarah Wilhelm, a biology and Spanish major and a student assistant for the third floor of Love Hall, said the policy had become a question of safety and trust for students on her floor.

"I think if some students are drunk, they will feel as though they

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## Dietitian: Cafeterias E. coli free

BY JOSH FUNK  
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Students who eat meals in UNL's residence halls do not need to worry about E. coli contamination in their meat, a food services coordinator said.

"We have never had any problems with food poisoning in food service. Our staff is very conscientious of sanitation," said Pamela Edwards, who is a registered dietitian.

This summer an outbreak of E. coli poisoning in Colorado was traced back to the Hudson Foods meat processing plant in Columbus. Twenty people became ill in the initial outbreak.

The outbreak resulted in the largest recall of meat in U.S. history, 25 million pounds, and the eventual closing of the Hudson plant.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln does not use any meat from Hudson. Its meat comes from Monfort and other suppliers.

Cleanliness in the kitchen is one way E. coli contamination can be prevented, Edwards said.

"We know the standards and procedures that must be maintained and our staff works very hard to maintain them," Edwards said.

Mindy Brashears, UNL extension food safety specialist, said E. coli outbreaks could be stopped by thoroughly cooking meat.

Meat should be cooked until its temperature is 155 degrees Fahrenheit for 20 seconds, she said.

Something else to watch out for when using raw meat is cross-contamination, which can happen when meat or its juices touches something that won't be cooked, Brashears said.

"Wash your hands every time you handle raw meat and make sure that

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LEAH MUSSELMAN, a senior accounting major, will be a member of the court of the Princesses of Quivira at Ak-Sar-Ben in October. Musselman, who is representative of her family's volunteer achievements, says she is honored to be a part of the event.

## 3 students royally selected

BY ADAM KLINKER  
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In the halls and on the sidewalks of UNL walk three princesses.

They are not necessarily of royal descent, but three University of Nebraska-Lincoln students will represent their families as Princesses of Quivira at the Ak-Sar-Ben Coronation Ball on Oct. 18 at the Ak-Sar-Ben Coliseum in Omaha.

Brittini Borchman, a senior psychology major; Leah Musselman, a senior business administration major; and Jennifer Pratt, a senior art education major, were selected Princesses of the Kingdom of Quivira as a tribute to their families, who have demonstrated out-

standing community service and philanthropy to Omaha, said Linda Kucirek, a spokeswoman for the Ak-Sar-Ben Ball Committee.

The selection is a tradition dating back 101 years to the first Ak-Sar-Ben Ball. This year, of the 23 princesses selected, one may be picked as Queen of Quivira.

The queen does not necessarily need to be a princess or even a member of the Court of Honor. "We like to keep them guessing as to who it's going to be," Kucirek said. "It keeps that mystery around." The man to be selected King of Quivira is traditionally age 50-60 and has served in a leadership capacity in an Omaha-area business or for the city.

In addition to having a family tradition of service and charity, the

princesses also must meet other criteria to be selected: They must be at least 21 by the time of the ball, they cannot be married or engaged and they must be from Omaha.

"It's nothing I've done," Musselman said, "although it's a great honor for my family and me." Musselman's father, John, has served as the president of the Omaha Symphony board of directors and is active with Junior Achievement and the board of Metropolitan Community College.

Her mother, Barbara, has served in leadership positions with United Way of the Midlands and was president of the Young Women's Christian Association.

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## NU wants computer funding

BY ERIN GIBSON  
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The University of Nebraska wants to spend more than \$10.4 million on creating a more modern computing infrastructure that can better handle thousands of the university's administrative accounting, budgeting, personnel and payroll transactions.

When completed, the new system will support "efficient and effective business processes necessary to meet the mission of the university," a proposal for the new system states.

The university's current financial systems are difficult to use, not integrated, not year-2000 compliant and labor intensive, the proposal states.

If the NU Board of Regents approves the computing upgrade at its meeting today in Varner Hall, the university will spend about \$2.6 million on new software from the SAB Corp. to improve accounting, budgeting, human resources and payroll systems.

Another \$7.6 million will be spent in three phases over four years to implement the software and provide upkeep services. IBM Corp. will receive \$2.3 million in phase one of the implementation contract to help tailor the SAB software to UNL's needs.

The computing upgrade is part of the university's four-year plan to improve its information technology infrastructure, and the \$10.4 million was part of the university's 1997-99 budget request.

Maintenance costs for the SAB software will top \$1 million. But the university will drop maintenance on its current systems that cost \$789,000 annually, leaving a net cost of \$231,000 for software maintenance.

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