



A little short

After a slow start to the Chip-N Club Invitational the NU women's golf team was unable to catch Missouri in the final rounds Tuesday. PAGE 9



Stocking the pantry

Rockers S.O.U.P. and Dixon Jane play a benefit Sunday at Antelope Park to aid the Food Bank of Lincoln. PAGE 12

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Democrats hopeful despite sketchy candidacy

BY BRIAN CARLSON
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Although the Democratic Party has yet to announce a candidate for governor in 1998, party members say they are gearing up and working hard behind the scenes.

And with the primary elections about eight months away, party officials say there is plenty of time to prepare.

Gary Randall, 2nd District chairman of the Nebraska Democratic Party, said four Democrats are considering the race.

Randall named Bill Hoppner, a Lincoln businessman; Maxine Moul, State Economic Development director; and state Sen. Ardyce Bohlke of Hastings as potential Democratic candidates for governor. He would not name the fourth.

Tricia Bruning, executive director of the Nebraska Democratic Party, described the fourth possible candidate as "an independently wealthy Western Nebraska businessman."

Nebraska Democratic Party officials had been reluctant to disclose the names of possible candidates, saying they wanted decisions to be made free from outside pressures.

But Bruning said the party is eager to recruit candidates to work for the interests of the entire state.

"We're looking for a candidate to represent the populist voice of Nebraska voters," she said. "The rural communities in this state are dying, and that's an issue that needs to be addressed."

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TRICIA BRUNING
executive director of the NDP

Hoppner is one potential candidate whose political philosophy has been described as populist. He said he was weighing both personal and political considerations before deciding if he would make a second bid for governor.

In the 1990 primary elections, Hoppner lost to Ben Nelson by 42 votes. Nelson went on to upset then-Gov. Kay Orr in the general election and was re-elected in 1994.

Hoppner said he and other possible candidates must have both a message for voters and the background to deal with state issues.

"The fundamental thing is that for the state to grow and to continue to grow economically, everybody in the state has to have a shot at a good education and share a fair and equitable tax burden," he said.

Hoppner said he probably would need to

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Keeping an eye on ASUN

BY BRAD DAVIS
Assignment Reporter

Today the Daily Nebraskan begins its continuing coverage of the top 10 goals set by the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska leadership for the fall semester.

"ASUN Watch," will be featured each Wednesday and will give students the opportunity to follow the progress their elected officials make throughout the semester.

The goals, as stated by ASUN President Curt Ruwe:

- 1. Continue commitment to diversity issues through sponsored events and increased communication with campus community.

Speaker of the Senate Viet Hoang has focused his efforts the past two semesters on recruiting a diverse pool of applicants for ASUN committees.

Also, an ASUN bill that recently passed requires senators to visit at least two assigned student groups each month. Hoang said he

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hopes this will give senators more connection with their constituency.

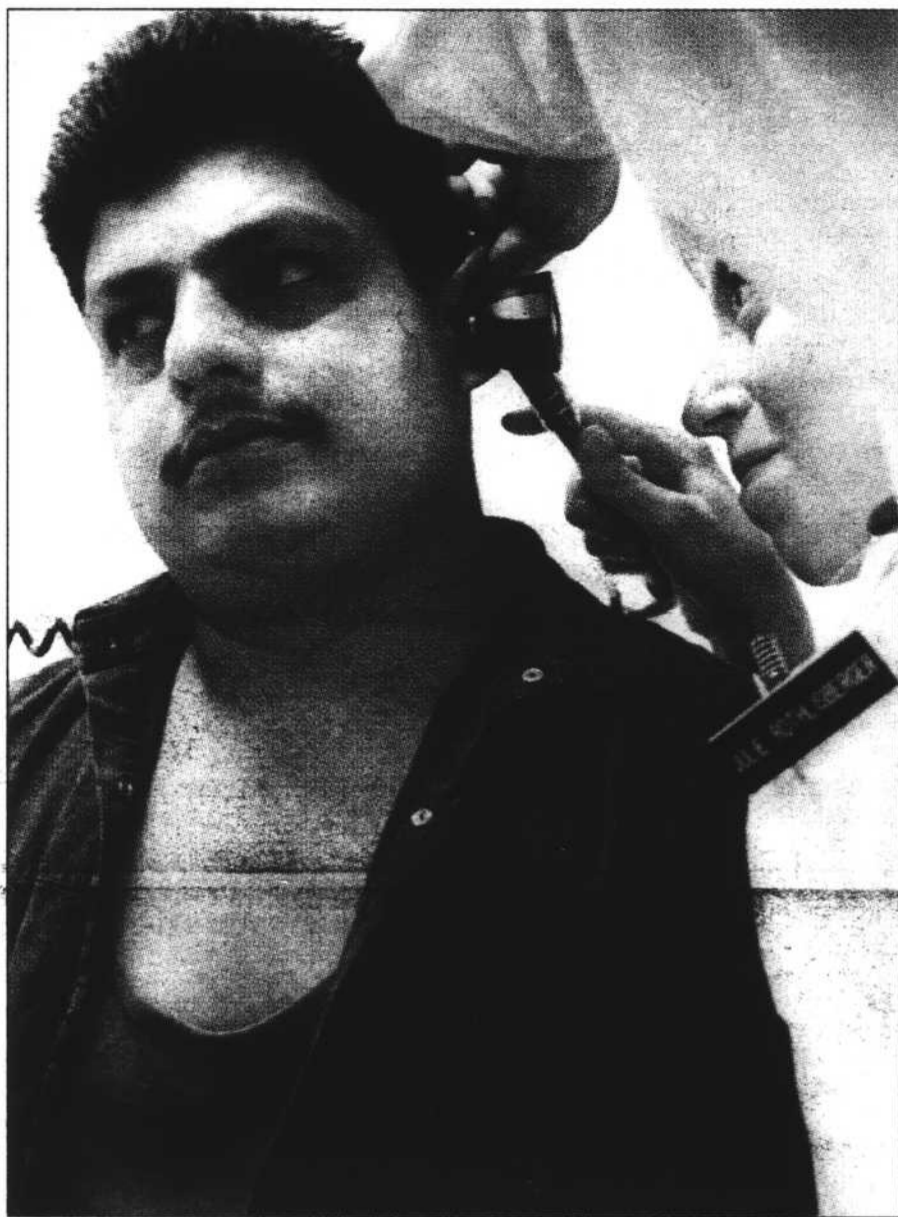
ASUN has planned a speaker, Marlon Smith, during Homecoming Week to promote diversity on campus. The event also is sponsored by the Innocents Society, University Program Council and Mortar Board.

- 2. Improve interaction among campus student-governing bodies: ASUN, the Residence Hall Association, the Interfraternity Council, and the Panhellenic Council.

"In the past years," Ruwe said, "there hasn't been a lot of interaction between these groups because the leaders didn't get together. This year the groups are getting together to accomplish one goal, which is much more effective."

Ruwe said RHA President Ben Wallace has

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SERVANDO JIMENEZ of Omaha has his ears checked Tuesday night by second-year medical student Julie Rothlisberger at the UNMC Family Health Care Center.

UNMC students administer low-cost care for uninsured

BY ERIN GIBSON
Senior Reporter

When Louanne Perkumas' husband died in 1989, he left behind a loving wife, two young daughters and his bustling toddler son.

Perkumas said she has struggled to provide for her children and keep her family strong.

But the family lost its health insurance coverage with its father, Perkumas said, and making ends meet has meant giving up regular doctor visits, both for her and her children.

"They wanted \$100 a child" for doctor's visits, she said. "I can't afford that."

But two weeks ago, a flip through the Omaha phone book found the name of a new clinic - one run by University of Nebraska medical students - that would provide checkups for Perkumas' children for a flat rate of \$5 each.

"I told them, 'You just made my day,'" she said.

Perkumas' two teen-age daughters,

Angela and Christine, were two of the first 10 patients to receive medical care at the new student-run clinic, which opened in Omaha Tuesday night.

The clinic provides low-cost medical care for uninsured families with the help of more than 100 volunteers, including 80 University of Nebraska Medical Center students, 25 physicians and several nurse practitioner students.

The clinic uses the acronym SHARING, Student Health Alliance Researching Indigent Needy Groups, and operates from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the UNMC Family Health Care Center, which is located in the South Omaha Neighborhood Association building.

Second- and third-year medical students provide patient care and consult with a volunteer physician before issuing their diagnosis. Jose Lopez, a volunteer translator, helps Spanish-speaking patients communicate with their student doctors. Many medical supplies are donated to the clinic.

Students said the new clinic results in

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