

## Lost at home

Colorado defeated the Nebraska volleyball team Wednesday night to hand the Huskers their first-ever home conference loss. **PAGE 9**

## Pains, his way

John Tarleton, a self-made millionaire underwear salesman, experiences grief at the hands of his children in "Misalliance." **PAGE 12**

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## Sidewalk sayings chalk up debate

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A gentle Wednesday afternoon rain washed whatever was left of the sidewalk chalk that had gone from dust to debacle. It did little to stop the debate.

Groundskeepers Tuesday scrubbed the sidewalks clean of the anti-homosexual messages. But they had made their mark.

Late Monday night or early Tuesday morning, anti-homosexual messages were written on the sidewalks near similar chalkings supporting National Coming Out Week.

When students and staff began arriving Tuesday morning, reactions were swift.

University Police and groundskeepers were called. The groundskeepers' work was visible, the police's less so.

Ken Cauble, University Police chief, said

Wednesday that they were looking for people who may have seen who was chalking the sidewalk. He asked anyone with information to call the police at 472-3555.

"Should we obtain the names, we will turn them over to Student Affairs to handle it through the student code of conduct," he said. "We are doing our best to find who did it."

"We have caught people with less."

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen said the people responsible, if they are students, would be punished for unauthorized use of university property. He said the chalkings did not constitute harassment, which the code says should be narrowly applied as to avoid constitutional issues.

If incidents progressed beyond simple chalkings, and became more focused and deliberate, Griesen said he would not hesitate to use the harassment charge. He said, however, it would take more than chalkings to constitute harass-

ment.

"It's pretty clear that we are bending over to protect free speech on this campus," Griesen said. "At the same time, we deplore hate speech."

Griesen said the university had to educate people about civility in the community and to respect individuals. He said the university could not legislate against what was written Tuesday morning.

"It would be the act that we would deal with, not the thought," he said.

Griesen said he did not believe all chalkings on sidewalks should stop.

"If it's an approved group and they seek the proper approval, I don't see why anyone should not be able to chalk," he said. "I don't think we should discriminate on the basis of viewpoint."

Klaus Marre, one of the four KRNU-FM 90.3 talk show hosts on the air Monday night, said the issue was not writing on the sidewalks, but what was written.

Marre's show, "Three Men and a German," fielded a call Monday night from a student who disagreed with the Coming Out chalkings. The hosts told the student to express opinions, but not to be derogatory. They gave three students chalk to do so.

"As long as people keep it reasonable - not offensive - and keep it creative, I really don't see anything wrong with it one way or another," he said Wednesday.

Marre said people who write on the sidewalks should sign their work, to promote accountability.

"I am happy to see groups going out and voicing their opinions."

Marre, after being interviewed by television and newspaper reporters for most of the day, said some good has come from the chalkings.

"People are thinking about this," he said. "There is going to be dialogue, which is good."

"Everyone on campus can learn about this."

ASUN

## ASUN answers chalk messages with passed bill

BY BRAD DAVIS  
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ASUN senators passed a bill in response to the recent anti-homosexual messages found on UNL campus sidewalks Tuesday.

Government Bill No. 6 formally announces the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska's condemnation of the "use of threatening, suppressing or intimidating language and symbols in messages expressed by students, faculty or administration."

The bill was unanimously passed by senators during Wednesday's ASUN meeting in the Nebraska Union.

President Curt Ruwe said the bill does not condemn free speech, but instead addresses speech that creates an intimidating atmosphere.

"It is very important the university be open to all ideas," Ruwe said, "but what's also important is not to create an atmosphere that intimidates students, but one where they can express themselves openly."

Human Rights Committee chairwoman Sara Russell said she has heard that many people still feel threatened on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.

"This is our opportunity to make a stand to show this stuff isn't going to be accepted here," said Committee for Fees Allocation chairman Kendall Swenson. "There are other ways to disagree with people."

Ed Paquette, the recently appointed president of the University of Nebraska Alumni Association, spoke to the senate about bringing the campus together in a different way - through the alumni association.

He said he will work to make the association rank among the nation's best alumni groups.

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DANIEL LUEDERT/DN

An estimated 200 people march to the State Capitol to support ending violence against women and children during the Take Back the Night vigil.

## Take Back the Night Lincolnites voice anger at violence

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About 200 people marched through downtown Lincoln on Wednesday night, vowing to stop tolerating acts of violence.

The Take Back the Night march and candlelight vigil, which culminated with a program on the steps of the State Capitol, was a step in the right direction, said JoAnna Koba-Svoboda, a speaker from the Lincoln Police Department's Victim Witness Center.

"We've come a long way, but I feel we've got an awful lot to do," Koba-Svoboda said.

"Men and women have to get together and say we won't have it anymore," she said.

Marchers chanted and sang during the 15-minute walk to the Capitol, making as much noise as possible.

"They were loud and obnoxious, and that was awesome," said Katie Ross, president of the Women's Studies Association at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. "You have to do it in an abrasive way."

At the Capitol, the crowd heard several speakers, some of whom were survivors of domestic violence.

Donna Polk, executive director of the Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition, spoke about her own experiences with domestic violence, which continued in her life even as she counseled others with similar

problems.

She said the help of her friends was instrumental to her in eventually ending the abusive relationship.

Polk encouraged the crowd to not overlook abusive situations that exist around them.

"Do not stop with tonight," she said. "Don't be a silent witness to the violence."

Between speeches, folk duo Jan Deeds and Cindy Zuby sang and played guitar.

Deeds, who works as a counselor for domestic violence victims, said she was moved by survivors' stories.

At the end of the program, speakers read the names of 13 Lincoln women and children who have died as a result of domestic violence in the past year. The youngest victim was 14 months old.

Reed said she thought the march, which drew a larger group than last year despite Wednesday's rain and wind, was a success.

"I liked the way the event drew people from so many generations," Deeds said.

Deeds said she was happy to see the Lincoln Police Department taking an active role in the program. She said she hoped officers continue to be trained for domestic violence issues.

"It's a continuing effort," she said.

Deeds said she is hopeful that there will come a time when events like this won't be necessary.

"Maybe we won't have to have rallies in 10 years," she said.