

Brave defense?

Nebraska shot 62 percent from the floor while defeating Bradley 80-66 Wednesday night at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. **PAGE 9**

Sincerely yours

Cliff and Rose, two individuals wounded by the world, heal one another in "The Woolgatherer," opening tonight in the Studio Theatre. **PAGE 12**

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LISTEN TO THE WIND BLOW

Windy, high 32. Chance of light snow, low 10.

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Faculty error affects book buybacks

■ Since bookstores aren't notified of new textbooks, students lose on the dollar.

BY ERIN GIBSON
Senior Reporter

If every undergraduate tries to sell back \$200 worth of books this fall, students could lose a total of about \$430,000 because faculty members turned in lists

of spring course materials too late.

According to the directors of University Bookstore and Nebraska Bookstore, University of Nebraska-Lincoln faculty members have yet to notify the stores of about 25 percent of the books students must purchase for classes this spring.

When bookstores begin buying back fall semester books next week, they will buy used books they know are needed next

semester at 50 or 60 percent of the books' new prices. But they will buy unneeded books back at 5 to 30 percent of their original price.

As a result, when faculty members do not turn in required book lists for their spring courses before fall textbook buyback starts, students are paid less for their used books.

"Students have lost a lot of actual cash," said Viann Schroeder, interim director of the

University Bookstore.

The bookstore campaigned heavily this semester for faculty to turn in their book lists on time, she said. The store even offered to buy cookies for departments getting the lists in promptly.

This fall, more faculty members have turned in book lists, but only two UNL academic units, the construction management department and the School of Accountancy, turned in book lists by the Oct. 24 deadline,

Schroeder said.

When other departments miss the deadline, bookstores are left to speculate which books will be needed for the spring semester, said Ken Johnson, general manager of the Nebraska Bookstore.

The stores cannot afford to speculate when textbook buyback rolls around, he said.

"We don't try to second-guess

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Shiver me studles



DANIEL LUEDERT/BN

CHAD PAISLEY, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln freshman, finds a warm place to study Wednesday evening at Love Library. Lincoln had received 1 to 2 inches of snow by Wednesday morning.

Cancellation costs retain hall residents

BY ERIN GIBSON
Senior Reporter

When UNL freshman Brandyn Sauer arrived at the university in August, she felt forced to enter into a residence hall contract, she said.

Under university rules, unmarried students under 19 must live in either a university residence hall, a greek house or with a local relative.

So Sauer moved her things into Able Residence Hall and agreed to pay room and board through spring of 1998.

Now she wants to be released from that contract and move into a Lincoln apartment.

"It's too expensive to live here," Sauer said.

But, before she moves into an apartment this spring, Sauer will face another expense—a \$570 residence hall contract cancellation fee, she said.

Those wishing to cancel a residence hall contract this year must pay 40 percent of their remaining room and board contract. During the 1996-97 academic year, canceling a contract costs \$350.

Because of the fee increase, students

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UNL freshman

wishing to cancel their housing contracts this month for the spring semester could pay up to about \$870, if they hold a contract for a single-occupant room and a full meal plan. The cancellation fee for a double-occupant room and full meal plan would be about \$720.

The minimum cancellation fee is \$500 for most residence halls, and \$350 for both Love Memorial or Husker halls.

Students who cancel a contract because of graduation, involuntary military service or attending an academic program outside of Lincoln are exempt from paying the fee.

Doug Zatechka, University of Nebraska-Lincoln housing director, said his office raised the cancellation fee to keep the cost of

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Academic checks lack effectiveness for some

BY JOSH FUNK
Assignment Reporter

The future of every University of Nebraska-Lincoln undergraduate rests in the hands of five clerks in the records office.

These clerks are responsible for completing the senior and final checks that indicate which students receive their degrees and which ones register for another semester.

The university uses the check system to help guide students through their graduation requirements, but some students say they're not always such a help.

Students can wait weeks or even months to receive the final word on their graduation, said Linda Pence, who has been checking records

for 17 years.

"I regret that senior checks are not done with enough notice to do anything," said Will Norton, dean of the College of Journalism and Mass Communications.

'Out of luck'

After students have completed 85 to 90 credit hours toward their undergraduate degree, they must apply for senior checks. The checks list all classes students must complete before they can graduate.

Applying early may not guarantee that students will get their checks before they have to register for their final semester.

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