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Lombardi Award

NU senior defensive end Grant Wistrom won the Lombardi Award Wednesday night, which is given to the nation's top lineman **PAGE 8**



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That kinda party

Psycho relatives turning your holiday holly jolly into regrettable familial folly? Try hitting the big screen before causing a big scene. **PAGE 9**

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Chance of snow, high 29. Cloudy tonight, low 19.

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LOUIS RUSSO, a senior sociology major, will enter the Peace Corps after he graduates this month. Russo, who will be teaching English in central Asia, said he always "wanted to work overseas." SANDY SUMMERS/DN

Student embarks on peace trip

BY PETER VASEY
Staff Reporter

The Peace Corps is not everyone's first choice for a job following graduation, but for Louis Russo it seems like the right path.

"I'm adventurous, I guess," Russo, a senior sociology major, said. "I've also been interested, in general, in cultures."

Those aspects of Russo's character have driven him to join the Peace Corps. Russo decided to join the earlier this year and applied in May. Russo is one of 14 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students planning to enter the Peace Corps, said Danyl Cook, a regional representative for the Peace Corps recruiting office. Eight other UNL students have applied, and have sev-

eral steps, including interviews, before they are selected.

The Peace Corps is a federal government sponsored agency designed to assist third-world countries, Cook said.

Russo has traveled nearly his whole life. Born in Costa Rica - to American parents - Russo grew up in northern California. He also has lived in North Carolina and Kansas. He has traveled through much of Europe, Turkey and South America.

Russo said those travels weighed heavy in his decision to commit to the corps.

"(Traveling) prompted a bigger interest," Russo said, "I've always wanted to work overseas."

But there is more to joining the Peace Corps than adventure - it's a good way to plan ahead in

life, Russo said.

"With graduating, so much is left up in the air."

An advantage to working for the Peace Corps is the service looks good on a résumé, Russo said.

"There's a big stereotype that Peace Corps volunteers are going to come back and get hooked up (for a job)," he said.

While this is true, it's not that simple. Not all Peace Corps volunteers are guaranteed jobs when they return from their assignments, Russo said.

The Peace Corps is not an easy job, Russo said, as his easygoing manner was replaced by

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Overdue notices to arrive via e-mail

BY AMY KELLER
Staff Reporter

Now you can't use the excuse that it got lost in the mail.

Starting in January, all University of Nebraska-Lincoln libraries will be sending overdue notices over e-mail instead of their usual postcard mailings.

Deb Pearson, Love Library circulation librarian, said the libraries are sending e-mail notices for two reasons: to speed the delivery of the overdue messages and to save the libraries money in making the postcards and in postage.

The new policy came about, she said, because the IRIS library computer system made the e-mail program available. The UNL libraries decided to

fund the program because the administration thought it would be valuable.

Pearson said, however, that the e-mail notices will not have an option that enables students to renew their books over e-mail or connect to the IRIS system. Instead, they will serve as an electronic postcard.

Although she thinks the new policy will be advantageous for most students, Pearson said that the one drawback could be that students who don't check e-mail often may not realize their books are overdue.

But she said she wanted students to help. She said students can stop by the circulation desk at any UNL library and give their preferred e-mail addresses to the library. Then, students who have a bigred account, but don't use it, will be able to have the mail sent to an alternative account.

Students can send alternative addresses to the libraries at scottc@unllib.unl.

Also, students who do not want notices sent over e-mail can go to the circulation desk and request that postcards be sent instead.

Pearson said library officials hope students will prefer the new policy, because "so many students are so attuned to getting information electronically and to e-mail."

Jason Lee, a senior biology major, said he thought the e-mail idea was good, because he checked his e-mail twice a day and would get the notices right away if he was sent them.

Bo Hickman, a senior art history major, agreed. "It would be a good idea because I check my e-mail quite a bit, and it would be an easier way of finding out."

ASUN

Semester success reported

■ The Student Impact Team leads ASUN's focus on involving more students in government.

BY BRAD DAVIS
Assignment Reporter

ASUN President Curt Ruwe said reaching more students was the senate's greatest accomplishment this semester.

Student groups and the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska have been working together and communicating better, Ruwe said. But senators would not stop in trying to meet 10 goals they set at the beginning of the semester, he said.

One of the senate's most important goals for next semester would be the implementation of a Jan. 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration, Ruwe said.

He said although ASUN would work with other student organizations to prepare celebrations and educational events in honor of King, he would not be satisfied until University of Nebraska central administration committed to honoring King by calling off classes on his birthday.

Representing students' opinions regarding the King holiday and a fall break was one of ASUN's major accomplishments this semester, Ruwe said.

ASUN and the Student Impact Team surveyed more than 500 students, 90 percent of whom favored both a fall break and King holiday.

After the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Academic Senate refused to acknowledge King's birthday as an official university holiday in November, ASUN circulated petitions, surveyed students and wrote letters to the NU Calendar Committee, which also met in November.

Last week the Academic Senate reconsidered the motion to call off classes in honor of King, and voted to name King's birthday as an official university holiday in future academic calendars.

SIT Chairwoman Carrie Pierce said her group was planning for the King holiday, along with other student organizations.

She said she hoped students would actively participate and "hold up their end of the bargain" with the King holiday. She said she also hoped NU central administration would "uphold what we're trying to do."

The SIT, Ruwe said, did not only help voice student opinions regarding the King holiday, but it also has helped ASUN reach more students.

"We've had a lot of success," Pierce said. "A lot of members of the team have come up with other leadership opportunities and come up with projects of their own."

She said the SIT would begin a tree planting project, an idea of one of the 300 SIT members, to replace trees damaged by the October storm.

"The Student Impact Team has really been one of the extraordinary successes of student

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