



Welcome home

The Nebraska men's basketball team returned to its home court for the first time in 35 days Sunday with a 87-72 victory over Colorado. **PAGE 9**

Electric avenue

The hum and the glow of neon light usually is found only on urban thoroughfares, but Robert and Karen Duncan's outdoor art collection challenges that notion. **PAGE 12**

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THE BIG CHILL

Chance of light snow, high 8. Clear tonight, low 7.

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Chapter closes Kappa Sigma house doors

Fraternity members say they received negligible notice

By BRAD DAVIS
Senior Reporter

Kevin Reiner said any Kappa Sigma members who would have tried to enter their fraternity house over winter break would have encountered locked doors and boarded-up windows.

Reiner, former president of UNL's Kappa Sigma Fraternity, said members got an early Christmas present that left many of them puzzled and homeless.

Two days before Christmas, Kappa Sigma members received a letter from the fraternity's national headquarters stating the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Kappa Sigma house had been closed, Reiner said.

He said members were given no notice of the closing prior to the letter, which also stated that Kappa Sigma's charter had been temporarily suspended.

Members were not allowed in the house over winter break except for Jan. 4 and Sunday.

He said they were allowed in the house for five hours each time, during which they were watched by Lincoln and UNL police.

Reiner said he and other Kappa Sigma members had no idea why their house was closed or why the charter was suspended.

Sed Kirkland, a Kappa Sigma alumnus and president of the house corporation, said the alumni group closed the fraternity for both disciplinary and financial reasons.

"It was probably a history of difficulties," Kirkland said.



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BRIAN MORROW carries his belongings out of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity house, 519 N. 16th St., after the national office notified members that the UNL chapter was closing. Morrow learned of the closing two days before Christmas.

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Accuracy of diversity report questioned by women faculty

By BRAD DAVIS
Senior Reporter

Statistics used in a recent University of Nebraska equity report paint a brighter picture of faculty diversity than what really exists, a group of women faculty members said.

The data presented by the university showed UNL was comparable to peer institutions in recruiting and retaining women and minority faculty.

But some faculty members said the university used data that skewed the picture of women and minority faculty diversity at Nebraska.

At a recent meeting, the members of the Women's Faculty Council, and other faculty members agreed that the university used data that skewed the picture of women and minority faculty diversity at Nebraska.

They said the university used data showing the university had met goals set by the Legislature for

hiring women and minority faculty.

But those goals have not been met, she said.

"For years we've been told that we can't have these kind of concrete goals that were presented in the NE report because they were impossible to meet, and now, all of the sudden, we're being told they are met," Mat said.

"It's a lot easier to fix the data than fix the problem."

The NE report used data given to the federal government from the Department of Education.

Those figures show a 22 percent increase in women in tenure-track faculty positions, compared with peer institutions, or more a 22.2 percent.

But a 2000 survey by the American Association of University Women showed that only 20 percent of UNL's tenure-track faculty were women, compared with 22.2 percent at peer institutions.

Mat said the Women's Faculty Council has to be concerned about the number of women standing in

front of students in NU classrooms than the number of women faculty in non-teaching positions.

Figures used to represent women faculty in the NE report included those who don't directly teach students, said Animal Science Professor Mary Beck, president of the UNL's chapter of AAUW.

The Department of Education statistics include librarians, who are tenured faculty at UNL but may not teach, she said.

The AAUW data include only instructional faculty, Beck said. These data are better for intercampus comparisons because not all institutions "librarian and clinical faculty" are a tenure-track, she said.

She said past reports omitted data on the faculty's commitment to the status of Women used AAUW data.

That whip it into the Director of Institutional Research and Planning, and the Department of Education figures were appropriate because they included data regarding tenure and

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Sheldon sculpture found on East Campus by police

By JOSH FUNK
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Bruised, but not broken, a bronze figure stolen from the Sheldon Memorial Sculpture Garden was recovered Thursday.

Officials believed "Man in Open Air," a 55-inch-tall bronze figure valued at \$500,000, was stolen most likely during the post-Orange Bowl celebration on Jan. 2.

As a crowd of Nebraska fans marched across campus from downtown to Memorial Stadium, the statue was wrenched from its base, which snapped the bolts, and was carried off by University Police Sgt. Mike Bushing said.

"It's hard to understand why something like this happens," Bushing said.

That night after acts of vandalism occurred in campus fireworks were set off in Memorial Stadium's Astroturf, and a stadium gate was damaged, Bushing said.

But police focused on the missing work of art.



MARC SPECK/DN

"MAN IN OPEN AIR," found itself in safe company again Thursday.

Last Thursday the sculpture was found by community service officer Bud Bowman near the green-

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