



DeForging ahead

Backed by a 29-point performance from Anna DeForge, the Nebraska women's basketball team upset Kansas 84-69 Wednesday. PAGE 10



Hey, DJ

KZUM is celebrating its 20th anniversary Friday night with a fund-raiser featuring the work of several local artists. PAGE 12

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SUNNY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN  
Mostly sunny, high 45. Fair tonight, low 23.

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## UNL to apply for grant to stop alcohol

By JESSICA FARGEN  
Assignment Reporter

Binge drinking can be linked to injuries, assaults and even death at universities across the country.

But the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is hoping a \$700,000 grant may be a way to prevent these things from happening in Lincoln.

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs James Griesen said a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation would unite community entities such as the police, local and state government, bars and restaurants with UNL to target binge drinking.

Griesen said effects of binge drinking such as vandalism, assault, disturbing the peace and violence are serious problems for UNL students.

"In my 12 years here I've yet to encounter a sexual assault case that was not alcohol-related," Griesen said.

Lincoln Police Chief Tom Casady tells a similar story.

"Pretty much everything the Lincoln Police Department does after 10 p.m. at night is alcohol-related," Casady said.

Binge drinkers, according to a 1993

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## Student speaks on experiences, future of UNL

By BRAD DAVIS  
Senior Reporter

Administrators and students asked how land-grant institutions, such as UNL, would meet educational needs of the future Wednesday.

Sen. Bob Kerrey, who addressed the crowd at the Cornhusker Hotel, 333 S. 13th St., via video tape, said land-grant schools needed to renew their commitment to "acquiring and disseminating knowledge."

He said research was a key component to the University of Nebraska system, making the state more productive, and helping its citizens "feed the world."

"We're at a point in the history of mankind when we are learning things we never thought possible," Kerrey said.

But, Kerrey said, NU also had to meet the needs of the 90 percent of students who don't go on to research positions — and money, he said, cannot be an inhibitor.

"We have to give everyone a shot at the American dream," he said.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor James Moeser welcomed the crowd, estimated at more than 300 people.

The Kellogg Commission on the Future of State and Land-Grant Universities sponsored the

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### ASUN Election 1998



RYAN SODERLIN/DN

FROM LEFT: ANDY SCHUERMAN, a sophomore business major, Sara Russell, COMMIT presidential candidate, and Kelly Hoffschneider, COMMIT first vice presidential candidate wait to present their platform to students at the Nebraska Union. The COMMIT platform three main goals were unification, communication and education of the student body.

## Party COMMITs to students

Goals include promoting diversity, using technology

JESSICA FARGEN  
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It will take unification, communication and education to take UNL into the new millennium, and an ASUN election group said Wednesday it has the commitment to do it.

Members of COMMIT announced their candidacies for the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska Wednesday in the Crib as students ate lunch.

Presidential nominee Sara Russell said COMMIT would open communication lines on campus through things such as a weekly letter from ASUN to the Daily Nebraskan and updating the ASUN Web site with information on what ASUN is doing as well as providing e-mail links to senators.

"We commit first and foremost to you for our three goals with a new open door policy to bring (UNL) to a new level," said Russell, a two-year ASUN senator.

Russell, chairwoman of the ASUN Human Rights Committee, said having a student liaison to the Parents' Association and publicizing technology and services available to students also fell under COMMIT's goal of enhanced communication.

Kelly Hoffschneider, first vice presidential nominee, said his experience as a sena-

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CHRIS LINDER  
second vice presidential nominee

tor and chairman of the Campus Life Committee has given him communication techniques the campus could benefit from.

Hoffschneider said he had "first-hand knowledge" of how important communication is.

He referred to his experience as a sophomore on the Campus Life Committee when he worked with UNL and Lincoln police to warn students about a rapist in Lincoln.

Second vice presidential nominee Chris Linder said the obvious divisions between greek and non-greek students, American and international students and minorities and the majority would be improved under COMMIT's leadership to unite the university.

"No matter what your interest or background, someone from COMMIT can welcome you," said Linder, who is a student assistant in Schramm Hall.

A "campus coalition" would combine

representatives from every UNL student organization with ASUN in forums. "NU Week" would bring all students together in varying activities each spring and a Welcoming Environment for International Students committee would be formed.

Linder said COMMIT "had a passion to make this a better place," but it could not be achieved without its third goal, education.

COMMIT would implement several programs, including diversity education and sensitivity classes, alcohol-awareness orientation for incoming students, and an award for the instructor who best integrates technology into the classroom.

COMMIT also would work toward completing the work the current administration has done to have universitywide academic evaluations as well as other projects.

Members of COMMIT urged everyone in the Crib to come to its next meeting Thursday at Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority.