

# Bill providing health care to needy children debated

BY TODD ANDERSON  
Assignment Reporter

## Legislative Notebook

A line has been drawn between senators of two ideological camps in the debate over health care for needy children, Sen. Don Wesely of Lincoln said Monday.

The Legislature spent the entire morning debating LB1063, a bill that would provide health care for children of low-income families.

All senators agree that health care for needy children is a good idea, Wesely said, but discord comes from how to administer the program.

"It all comes down to whether you're anti-government or pro-government," he said.

The program, which uses \$17 million of federal funds for the next five years, must be administered according to guidelines set by Congress.

A study conducted last year determined that extending Medicaid to cover medical assis-

tance for children would be the best way to administer the program.

But Sen. Pam Brown of Omaha introduced an amendment to the bill that would terminate the program in two years to evaluate how well the Medicaid program works.

Brown said more consideration should be given to turning to the private sector to prevent people from relying too much on government programs.

Sen. Kate Witek of Omaha, who supported the amendment, said she was concerned with "crowding out" the private health insurance business by channeling state funds into the market.

She said the private sector would help more people by reducing the cost of state health care and giving families choices.

Sen. Chris Beutler of Lincoln, the bill's main sponsor, said he would support a two-year check-up of the program, but it should-

"It all comes down to whether you're anti-government or pro-government."

DON WESELY  
Lincoln senator

n't be terminated.

"I would like to hear exactly what is wrong with how the Medicaid is running," Beutler said.

The bill was requested by Gov. Ben Nelson and has been co-signed by 34 senators.

Wesely said the Medicaid program efficiently provided assistance to low-income families and would continue to do so.

Wesely introduced his own amendment to the bill, but the Legislature adjourned before opening debate.

[www.unl.edu/DailyNeb](http://www.unl.edu/DailyNeb)

## Be a Founding Father

University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Newest Fraternity

PI KAPPA ALPHA INTERNATIONAL  
FRATERNITY

Scholars, Leaders, Athletes, Gentlemen

For more information please contact Ted Rowe or  
Clint Bartman at (402) 436-7295 or e-mail at  
CBart1868@aol.com

# BEANIE WEENIES

AREN'T THAT TASTY ANYWAY.

Tan for a Can on Tuesdays during February. Bring in a canned food donation and tan for free on Tuesdays. All donations will go the Lincoln Food Bank.



No Appointments Necessary • Open 7 Days a Week



MAX TAN West West "O" Street 477-7444 See Store For Details. Some Restrictions Apply Expires 2-25-98  
MAX TAN South 40th & Old Cheney 420-8454

## STUDENTS WITH CHILDREN SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesdays from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.  
East Campus Union, Room 318  
Offers opportunities to discuss issues pertinent to students who are parents.  
Sponsored by Women's Center

UHC Counseling & Psychological Services  
Drop in or call 472-2597 for more information

ATTENTION!!!  
SOS, MAP,  
McNair students:

How about a FREE dinner with Chai Ling?



-Nobel Peace Prize Nominee  
-Student Leader in Tiananmen Square

TRIO

Thursday, March 5, 1998

4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Selleck Continental Dining Hall

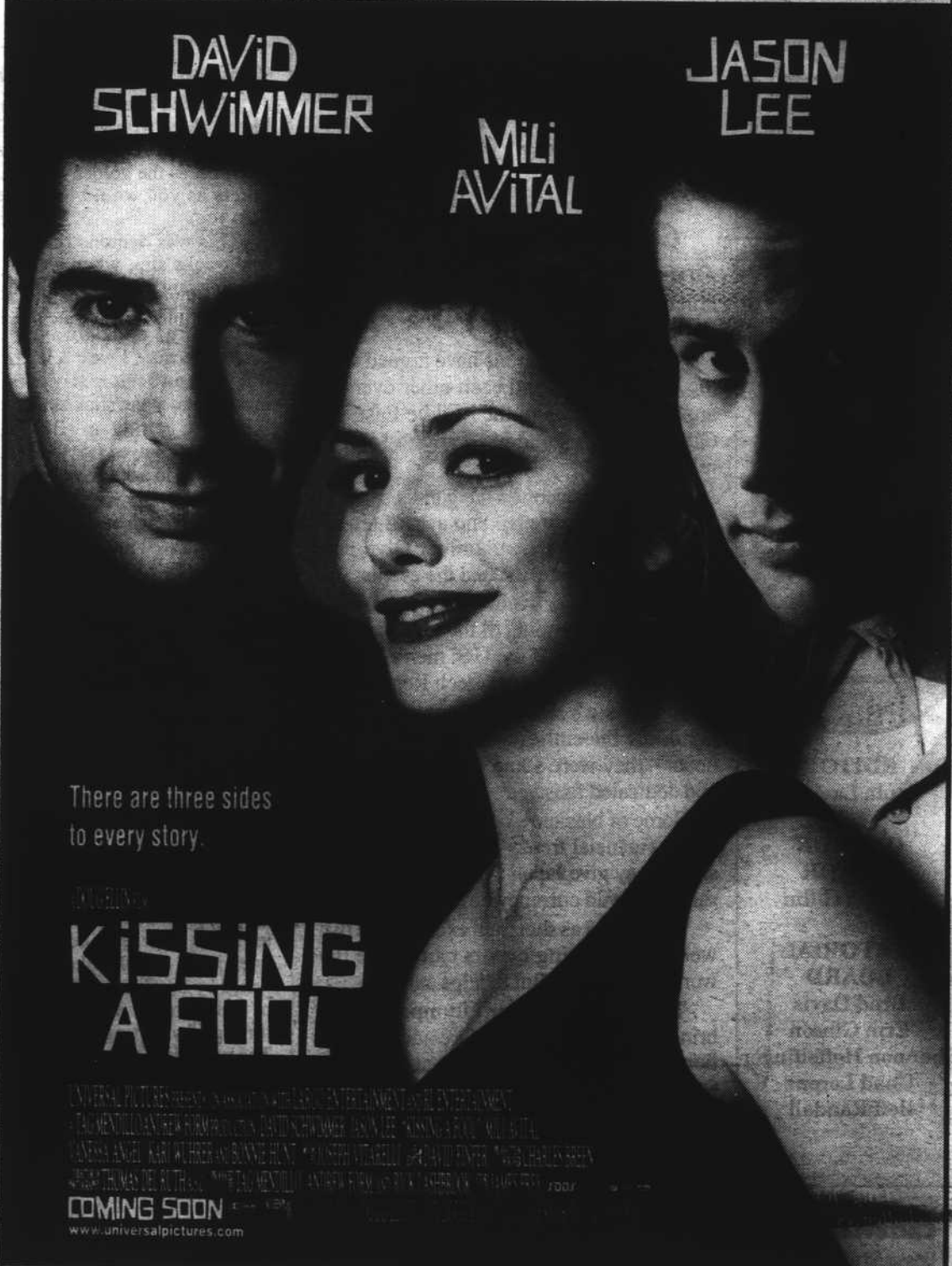
Call 472-2027 by Feb. 27 to reserve your dinner

## SPECIAL ADVANCE SCREENING

DAVID SCHWIMMER

JASON LEE

MILI AVITAL



There are three sides to every story.

KISSING A FOOL

COMING SOON

www.universalpictures.com

## FREE MOVIE POSTERS

Tuesday February 24  
7:00 PM  
Ross Film Theater

Pick Up Passes at the Offices for Student Involvement  
200 NU or 300 ECU

Presented by University Program Council