

How do you spell relief?

First-year Husker pitchers Christie McCoy and Lori Tschannen look to give staff ace Jenny Voss some relief this season. **PAGE 7**

Who wants candy?

Bow Wow Wow, an 80s pop group that made its mark with its rendition of "I Want Candy," has reunited and will perform at Knickerbockers Sunday night. **PAGE 9**

WELCOME BACK, WINTER

Cloudy, colder. high 36. Flurries tonight, low 23.

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Union funds needed

■ UNL will ask for \$800,000 increase to complete renovations.

BY BRAD DAVIS
Senior Reporter

The director of Nebraska Unions will ask the NU Board of Regents on Saturday to dig deep into its pockets to fund an \$800,000 budget increase for the Nebraska Union renovation.

Daryl Swanson said the increase was needed because of a consultant's miscalculation of the amount of asbestos in the union.

As construction workers began replacing the air-handling systems in the old part of the union, Swanson said, they found unexpected asbestos they hadn't budgeted to remove.

Originally, Swanson said administrators thought a \$700,000 construction contingency fund — an account reserved for unplanned construction expenses — could cover the extra removal costs.

But as workers found more asbestos, Swanson said, it became clear the union would have to petition the regents for an increased budget.

Swanson said asbestos removal has been stopped while workers wait for the budget's approval.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln administrators and Swanson are proposing regents use a reserve surplus from facilities bonds purchased in the 1960s to fund the increase.

The reserve fund was created from the excess student fees used to pay off the bonds that provided money to build campus buildings in the 1960s: the high-rise residence halls; the Nebraska East Union; the University Health Center and renovations to the Nebraska Union.

Regent John Payne of Kearney said the regents would have no choice but to approve the budget request.

To stop construction of a multi-million dollar project for \$800,000, would be ridiculous, he said.

If the regents don't approve the budget request, Swanson said, the union renovation project would be stifled.

Because the project is 14 months underway, the renovation can't be downscaled. Instead, Swanson said, "large portions of it would go unfinished."

Regents

Post-tenure annual review considered

BY BRAD DAVIS
Senior Reporter

In an effort to ensure tenured professors remain committed to their jobs, the NU Board of Regents will consider a post-tenure review proposal Saturday.

James Ford, president of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Academic Senate, said the proposal before the regents both assures quality and protects professors' academic freedom.

The review operates as a "trigger," Ford said, and is enacted only when a faculty member's annual review shows deficiencies.

An annual review evaluates a professor's contribution to the mission of the university: teaching, research and service.

Each field of study has its own requirements related to UNL's three-pronged mission, and professors are evaluated accordingly, Ford said.

Evelyn Jacobson, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, said faculty

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Plans for a plaza and fountain area in the front of the union would be discontinued.

"It's not a matter of being for it, it's just a matter of you're going to have to vote and take care of it," Payne said. "It's a problem that unfortunately won't go away."

■ The board will vote on raising the cost of room and board in UNL's residence halls by \$165 per year. For a double room with 19 meals per week, the price would go up to \$3,865.

A fruitful craft



RYAN SODERLIN/DN

BEN EHLERS, a junior art major, tries to paint an exact copy of Paul Cezanne's "Apples and Oranges" in Richards Hall Thursday evening. The painting was a project for his Painting 251 class.

Law schools push diversity

BY LINDSAY YOUNG
Assignment Reporter

Law schools across the country — including NU's — are lashing back at recent attempts to banish affirmative action from law school admissions.

NU College of Law will hold its annual Minority Law Day Saturday as part of a nationwide effort to highlight endangered minority recruiting programs at law schools.

The effects of setbacks in affirmative action at California and Texas law schools have led to the naming of February as National Minority Law Recruitment Month.

NU College of Law responded by moving Minority Law Day, which is usually held in the fall, to Saturday. It will be held at Ross McCollum Hall on University of Nebraska-Lincoln's East Campus from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The month is part of a commitment to diversity and minority recruitment by the Law School

Admission Council, said Leo Romero, Law School Admission Council chairman.

The Law School Admission Council is the national organization that produces the LSAT, administers the LSAT internationally and deals with law school applicants.

This renewed commitment started after the council noticed results of Proposition 209, which amended California's constitution, and the Hopwood Case in Texas.

The University of California at Berkeley law school had only one black student enrolled this year, Romero said.

Prior to Proposition 209, the school had more than 10 percent minority students, said Matt LeMieux, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union in Nebraska.

Proposition 209 says government entities cannot show preferential treatment of any kind. This affects universities, LeMieux said, because they tend to focus on recruiting minorities.

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ACADEMIC RIGOR:

New freshmen will face high expectations

Editor's note: This week the Daily Nebraskan will take an in-depth look at one of the hottest issues in UNL curriculum: academic rigor.

BY BRAD DAVIS
Senior Reporter

Freshmen: Be prepared to work, because administrators think you're pretty smart.

So smart, in fact, that your mean ACT score increased one point, from a 23 to a 24.

And you also had to meet harder admission standards than your prede-

cessors — 16 core classes, including four math classes; at least a 20 ACT score; and a ranking in the top half of your class.

With the University of Nebraska Lincoln's heightened standards, administrators are counting on this year's freshman class — and future freshmen — to succeed in an academically rigorous environment.

Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Richard Edwards said those increased admissions standards, which started last semester, sent a message to high school students that UNL is concerned with the background they bring to college.

"We want to make sure people understand that they're coming here as students," Edwards said, "that there's an exciting life of the mind that goes on on the campus, and we want students to be coming here for that."

Edwards said the university had to consider its reputation, which could be improved by rigor.

"With respect to the peer institutions, we would probably not be at the top, or even at the midpoint of competitiveness in terms of students — so we've got some work to do there."

Administrators hope the work will pay off when the better-qualified classes reduce UNL's 25 percent drop-

out rate between students' freshman and sophomore years.

Judy Zohner, a counselor at North Platte High School, said she didn't know if the new standards would decrease UNL's high attrition rate.

"I'm not sure they take into account kids' work ethics," Zohner said. "There's a lot more that goes into being a successful college student than if you've just had a higher level of academics."

Zohner questioned whether high school students considering majors in social service, education or journalism needed four years of math before entering the university.

"I would assume it affects some kids, because not every kid has the ability to get to pre(calculus,)" she said.

But if a student meets UNL's requirements, Zohner tells her students they can get into almost any school in the nation.

Gary Neuhaus, a counselor at Millard South High School, said students who have taken four years of high school math would be better prepared to succeed in college.

But with that better preparation, Neuhaus said, he wondered if UNL's

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