

### SPORTS

#### Lassoed

With an 83-69 Big 12 Tournament win, OSU sent Nebraska home Wednesday. The Cowgirls made 50 percent of their shots in the upset. PAGE 7



### **Straight outta Scotland?**

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The Self-Righteous Brothers will celebrate the release of their first compact disc this weekend with two shows at the Zoo Bar. PAGE 9



DANDRUFF WARNING! Possible flurries, high 35. Cloudy tonight, low 23.



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## Measuring up

Fifteen of UNL's graduate programs ranked in the top programs nationwide The rankings included just the top schools for various programs, not all programs in the country

- Audiology (28th out of 56 top-ranked programs) master's and doctoral programs
- · Biological Sciences (96th out of 119) doctoral program
- Chemistry (65th out of 88) doctoral program
- Creative Writing (72nd out of 94) master's program
- Drama (48th out of 55) master's program
- · Elementary Education (16th out of 23) doctoral program
- Educational Psychology (24th out of 25) doctoral program
- · Vocational and Technical Education (seventh out of 13) doctoral program
- Fine Arts (89th out of 100) master's program .
- Law (second tier
- Music (60th out of 103) master's program
- Physics (83rd out of 88) doctoral program
- Atomic and Molecular Physics (16th out of 18) doctoral program
- · Psychology (71st out of 116) doctoral program
- Sociology (51st out of 58) doctoral program

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# UNL questions report

#### BY BRAD DAVIS Senior Reporter

Administrators admit that students will pay attention to the graduate school rankings listed in the recent edition of U.S. News and World Report.

But, they say, students should take the rankings - in which 16 University of Nebraska-Lincoln graduate programs are listed - with a grain of salt.

Harvey Perlman, dean of the University of Nebraska College of Law, said the rankings did not provide prospective students with the necessary information to decide which graduate school to attend.

The survey did not take into

account the quality of a school's age LSAT scores can give students an instruction, faculty or curriculum, Perlman said.

The magazine ranked NU in the second tier of the nation's law schools.

Although Perlman said he was pleased with NU's ranking, he still signed a letter sent to prospective law students, along with about 160 other deans in the Law School Admission Council, encouraging students not to place too much importance on the sur-

U.S News's rankings can give students only a general idea about some parts of a program, Perlman said.

Objective statistics, such as jobplacement rates, the percentage of students who pass the bar exam and averindication of the quality of a law school, but they can't tell the whole story, he said.

Perlman said some anecdotal evidence suggested that people have chosen to come or not to come to NU because of the U.S. News rankings.

That's a problem, he said, because the criteria that separate the schools in the rankings are arbitrary.

U.S. News weighs criteria differently for each graduate or professional school category listed. For law schools, reputation counted for 40 percent of a college's ranking.

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## **Cultures shared** at union bazaar

#### BY CHAD ELLSWORTH Staff Reporter

A line of people patiently waited to receive Mehndi, an ancient Indian art form similar to applying a temporary tattoo.

In another corner, three women played musical instruments native to Thailand

Vendors lined the walls selling homemade foods that reflected their culture

Nebraska Union, the aroma of gourmet foods and baked pastries wafted past tasters' noses.

The International Bazaar, which crowded the union Wednesday at ations representing 11 foreign noon, resembled an old-world marketplace with arts, crafts, music and food to suit almost any taste - including the taste of James Griesen, UNL vice chancellor for student affairs,

who toted several plates full of food. "The tandoori chicken is great!" he said

Cecil Howell, vice president of diversity for the International Student Organization, said people not only enjoyed the food, but also appreciated the people who prepared it.

"It's wonderful," said Cameron Otopalik, a university visitor who attended the bazaar. "Who says that there isn't any culture in Nebraska?"

This is my third or fourth plate full," said Eric Marintzer, a senior And, to every corner of the marketing major and former ASUN president, as he shoved a fork full of Su Boregi, a Turkish dish, into his mouth. "I've enjoyed everything."

Students in ethnic student associnations prepared their countries' traditional foods for the bazaar. Prices



LANE HICKENBOTTOM/DN WETINEE MATSATHIT, a junior economics major, tries on some ethnic clothing with some help from

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Putik Burhanuddin, a sophomore finance major, during the International Bazaar Wednesday afternoon in the Nebraska Union. The bazaar included ethnic music, souvenirs and food from around the world.

# **ASUN** approves increase in student fees

Students will pay \$33 more each semester, but some individual budget requests were not met.

#### BY JESSICA FARGEN Assignment Reporter

Next fall, UNL students will have a daily reminder of increased student fees when they see the new Nebraska Union, complete with an art gallery and more Student Involvement office space.

Students will pay \$33 more each semester for benefits such as longer hours at the Campus Recreation Center. Some budgets, though, were not met - which means tennis courts in disrepair and fewer Crib events.

The \$33 fee increase was approved Wednesday by the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

Students will be paying \$240 total each semester next year unless adjust ASUN's recommended budget.

Administrators said they would encourage the chancellor to keep stu- which is not controlled by CFA. dents' fees at \$240 per semester.

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The \$33 consists of \$20 needed to pay back bonds funding Nebraska Union construction. The \$20 increase was set by the NU Board of Regents and could not be changed by the Committee for Fees Allocation.

The remaining \$13 was determined by CFA's recommendation, Chancellor James Moeser decides to this year's lower student enrollment and a standard 3 percent increase added for administrative salaries,

#### Nebraska Unions

CFA took its biggest - and most talked about - cut from the union's proposed increase.

Director of Nebraska Unions Daryl Swanson asked CFA for a 9 percent increase but received only about 3.5 percent. The unions received an additional 6.5 percent to pay for administrative salaries and to make up for decreased enrollment.

CFA cut out 3.4 percent of the union's request, or about \$66,000. That money was supposed to make up for lost revenue from a proposed stop on union tobacco sales and money from a lease with National Bank of

Commerce, which the university wants to keep.

Marilyn Bugenhagen, Student Involvement director, said she didn't want the proposed budget reductions to affect student services.

She wants the new offices to be open until 10 p.m. To cut costs, CFA recommended they stay open until 7 p.m., since it was questionable how many students would use the office.

Although ASUN heavily debated reinstating \$19,000 into Student Involvement's budget for increased ser-

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