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Hard work and lots of energy have helped Nebraska freshman Amy Ringo adjust to college gymnastics. **PAGE 9**



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**MARCH MADNESS**

Cloudy, high 21. Blustery, cold tonight, low 5.

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## Snow causes transportation woes



**ROY KUNZ** of the UNL custodial department clears steps behind Oldfather Hall. Kunz said the steps were supposed to be cleared by UNL maintenance but might have been missed because workers were too busy clearing off other areas.

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**■ A university official says highway conditions are not considered in cancellation decisions.**

**BY LINDSAY YOUNG**  
*Assignment Reporter*

University administrators stood behind their decision to hold classes Monday, while students and faculty braved the snow to get to campus.

Some highways remained closed, while tall snowdrifts and bitter-cold temperatures stalled cars and discouraged pedestrians. Those factors weren't severe enough to close the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Monday, officials said.

Dave Fitzgibbon, manager of news and video services in public relations, said health and safety concerns are the criteria for canceling classes.

Fitzgibbon spoke for Vice Chancellor of Business and Finance Melvin Jones, who recommends school cancellations to Chancellor James Moeser.

Jones failed to return several calls Monday.

In October, Fitzgibbon said, roughly the same amount of snow fell, but because of fallen tree limbs on campus, the decision was made to cancel classes for two days.

Highway and interstate conditions, he said, are not considered in decision-making.

"That's not really an issue as far as the campus climate," he said.

Weather factors such as the wind chill index and a chance for more snow also are looked at, he said.

The decision to cancel is usually made in the evening but could be made at any time until 5 a.m., he said.

Fitzgibbon said Jones also looks at what the city is doing to clean up after the storm, whether UNL Landscape Services has the ability to clean in time for classes and if there are any other safety concerns such as fallen tree limbs or power lines.

Campus sidewalks were

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### Election '98

## Two regents say they'll run for re-election

*From Staff Reports*

Two longtime members of the NU Board of Regents have announced plans to run for re-election.

John Payne, president of a Kearney furniture store and a regent since 1980, said he wanted another six-year term on the University of Nebraska's governing board because he had the same commitment to higher education as he did when he was elected 18 years ago.

But Kent Schroeder, a Kearney attorney who is challenging Payne for the District 6 seat, said it's time for fresh ideas and a new perspective on the board.

Schroeder is an NU law school graduate and said his experience on numerous boards would help him add "invaluable insight."

Payne also is challenged by Richard Huber, a Grand Island attorney.

Don Blank, a McCook dentist, is being challenged for his District 7 regent seat he's had since 1986.

Blank, also a former McCook mayor and city councilman, is running for his third term.

He is challenged by David Baugher of Stockville. No information was available on Baugher, who did not disclose his phone number to the Secretary of State or the city directory.

## Candidates ask questions

**BY JESSICA FARGEN**  
*Assignment Reporter*

In the last debate before Wednesday's election, ASUN candidates Monday had the chance to look directly at their opponents and ask where they wanted to take UNL.

For the first time, candidates from COMMIT and VISION asked each other questions relating to commitment to low student fees, the current election party system and the role of the second vice president.

The debate attracted a late lunch crowd of about 50 people in the Nebraska Union Crib.

VISION presidential candidate John Wiechmann said keeping student fees low was a goal of VISION as well as an implied COMMIT goal.

He asked Sara Russell, COMMIT's presidential candidate, why she voted for an additional \$9,000 increase in the student fee budget at last week's Association of Students of the University of Nebraska meeting.

Russell said it was understood that Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs James Griesen had capped student fees at \$240 for the semester, so if ASUN voted for the increase for student involvement services, the money would be taken within the existing budget.

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Student involvement, she said, was important to the university and would allow for more East Campus opportunities.

"East Campus students pay exactly the same fees, and a lot of their money goes to City Campus ... it makes them feel even more separated," Russell said.

Chris Linder, COMMIT second vice presidential candidate, asked Eddie Brown, VISION second vice presidential candidate, what his role in ASUN would be.

Brown said his main goal would be to open the communication lines between the Residence Hall Association and ASUN through things such as more hours for the campus escort service and more ASUN-RHA co-sponsorships.

Linder said being the RHA liaison had traditionally been the role of the second vice president. Linder, who is a student assistant in Schramm Hall, said she wanted to broaden the office by increasing contact with college advisory boards, working more with the Parents Association and assisting town hall meetings in the residence halls.

Brown questioned COMMIT's support of changing the current party system for ASUN elections to a system where senators and advisory board members would

run independently.

Brown said it was hypocritical for COMMIT to advocate this, yet run under the current party system.

COMMIT did not have a choice this year, Linder said, because it had to abide by the current system.

"It's a process that may take awhile, but it's got to start somewhere," Linder said.

If students ran independently they would work harder to get their ideas across, she said, because their issues, not their party name, would attract votes.

Brown said such independence would not be effective.

For example, Brown said, the seven senator positions for the College of Arts and Sciences were more effective when they ran under the same set of goals instead of each person acting independently.

Saad Alavi, who moderated the debate sponsored by the Union Board and Pakistani Students Association, asked candidates how they would recruit and retain international students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Brown said involving international students in the president's cabinet, holding monthly open forums and getting more students of color to be New Student Enrollment leaders would make international students feel more welcome.

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