

Russell ready to lead ASUN

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Natalya Shannon, will bring a fresh perspective, she said.

Russell said Slaughter and Shannon were just a few of the people who helped throughout the campaign by bringing ideas, working late hours and taking time last Wednesday to encourage people to vote.

And though Mark didn't run in the elections, he said he didn't have to think twice about helping his sister out by urging people to vote for her.

"I figured it was my sister, I owe her something," he said. "She's helped me out through the years."

Mark said even when he was young, Sara was the one who would

try to break up fights between him and his older brother, Joel.

People are already encouraging Mark to follow in his sister's footsteps and run for ASUN senator.

But for now he will sit back and watch big sis run the student body government at UNL — a job he is certain she will do effectively.

"I think she'll do a good job," he said. "She's pretty committed to this and dedicated. She's a hard worker and I know she'll do a good job."

But Russell said she might have to get some help from Ruwe.

"I might try and steal some of Ruwe's toys to keep myself motivated."

Ice hinders disabled

By **LINDSAY YOUNG**
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Tag Jackson only attended one of his three courses last week.

He wasn't sick. It wasn't too cold for him. And he wasn't playing hooky.

He simply couldn't make it.

Jackson, a sophomore general studies major who uses a wheelchair, has two health classes in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Mabel Lee Hall, a building he could not reach last week because of snow and ice-covered sidewalks, streets and ramps, he said.

Most students faced difficulties getting to school last week, but Jackson said some disabled students had a particularly rough time.

His wheels spun in the slush, and his wheelchair swerved going up ramps and over sidewalks and streets throughout campus, he said.

Traveling was hard on the wheelchair's battery, which was already adversely affected by the cold weather, said Jackson, who lives in Selleck Residence Hall.

He was afraid to cross anywhere but at a stoplight — even then he was afraid because the ice could have caused his wheelchair to swerve or tip over.

These challenges were unnecessary, Jackson said.

"It's this no-class bullshit," he said. "That's where it's making me angry."

The time he normally would have spent in class was spent in his room, he said, giving him a case of cabin fever.

Officials for UNL's Department of Landscape Services weren't surprised that people who use wheelchairs had a difficult time getting to classes last week — especially in the area of Mabel

Lee Hall.

"I couldn't imagine trying to get around through those on a wheelchair," said Kirby Baird, city campus landscape manager. "It'd just be impossible."

But Baird said the department had not been contacted about Jackson's problems.

Landscape services runs into problems and obstacles cleaning up the campus after a storm — things Baird said can't be predicted.

Even with about 35 City Campus landscape workers working around the clock, it was tough for them to clear and make all areas on City Campus accessible for Monday's classes, Baird said.

At least one door to each building was accessible, and the main sidewalks and areas were cleared, he said.

"We're not really equipped to move that amount of snow," he said. "Things don't get cleaned up as quickly."

The storm dumped 11 inches of snow on Lincoln, closing Interstate 80 and other area highways most of Monday.

"We needed to come in at midnight in order to get the campus open by 7 o'clock," Baird said.

Workers don't get paid overtime, Baird said, and some worked up to 60 hours last week.

It was possible for the workers to miss some areas, Baird said, and Mabel Lee Hall may have been one of those areas.

He said he was unaware students were having trouble accessing the building but said he would check it out immediately Friday after talking to the Daily Nebraskan.

Matt Woita, a freshman accounting major who uses a wheelchair, said he did not attend classes in Nebraska Hall

last week because the sidewalks between his residence in Selleck Hall and Nebraska Hall were not cleared.

Woita said the residents of greek houses lining Vine and 16th streets did not do a good job of clearing snow off sidewalks.

Baird said the sidewalks in front of the greek houses were not the responsibility of landscape services.

"It's private property so we don't do it," he said. "I don't know if we'd want to do it... we just can't handle all of it."

Most of 16th Street and the surrounding sidewalks are the responsibility of greek houses and churches.

These sidewalks fall under the governance of the city. According to the Lincoln Municipal Code, residents must have snow cleared off sidewalks before 9 a.m. the day after a storm.

Woita said the crosswalks gave him the most trouble. Ramps leading into the streets were filled with ruts and small hills of snow, increasing the chances of getting stuck, he said.

Woita said cleaning campus is a safety issue for all students, not just disabled students.

"I understand that sometimes there will be problems getting sidewalks cleared but I think that just for everybody's safety it's good to have the sidewalks taken care of," he said.

Students with disabilities who run into similar difficulties can contact either American Disabilities Act Compliance Officer at (402) 472-1131, Services for Students with Disabilities Director (402) 472-3787, or landscape services at (402) 472-2679.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen said students can also contact Student Affairs at (402) 472-3755.

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RHA supports petition to keep McLaughlin

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McLaughlin should remain at UNL.

"This university has made a commitment to excellence in education," Wallace said. "The administration needs to stand behind their commitment."

He said it is rare to find a teacher like McLaughlin who regularly draws students to his class who are not even enrolled in it.

Aaron Page, a Harper Residence Hall senator, said McLaughlin is a fun teacher.

"He knows how to teach and explain things in a way students can understand," Page said. "He makes students want to learn."