



Ace in the hole

Nebraska left-hander Kenny Duebelbeis (1-1) will start on the mound today against Missouri in Columbia, Mo. PAGE 7



Stage fright

The theater experience can be an intimidating one for the unexperienced. But with a little background, fun can be had by all. BACK PAGE

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McLaughlin will remain if recommended

By ERIN SCHULTE Senior Editor

The right formula of student activism, media attention and teaching excellence was a catalyst for plans to hire an adjunct chemistry professor.

Bill McLaughlin, a UNL adjunct chemistry instructor, will be allowed to stay at the university pending a recommendation from chemistry department faculty, said Brian Foster, dean of the college of arts and sciences.

"If chemistry makes a recommendation, I'll find the money," Foster said.

Foster said he met with Senior Vice Chancellors for Academic Affairs Richard Edwards Monday to discuss the decision, but it had not yet been formalized.

"There's a process we have to go through in hiring," Foster said. "I couldn't hire on my authority if I wanted to."

McLaughlin has said that an informal poll

revealed 15 of 16 tenured chemistry faculty members want him to stay.

Foster said the department will most likely make a decision at a faculty meeting.

Chemistry Professor Paul Kelter said the department will meet today to affirm support for McLaughlin, which will then be passed to the dean.

Kelter said administrators agreed to work with the chemistry department to make it possible for McLaughlin to stay for a minimum of two years or longer if money is available.

The combination of passionate protests by students, directed media coverage and administrator's commitment to education all worked together to keep McLaughlin on staff, Kelter said.

"This is a marvelous victory for student education at the University of Nebraska," Kelter said. "We are indebted to the chancellor, vice chancellor and the dean of the college for making this possible."

Kelter stressed students' roles in the struggle, saying they put forth an "immense"

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amount of work.

"We should never forget what became possible with students working together on this campus," he said.

Aaron Page, a sophomore anthropology major and former student of McLaughlin in Chemistry 109, said the result was the effect of student activism.

"I'm just happy," Page said. "It's amazing we won against the administration."

"We got them to change their mind."

McLaughlin said that though he has received no formal offer from the university, he is ready to celebrate.

"I am trying to figure out who loses here," McLaughlin joked.

He said the decision showed the administration cared about undergraduate student concerns, and campus activism showed UNL students possess leadership qualities.

And he got a job - but the decision wasn't just about him. It also shows administration is serious about academic rigor, he said.

"Students expect rigorous courses; they spoke very clearly on that issue," he said. "If you're going to raise standards for students, you better raise standards for teachers, too."

"You can't announce excellence."



DAWN DIETRICH/DN

ELLEN MEYERS, the new director of the UNL Department of Landscape Services, is taking over a position held for 17 years by Wilbur Dasenbrock, who retired in 1996.

Landscape director plants future

By RYAN BRAUER Staff Reporter

Ellen Meyers must love a challenge.

The new director of the UNL Department of Landscape Services applied for the position last fall before the October snowstorm.

After a return visit to Lincoln to view the destruction on campus caused by the blizzard, Meyers still took the job knowing it would be her responsibility to repair the damage.

"It's been tough," Meyers said. "Tree repairs have definitely been what we've been spending most of our time on."

Meyers said making this campus beautiful again has been one of her top priorities since she arrived at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln a month ago.

"It will take a few years before this campus gets back to normal," she said. "We had 30 percent of our trees damaged - enough to warrant insurance claims."

She said 10 percent of the nearly 9,800 trees on both of UNL's campuses were so badly damaged they had to be removed.

Meyers is the head of a complex department that employs 47 full-time and 40 part-time employees, most of whom are students. The department is structured with several workers who are responsible for various areas of UNL's City and East campuses.

Meyers replaced Wilbur "Bud" Dasenbrock as director of landscape services. Dasenbrock retired in 1996. Jay Schluckebier, assistant director for landscape services, served as interim director for almost a

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Nelson: Argentine markets appealing

The Governor says Nebraska agriculture will not be threatened by Argentina's exports.

By BRIAN CARLSON Senior Reporter

Consumer and capital goods from Nebraska can enter a variety of Argentine markets without boosting Argentina's agricultural competitiveness to Nebraska's level, Gov. Ben Nelson said Monday.

In a media conference call from Argentina, where Nelson is leading a Nebraska trade mission, the governor said his meetings of the past week had been fruitful for Nebraska business.

Nelson said talks had spotlighted markets in Argentina for Valmont Industries, Behlen Manufacturing and several agricultural interests.

"I see these markets as having a great deal of appeal, not only for the present but for the future," he said.

Nelson said markets are available for consumer goods, and for capital

goods such as grain bins and irrigation systems. Investing in capital goods allows Argentine businesses and farms to expand their operations.

Nelson said he was not concerned that Nebraska's agriculture could suffer if an influx of capital goods from Nebraska to Argentina enhanced Argentina's agricultural competitiveness.

Instead, Nelson said, expanded trade would be mutually beneficial because markets are expanding throughout the world. Even in Asia, where countries have been drained by the recent economic crisis, agricultural markets are expanding - especially in China, Nelson said.

Nebraska's agricultural exports would continue to grow with expanded trade, and other countries such as Argentina could find their niche as well, Nelson said.

"If Argentina is ever competitive with us, it'll surprise me," he said. "World markets continue to grow, particularly in Asia, and there will be enough of a market for everyone."

Larry Sitzman, Nebraska Director

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UNL freshman still critical

From Staff Reports

A UNL freshman remained in critical condition Monday, while her 16-year-old sister's condition was upgraded to serious following a fatal auto accident in Lincoln Saturday night.

Sarah Cockson, 19, and her younger sister, Erin, were both injured in the accident that killed their older sister, Laura, a 21-

year-old UNL junior and member of Gamma Phi Beta.

Their car was struck by a man who police said ran a red light at the corner of First Street and Cornhusker Highway at about 11:30 p.m. Saturday night.

Jeffrey E. Ireland, 25, of 2411 N.W. Second St. was later arrested for drunken driving and felony motor vehicle homicide for his involvement in the accident.