



Playing in the sand

The Nebraska baseball team will leave winter behind as it travels to Honolulu for the Rainbow Easter Tournament over spring break. **PAGE 7**



Theremin man

Jared Alberico, Nebraska's self-proclaimed theremin virtuoso, will bring his music to the Wagon Train Project Saturday night. **PAGE 9**

A BREAK FROM THE GRAY

Partly sunny, high 40. Clear tonight, low 22.

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Fraternity allowed to reopen

■ Kappa Sigma will reorganize with diversity and community service in mind.

By BRAD DAVIS
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Just three months ago, members of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity were packing their bags and looking for new places to live because their house had closed.

Now, after threatening to revoke the University of Nebraska-Lincoln chapter's house charter, Kappa Sigma international headquarters has given the chapter the go-ahead to reorganize.

Although UNL Director of Greek Affairs Linda Schwartzkopf said her office has yet to receive official notice from the fraternity headquarters, members of the local chapter are already working on goals they presented at a hearing in Tennessee.

Nathan Pickerill, a junior Kappa Sigma member, said 10 men from his house, along with two alumni, traveled to Memphis, Tenn., to present a case before the Kappa Sigma Supreme Executive Board.

The UNL chapter presented a plan outlining goals for the house, in an effort to convince the national fraternity to rule that the group, which has had disciplinary and financial problems in the past, could remain on the Lincoln campus.

Pickerill said the chapter committed to rushing a more diverse pledge class, putting a greater emphasis on academics and participating in more community service and philanthropic activities.

Schartzkopf said these goals fit well with the greek system's recommitment to nonsocial aspects of fraternity life.

Adam Miller, a sophomore Kappa Sigma member, said the national fraternity would keep a close eye on UNL's chapter to ensure the goals are carried out.

"They're going to be watching us and seeing what we're doing," Miller said. "I think we're going to impress them, number one; and number two, I hope that they give us some support when we need it because it's going to be an uphill battle."

Because of the chapter's small numbers, alumni also will help the fledgling fraternity, Miller said.

Mike Garrison, Kappa Sigma district president, said this group of men was willing to accept responsibility for some past problems and work toward a more productive future.

To create that productive future, bad seeds among the current membership will be weeded out, Pickerill said.

All members will be subjected to a review by the alumni board, which will gauge each man's commitment to the house.

"If the board decides they respect the house," Pickerill said, "they'll be welcomed back with open arms."

Pickerill said he expected about 15 to 20 men to remain after the review of the about 35 members who were active last semester.

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CHRIS BENDET/DN

CARRIE ORTEGREN, UNL agribusiness senior and Block and Bridle club historian, explains to a group of children how quail are hatched and raised. The quail displayed by the Block and Bridle were raised for research purposes by Ryoichi Teruyama.

Livestock liven up Kid's Day

By ADAM KLINKER
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When the first wide-eyed, preschool aged children filed into the Animal Science arena on East Campus Thursday, their reactions weren't all pleasant.

"What's that stinky smell?" one preschool boy named Matthew asked as he stood in front of the pigs. "It's making me sick."

His classmate, Kersten, was no less concerned.

"Pigs are scary," she said, "and they smell really bad."

The children came to campus for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Block and Bridle club's biannual Kid's Day.

The event, held each fall and spring, is an educational day when farm animals are displayed for area preschool and day-care children.

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KERSTEN
Kid's Day attendee

The young children's prevalent comments on the animals included "Why?" and "Is this a boy or a girl?"

Animals on display included a horse, beef cattle, two baby lambs, sheep, chickens and mice.

A rambunctious dairy cow was removed after it tried to break loose from its pen.

Adding to the disturbance, a fire alarm sounded and sent about 600 children and teachers outside for 15 minutes. The Lincoln Fire Department responded, but found no fire.

The Block and Bridle members took the disruptions in stride, though.

"Challenges make you stronger," said Dan

Wolfe, a senior agribusiness major. "This was certainly something new for us to deal with."

Lindsey Deardorff, a junior agribusiness and ag-journalism major and the club's programming chairwoman, said the restless dairy cow and fire drill made for the most exciting Kid's Day in years.

Overall, club members judged the day a success.

"I think a lot of these kids never get a chance to see a cow, except maybe in a book," freshman animal science major Valerie Brauner said.

"These animals aren't usually in a zoo, so we give them a chance to learn a lot from this."

ASUN campaign costs escalating COMMIT's \$4,300 total is highest in recent history

By JESSICA FARGEN
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Most University of Nebraska-Lincoln students could probably find a lot of ways to spend \$4,300.

COMMIT candidates chose to spend it on their ASUN campaign, while VISION chose to spend about \$1,300.

But this year's Association of Students of the University of Nebraska candidates said the money didn't win the elections, but it did promote the political parties.

"Finances and the amount of money spent help publicize a party's name," said VISION's John Wiechmann, who lost the presidential race. "Therefore the more money you spend, the more people are going to see your name."

That's been the case in recent years, as the party that has spent the most money has come out on top.

Marlene Beyke, ASUN director of development, said COMMIT's campaign expenses were

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the highest in recent memory.

In 1996, ACTION spent about \$2,000, while its opponent, OFFICE, spent about \$420. Last year KEG spent \$104 and lost the 1997 ASUN elections to ADVANCE, which spent about \$1,800.

ASUN President-elect Sara Russell said, "Winning is not necessarily attributed to the money, but we can't necessarily divorce it from the money either."

Money this year was spent mainly on T-shirts, printing, food and drinks and buttons.

And candidates can spend as much as they want on these items because ASUN does not impose spending limits.

Candidates said the current system may not always be fair, but it is necessary.

Wiechmann said if candidates could raise the money, they should be allowed to spend it.

And if limits were placed on spending, Russell

said, candidates might not report everything, which would be unfair.

But Russell said Todd Munson, a Daily Nebraskan columnist who encouraged students to write him in as president, got a lot of votes without even pulling out his wallet.

"He did some great financing," she said. "He needs to talk to them next year and tell them how to run a campaign."

Russell said she sees great financing in her future in order to pay back the \$976 she personally spent on COMMIT as well as about \$1,500 still coming in bills. She said she will sit down with COMMIT candidates to discuss how to pay back the \$1,500.

But Russell said she was prepared for a hefty campaign bill.

"It's not something where you go running to mommy and daddy and say, 'I wanna run.'"

Russell said the role of money in the elections often leads to an "un-level playing field."

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