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As Swift as it gets

Jess Swift scored a career-best 9.750 on the vault to help the Nebraska women's gymnastics team win its fifth-straight conference title. **PAGE 7**



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Righteous sister

"Little Plastic Castle," Ani DiFranco's tenth solo album, shows off more of the DIY songwriter's talent and politics. **PAGE 9**

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Visions unmasked at LeaderShape

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Fifty-eight students last week took off the masks they wear in everyday life to concentrate on what they could do to contribute as leaders to UNL and the community.

The LeaderShape Institute was an opportunity to pack outside priorities, such as school and work, in a box for a week and let participants clear their heads.

Then, participants could find out what to do with their goals, said Marilyn Bugenhagen, LeaderShape campus program administrator.

The conference, which is in its second year at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, was at Camp Carroll Joy Holling in Ashland from March 21 until Thursday.

Kee said that when the participants took off their masks, the values the program taught were more effective.

The program's activities helped participants learn a key to good leading — understanding themselves and others, said Taylor Faulkner, freshman mathematics major.

Andy Schuerman, sophomore business education major, said participants learned things about themselves such as what motivates them and how well they work with others.

LeaderShape reflects important leadership issues such as vision, partnerships, integrity and results. Participants learned to work in high-performance teams, practice decision-making in ethical dilemmas and deal with change.

The conference was set up with a different theme, such as "Building

Community," each day. Students worked in large and small groups.

By the end of the week, the participants each formulated a vision statement and decided how to carry it out. Those visions focus on something the conference graduate can contribute to the campus or community.

Visions included the creation of mentoring programs and what participants could do to combat drinking and driving.

Kee's vision involves breaking down cultural barriers and encouraging more communication between UNL's international and American students.

He said he will work as a Student Assistant at Cather Residence Hall next year, serving as an international house coordinator. At LeaderShape Kee realized how a supportive team could help him achieve his vision.

Throughout the week he learned how to tap into resources and achieve his goal step-by-step. He plans to start different cultural and educational programs and create activities and events where international and American students can work together.

Bugenhagen said the LeaderShape team continues to motivate participants to carry out their visions throughout the next year through periodic enrichment sessions and personal coaching.

This makes the program more effective, said Kif Harvey, a secondary education major.

"It's not just a week process,"

Crime act criticized

Griesen says bill puts emphasis on reports

By JOSH FUNK
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A bill in U.S. Congress could change the way crimes are reported and handled on university campuses.

The Accuracy in Campus Crime Reporting Act would require university administrators, officials and counselors to report all crimes to university police. The bill also would change campus disciplinary proceedings.

"I have some serious concerns about this bill," said James Griesen, vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

"It is well-intended, but not well-proposed."

The bill now is being considered by the House subcommittee on postsecondary education,

training and lifelong learning.

Congressman John Duncan Jr., R-Tenn., introduced the bill Feb. 12, 1997, along with Congressman Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., and 19 co-sponsors.

Now there are more than 65 co-sponsors on the bill.

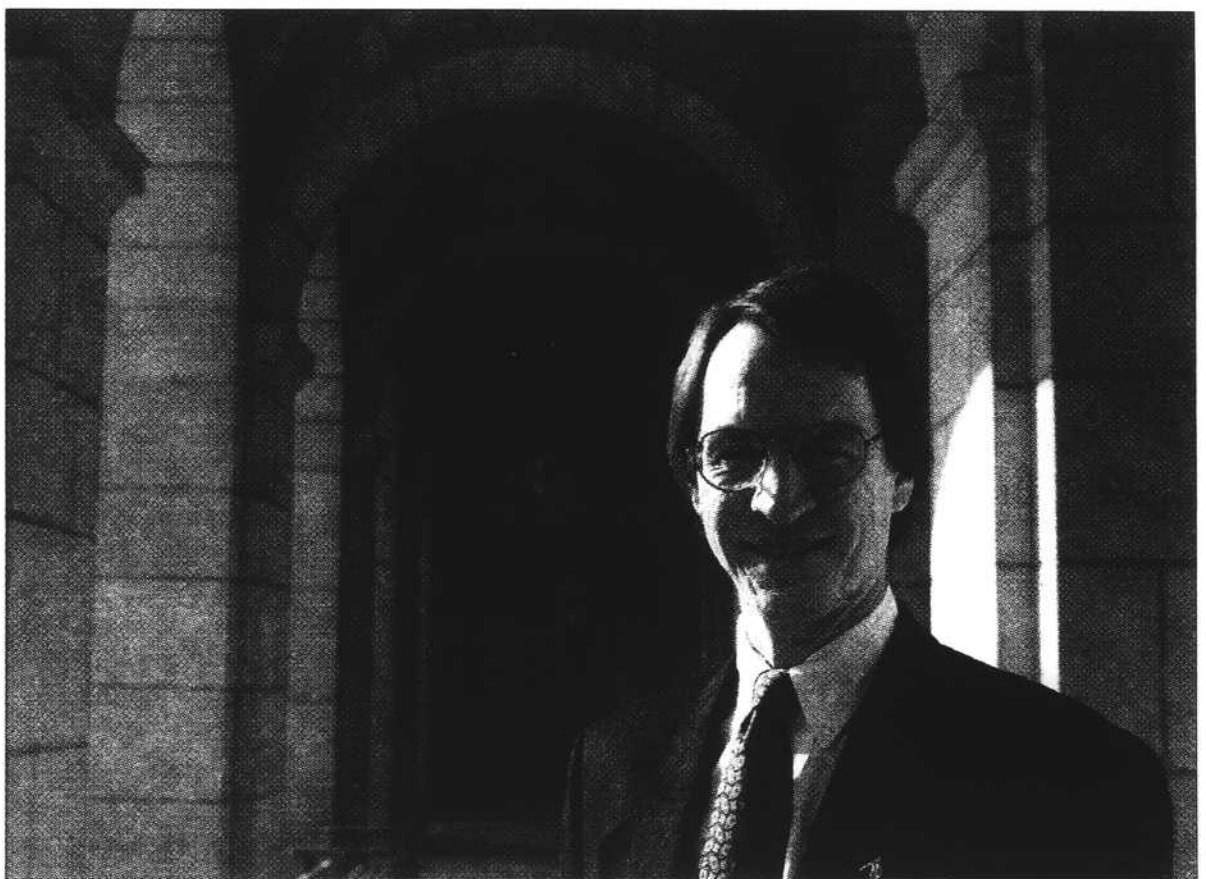
Griesen's complaint was that the bill emphasizes reports of crime over incidents of crime.

"The proposed changes won't be at all effective lowering crime on campus," he said.

Requiring all university officials to report any crime they know about would require a tremendous amount of coordination to avoid duplication, Griesen said.

"There are a lot of gray areas," he said.

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ON APRIL 14, Lincoln Sen. Don Wesely will say goodbye to the Nebraska Legislature, ending his 20-year career serving District 26. The UNL alumnus is considering running as a candidate for Lincoln's next mayor in 2000.

20-year career nears end

By TODD ANDERSON
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Honesty is remaining true to oneself.

For Lincoln Sen. Don Wesely, that has meant making decisions in accord with his principle throughout his 20-year career as the District 26 representative in the Nebraska Legislature.

"I did what I thought was right, even though it might have hurt me politically," Wesely said.

After 20 years of service, Wesely, 44, has announced that he will retire from Nebraska Legislature after the session ends on April 14. He also will retire from Aliant Communications, where he has worked as a research consultant.

In 1978, while still a graduate student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Wesely was elected to the Unicameral after friends prompted him to run.

Even though the then-24-year-old student had never thought of running for the Legislature, the idea intrigued him when he received a positive response from people in the Lincoln community.

After narrowly winning in the primaries, Wesely won with a strong 59 percent majority vote in the general election.

At that time, Wesely said he knew he wanted to fight for the disadvantaged and working-class people.

Sen. Chris Beutler, fellow Lincoln senator, said Wesely's focus has not changed in 20 years.

"(Sen. Wesely) came into the Legislature with a well-developed

philosophy and an admirable set of ideals," Beutler said. "And that has not changed."

"He's always had the judgment to make necessary compromises while moving toward his ideals."

As chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee for the last 14 years, Wesely has become one of the most informed and influential experts on health care, locally and nationally.

Wesely has spoken to legislatures and committees nationwide about health care and has served as member of several national and state task forces throughout his career.

Sen. DiAnna Schimek of Lincoln said Wesely's focus has naturally been on health issues, but his passion has been economic development.

"He's one of the few who call into question the state's policy of giving tax incentives to businesses," Schimek said.

Wesely said he fought business tax breaks, such as the recent bill to attract a Caterpillar plant to Omaha, to remain true to his principles.

"I took on some very powerful people," he said.

"Every decision you make, somebody's going to be mad at you," he said.

But in defending his beliefs, Wesely has never been rigid or impossible to work with.

On the contrary, Wesely is known as a coalition builder in the Legislature, Beutler said.

Lincoln Sen. Dave Landis and Sen. Deb Suttle of Omaha both said Wesely has a habit of making all the different people with opposing viewpoints sit down at the same table and

talk to each other. He has even sacrificed mainstream popularity when necessary, they said.

"I think it's an expression of his own sense of conscience," Landis said. "The application of conscience in public life is uplifting and valuable."

Schimek, who has served on the HHS committee for the last two years, said Wesely is an effective communicator.

"He's a very firm, yet gentle, style of leadership," she said. "He tries to work with people to see that they get to accomplish their own goals as much as possible, while keeping an eye on his own goals."

Beutler said Wesely employs the General Patton approach in trying to make progress toward his goals.

"He goes on all fronts a little bit at a time; he keeps moving," Beutler said.

Wesely said he's willing to work with anyone who is honest.

"The only people I can't work with are the dishonest ones," he said. "They infuriate me."

"Dishonesty is one of the traits that I like the least."

Seeking to open communication among Lincoln senators, Wesely started the Lincoln breakfasts, modeled after the Nebraska breakfasts in Washington, D.C.

"(Wesely) has usually been the unofficial organizer of the Lincoln delegation," Schimek said.

Debra Hardin Quirk, Nebraska Democratic Party chairwoman, said Wesely also has provided guidance in the state party, by serving as a dele-

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