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### Losing Lue?

Sources in the NU Athletic Department say Tyrone Lue will announce today that he will declare himself eligible for the NBA Draft. **PAGE 7**



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Often maligned as a commercial enterprise and not a true art form, film has come a long way since its invention more than 100 years ago. **BACK PAGE**

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A LITTLE SLUSH MUST FALL

Windy and rainy, high 37. Light snow tonight, low 28.

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## Stadium skeleton



ROY BLEICH, left, and Jerry Bailey, of Davis Erection Company, help a crane operator move steel beams at Memorial Stadium Monday. Construction workers said the day had been going a little slower than usual because of Monday's precipitation. *JAY CALDERON/DN*

## The King likely to rule Union

■ The NU Board of Regents will vote Saturday on a recommendation to keep Burger King.

BY LINDSAY YOUNG  
Assignment Reporter

The King could still reign — at least for the next five years.

The NU Board of Regents will vote Saturday whether to accept a recommendation to keep Burger King in the Nebraska Union under a five-year lease agreement.

Burger King's lease will expire June 30, and the proposed new lease would begin in July.

The union opened up bidding to fast food restaurants about two months ago, and the field was narrowed to Burger King, McDonald's and Runza.

The Union Board looked at student preference, taste, brand recognition, quality of food and service, performance and sales, total amount of bid and cleanliness and sanitation practices.

A telephone survey of students was conducted through the vice chancellor of Student Affairs' office by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Bureau of Sociological Research.

Because of the closeness of the restaurants' bids, the decision of which one to recommend to the regents was made based on the survey's results, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen said.

"We would have been happy with any of the three (restaurants)," he said.

Union Board President Saad Alavi said student preference was perhaps the most important aspect when looking at potential bidders.

"If you have something in the building (students) don't approve of, what would be the use?" Alavi said.

Burger King received the most support from the 300 students randomly surveyed, Alavi said.

Runza does not offer a breakfast menu but said it would look into providing one if it received the bid.

Alavi compared the offer to Subway's statement when it received a bid at the union that it would sell pizza — it no longer does.

McDonald's and Burger King both offer breakfast menus.

A breakfast menu was important, Alavi said, because students arrive at the union as early as 7 a.m.

And because of UNL's contract with the Pepsi Corp., the union Burger King also must switch from dispensing Coca-Cola products to Pepsi products.

Griesen said he was pleased with the recommendation.

"We enjoy a very good relationship with Burger King and we're delighted to be continuing that relationship," he said.

Runza and Burger King both offered a base rent that would be paid to the union each year. McDonald's promised a percentage of the year's gross sales, Alavi said.

Under the proposed contract, Burger King will pay an annual rent of \$44,562 for the 3,875 square-foot space.

For sales beyond \$636,607, Burger King will contribute 7 percent of its profits to the union in revenue sharing. It also will contribute 1.5 percent of gross sales to union marketing programs.

## McLaughlin seeks better deal

BY BRAD DAVIS  
Senior Reporter

Though administrators said they'd find the money to keep a visiting chemistry instructor at UNL next year, the instructor has not yet secured a contract.

But hope for Bill McLaughlin's more permanent appointment to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is not lost, he said.

McLaughlin, an adjunct chemistry instructor from St. Joseph, Mo., said negotiations with Department of Chemistry Chairman Lawrence

Parkhurst are proceeding in a "positive" manner.

The visiting instructor said he was offered a contract last week, but terms of the agreement were unacceptable. McLaughlin and the department chairman are re-negotiating a contract, which McLaughlin said will be completed soon.

To ensure neither party is pressured during "delicate" negotiations, McLaughlin said he wouldn't disclose the terms of the original contract or the current talks.

More than 1,000 students signed petitions earlier this month urging administrators to hire McLaughlin beyond his one-year appointment, which ends in May.

A majority of chemistry faculty members voted earlier this month to recommend McLaughlin to teach beginning chemistry classes for the next few years.

Chemistry Professor Gerard Harbison said McLaughlin was an asset to the department.

"Bill McLaughlin is a fine teacher, and I'm sure he'll be appointed," Harbison said.

McLaughlin said he's anxious to get back to the classroom.

"I'm looking forward to concentrating more on teaching," he said. "Both parties would like to move on to a positive resolution — one that's good for both students and the university."

## Union College rape suspect to stand trial

BY JOSH FUNK  
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The comedian accused of raping a Union College woman last year has been scheduled to stand trial in Lincoln sometime in the next year.

At a preliminary hearing in Lancaster County Court March 19, Vinson Champ's case was bound over to district court on the charge of first-degree sexual assault.

Champ, who is being held in Lincoln/Lancaster County Jail in lieu of 500,000 bond will be in court again at 1:30 p.m. on April 8.

Champ also has been connected to sexual assaults at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis.,

St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa, and in Pasadena, Calif., where he was arrested.

Physical evidence including semen samples and the attacker's methods link all the crimes, which occurred during February 1997, according to the arrest warrant.

Neither the county attorney nor the public defender in the case would comment.

The Union College attack occurred on the evening of Feb. 2, 1997, when a 27-year-old woman was playing the piano alone in a basement auditorium of the E. Dick building on campus, court documents said.

The woman described her attacker as 5 feet 7 inches to 5 feet 9 inches tall and 18-25 years old with a thin to medium build.

Because he was wearing a ski mask, she was unsure of her attacker's race, but hair and

semen samples indicated a black man, court documents said.

In the other rapes Champ has been connected to, the attacker followed the same pattern. He would ask about sexual history, force anal sex, use his own saliva for lubrication and, after the rape, ask the women to pray for him.

Two of the other three attacks were on women practicing the piano.

Champ was identified by witnesses as he was fleeing the scene of a rape in Pasadena, Calif., which led to his arrest.

At the time of the attacks, Champ was traveling around to small colleges where he performed as a comedian.

Champ's schedule coincided with the attacks, and his blood type and DNA are consistent with semen samples from the attacks.