



On the Brink

Sophomore Heather Brink was the only Husker to qualify for nationals as the women's gymnastics team placed fifth at the West Regional. PAGE 7

Retracing his steps

Jeff Loos, owner of Backtrack Records, has made his hobby - record collecting - into the habit of a lifetime. And with the help of the Internet, he's sharing it with the world. PAGE 9

SPRINGING AHEAD

Partly sunny, high 64. Partly cloudy tonight, low 45.

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Regents

Students keep King in union

Telephone polls led to the NU Board of Regents' decision to give the restaurant a new lease.

By ERIN GIBSON Senior Editor

Student choice was the biggest factor as the NU Board of Regents awarded another five-year lease Saturday to Burger King in the Nebraska Union.

After reading a letter from McDonald's requesting a second chance to bid on the lease, the regents unanimously approved the lease to Horizon Food Service, which operates the union's Burger King franchise.

James Griesen, UNL vice chancellor for Student Affairs, said 304 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students were polled by telephone either at 6 p.m. March 16 or at 9 p.m. March 19 on whether they would prefer Burger King, McDonald's or Runza to operate in the union.

More than three-fourths of those surveyed by the UNL Bureau of Sociological Research listed Burger King as their first or second choice.

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History of racial problems leads to UNL review

By JOSH FUNK Senior Reporter

UNL's general record of racial problems is the catalyst prompting the U.S. Department of Education to review the university's racial harassment policies, federal government officials said Friday.

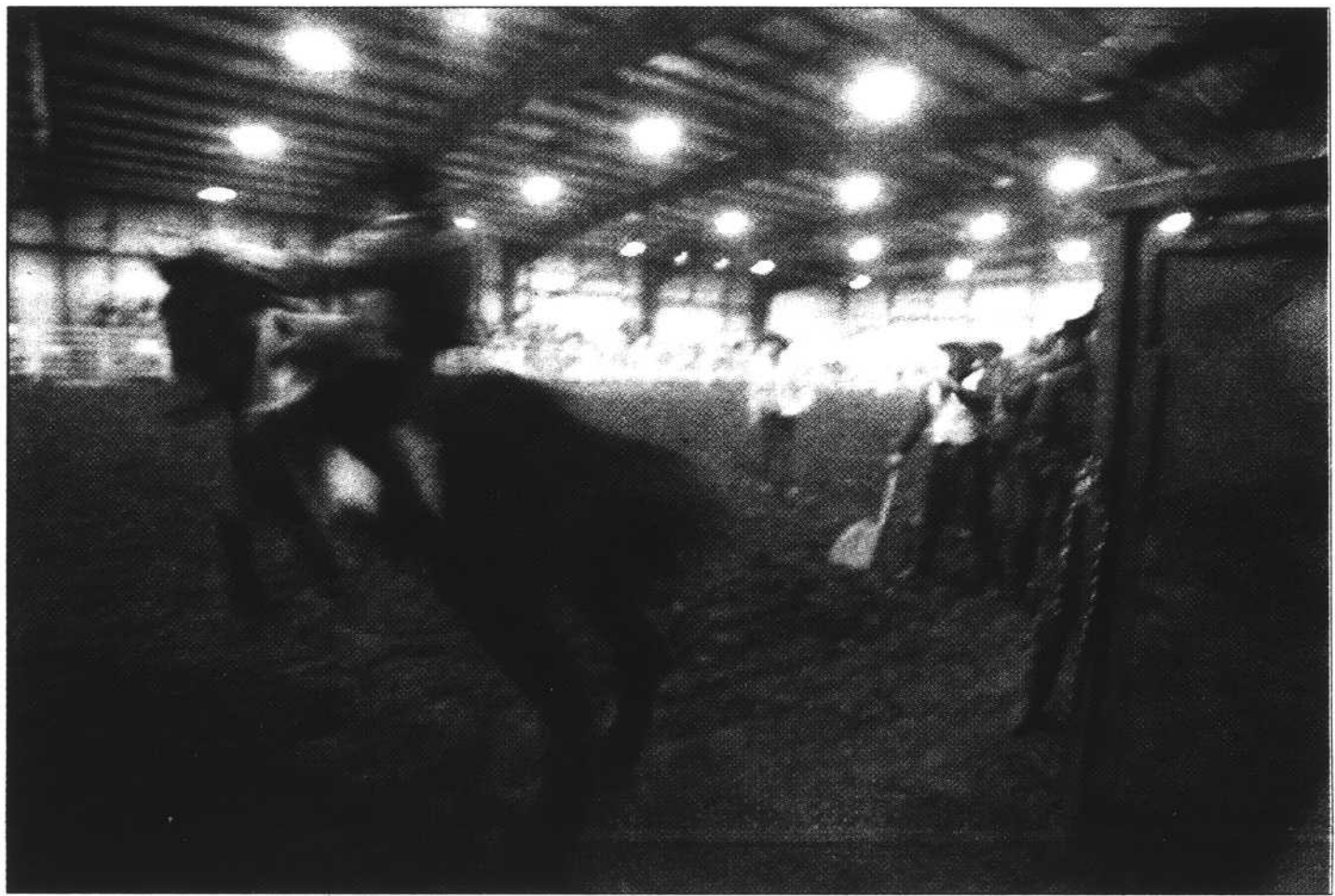
No formal complaints were filed to start the process, the review mainly is a proactive move to make sure the racial harassment policies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln are sound.

Officials from the Office for Civil Rights, a part of the education department, will be at UNL April 13-17.

Linda Crump, UNL affirmative action and diversity director, originally had said the Office for Civil Rights selected schools for review randomly, and the topic was arbitrarily decided.

But Michael Hamilton, associate director of the education department's regional office in Kansas City, Mo., said the Office for Civil Rights considers information from various agencies, people on campus

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JAY CALDERON/DN

JOHN REECE, of the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, bursts out of the chute during the bareback riding competition at the UNL rodeo Saturday. The UNL Rodeo Club organized the weekend event, held in Wahoo.

Rodeo Club ropes three titles

By AMANDA SCHINDLER Staff Reporter

Amid dusty boots and dustier Wranglers, fans cheered and dirt flew at the 40th Annual UNL Rodeo, the first of the season for the UNL Rodeo team.

The team from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln walked away with one first-place belt buckle, and both men's and women's all-around titles after the clanging chutes and rowdy livestock of the Saturday evening short-go round.

Junior agriculture economics major Kyle Whittaker won the men's all-around competition and the final steer-wrestling event with an average time of 4.7 seconds. Sophomore Jamie Chaffin won the women's all-around title.

UNL Rodeo adviser George Pfeifer was

happy with the team's performance.

"They did real good," he said. "Nobody got hurt too badly, and we had a really nice crowd this year."

Six UNL students qualified for the finals in seven of the nine events at the Saunders County Fairgrounds in Wahoo Saturday.

Chaffin, an agriculture resources major, competed in both breakaway roping and goat tying, and freshman agriculture major Brian Wray competed in calf roping. Neither placed in

the final competition.

Whittaker qualified in saddle-bronc riding, placing fourth in the finals.

Junior agriculture major Jeff Richardson and sophomore business major Scott Peterson paired up for the team-roping event but didn't make a qualifying run in the finals.

Senior agriculture major Sara Ragatz competed in the barrel-racing event but did not earn a

"We did all right, but we can always do better."

SARA RAGATZ barrel-racing competitor

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Assembly to teach respect in cool way

By ADAM KLINKER Staff Reporter

With an expected attendance of 14,000 students from 262 Nebraska schools, the Best of America "School is Cool" Jam will storm into the Bob Devaney Sports Center today at 10 a.m.

The event is sponsored by the Nebraska Athletic Department, which is working with the Lincoln Public Schools department of special education, Golden Key Honor Society and Pi Lambda Theta, education honorary.

"It's going to be a lot of excitement," said Keith Zimmer, associate director of academic programs for the Athletic Department. "(The students) are always looking forward to being at the Devaney Center for this event."

The expected crowd will be the largest in the program's seven-year history in Lincoln. A total of more than 45,000 students statewide have attended the "School is Cool" Jam in the past.

Following today's performance, the "School is Cool" Jam will travel to Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte where it will be joined by Husker football players Joel Makovicka and Dan Alexander and volleyball player Mandy Monson.

Today's featured athletes will include Husker football player Bobby Newcombe and volleyball player Fiona Nepo.

Newcombe said he was excited when Zimmer asked him to be a part of this year's program.

"I'm looking forward to speaking to a lot of kids," Newcombe said. "It's great getting involved with the community in that way."

A traveling trampoline group from Denver

also will be performing stunts and speaking on responsible decision-making.

Former Football Coach Tom Osborne will be recognized in a tribute by some of his former players including Cory Schlesinger, Turner Gill, Trev Alberts and Tom Heiser.

Keynote speakers are Golden Key National Honor Society representatives Chris Linder and Jeremy Wortman.

Zimmer said this year's message is respect - for teachers, parents and peers. He said a team of survey takers polled area fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders to see what issues were most important to them.

Using that information, the program coordinators decided what material to use in the show.

Zimmer said, "We're very excited about everything."