

UNL Rodeo opens year in Wahoo

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place in the finals.

She said the team did well considering it was its first competition of the season.

"For the first rodeo, everything doesn't always go as well as planned," she said. "We did all right, but we can always do better."

In other events:

■ Tigh Anderberg of West Dakota Technical Institute won the bareback-riding event with an average score of 74.

■ Sheri Donahey of West Dakota Technical Institute won the breakaway roping with an average of 5.3 seconds.

■ Jason Thorstenson of National American University of Rapid City, S.D., won the calf-roping event with an average of 12.15 seconds.

■ Zac Crane of Dickenson State University in Dickenson, N.D., won the saddle-bronc riding with an average score of 74.5.

■ Jodi Bubel of Dakota State University in Madison, S.D., won the goat-tying event with an average time of 7.4 seconds.

■ T.J. Ruland and Chad Lammers of National American University won the team roping with an average time of 7.1 seconds.

■ Erin Wanner of Dickenson State won the Barrel Racing with an average time of 12.945 seconds.

■ Monte Williams of South Dakota State University in Brookings, S.D., won the bull riding with an average score of 71.

Latina sorority sought

Greek system may add second minority house

BY IEVA AUGSTUMS
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The greek system is preparing to add another member to its family: a new sister with diverse roots.

Greek Affairs met with students and sorority representatives Saturday to discuss the possibility of establishing a chapter of a nonexclusive historically Latina sorority on campus by December. Organizers have not yet chosen a specific sorority to bring to campus.

Director of Greek Affairs Linda Schwartzkopf said she was excited at the prospect of another sorority on campus.

"We want to provide students with as many opportunities and choices as we can," she said.

Gabrielle Dalton, an organizer of the potential sorority, said it will open the greek system to Latina students. Because of their small numbers, Latina students have not been as involved at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, she said. There are about 400 Latino students at the university.

"We feel that a lot of Latina students do not feel comfortable in the greek system," Dalton said. Juan Izaguirre, co-founder of the Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity colony on campus, said the potential sorority would be the second minority-focused greek house at UNL this year. Those new chapters will get more minorities involved, he said.

"The greek system is one of the key ways to get involved on campus," Izaguirre said. Schwartzkopf said the Interfraternity Council welcomed the Sigma Lambda Beta colony, a nonexclusive historically Latino fraternity, in February.

Panhellenic Council President Sherri Neall said the council supports the group.

"We will help out wherever need-

ed," she said.

Schwartzkopf and others originally planned to meet with two sororities and hear why UNL should colonize, but they heard only one presentation.

Organizers wanted to hear presentations from Gamma Phi Omega and Sigma Lambda Gamma, but representatives from the latter were not able to attend.

So only representatives from Gamma Phi Omega, a nonexclusive Latina sorority that celebrates the diversity of the Latino cultures, came and discussed its history, beliefs and goals.

Sheila Castillo, Gamma Phi Omega president at DePaul University in Chicago, said members of Gamma Phi Omega are goal-oriented.

Gamma Phi Omega sisters live up to academic excellence, cultural awareness, philanthropy and sisterhood, she said.

"We represent dedicated sisters who care about themselves and their communities," Castillo said. "A sorority is more than just an organization - it is a support system."

Yvette Lopez, associate dean of pledges for Gamma Phi Omega at the University of Illinois-Chicago, encouraged UNL to research options before deciding on a sorority.

"You have to find out what is going to suit you," she said.

Dalton said organizers also will look at other Latina sororities. Meetings will be held for those interested.

Dalton said students who want to help establish the colony can contact her at (402) 470-0470.

"This is something that will stay with you for the rest of your life," Lopez said. "It's true; sisters are forever."

Assignment Reporter Lindsay Young contributed to this report.

Review prompted by past racial problems

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and the press when selecting a school to review.

Then, based on that information, the civil rights office selects a topic to review with the school, Hamilton said. The office also handles discrimination based on gender, age and disability.

"The reviews are done to determine if federally funded institutions are complying with civil rights laws," according to the Office for Civil Rights World Wide Web site.

Hamilton would not discuss any details of the UNL review with the press, but he provided background on the review process.

The partnership review evolved from an older version called a compliance review. The partnership reviews include more input from those involved at the school, Hamilton said.

"The reviews are done in a positive way to be mutually beneficial," he said.

The less adversarial format allows for free sharing of ideas between schools and the Office for Civil Rights, Hamilton said. Another benefit of the part-

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nership reviews is speed: University administrators receive a copy of preliminary findings before civil rights office officials leave the school.

The old compliance reviews took four to six months to complete.

Each year the Office for Civil Rights conducts 15 to 20 of these reviews.

OCR will also look at how the university has handled incidents on campus in the past two years, Hamilton said.

But, he said, the review should not be cause for worry.

"We expect good things in Lincoln."

Regents request more athletic-budget reports

From Staff Reports

The NU Board of Regents requested Saturday more frequent reports on the spiraling budgets of each campus' athletic department, which combined are now worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

Although they possess auxiliary budgets, the departments aren't autonomous, regents said. They reiterated that each athletic department is part of the university and is controlled by its campus' chancellor.

Chancellor James Moeser said he greatly appreciated regents' reminder that athletics are under institutional control.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln should be able to tell the NCAA that the Athletic Department is controlled by the university and that control rests in the hands of the chancellor, Moeser said.

Some regents also criticized the

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NU Athletic Department on the UNL campus' lack of communication with the board.

Several, including Regent Nancy O'Brien of Waterloo, said they received no notice before NU Athletic Director Bill Byrne designated some football seats in Memorial Stadium as "club seating" and began charging \$1,500 per seat for 1998 season tickets.

But they did receive phone calls from angry constituents, they said.

"We've gotten more comments on that than anything we've done in the past three or four years," Regent John Payne of Kearney said.

Payne also requested the university find Byrne a public relations manager, because "he desperately needs one."

Moeser said a new public relations director was recently hired.

Students favor Burger King

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Griesen said. The next-highest contender, which Griesen wouldn't name, received 59 percent of first and second-place votes.

"Burger King was the clear preference," Griesen said.

Sara Russell, president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, also said students strongly supported awarding the lease to Burger King.

Many also favored Runza, she said, but students thought the restaurant was too expensive for the union.

Chancellor James Moeser told regents that the McDonald's bid for the union lease potentially could have paid more money to the university, because

the restaurant would have paid the university a share of its annual sales.

McDonald's stated in its April 2 letter to the regents that it could outsell Burger King by 37 percent next year.

But Burger King guaranteed a significant lease payment, Moeser said, and will pay about \$44,600 annually to lease the 3,875 feet of space on the union's first floor starting July 1.

Each year, Burger King also will contribute 7 percent of its revenue from sales beyond \$636,607, and will invest 1.5 percent of sales in union marketing programs.

The contract includes an option to renew the lease for an additional five years if the restaurant and university agree.

A Burger King franchise first leased

space in the union in 1987. The restaurant's current lease expires June 30.

Had McDonald's been allowed a second chance to bid on the lease, the company's letter states it would have paid more than \$315,000 to remodel the space in question in order to complement the union's remodeling, which will be completed by this fall.

McDonald's average store sales are the highest in its market in Lincoln, states the letter, signed by McDonald's Senior Manager for College Development, John Grubb.

"We believe that an opportunity to counter-offer reflects acting within the best interests of the university," Grubb wrote.

Moeser told the regents, "We went with the student voice."

NU regents seek improved administrative efficiency

BY ERIN GIBSON
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Regents

The University of Nebraska wastes between \$500,000 to \$1 million annually because of poor management by the Nebraska Department of Administrative Services, administrators said Saturday.

As a result, the NU Board of Regents passed a resolution demanding the university adopt practices that will force the department to improve its efficiency.

The resolution, which passed during the regents' regular monthly meeting Saturday on East Campus, states the university will work to help the department redesign management practices by adopting modern information systems and stopping micromanagement.

The university also will work aggressively in instating its new \$12 million computerized information system, which will start operating July 1, 1999.

The state administrative ser-

vices department's computers cannot interface well with the university's information system, and state law requires the department pre-approve all university purchases worth more than \$250, said James C. Van Horn, NU vice president for business and finance.

That adds up to about 150,000 purchases per year - each submitted and approved on paper rather than by computer, he said.

"It's a paper blizzard," Van Horn said, adding that few purchases are altered or denied as a result of the audits.

The time wasted shuffling paper, accrued interest lost waiting for accounting audits, and money spent developing software for university and department computers to interface means the university must waste up to \$1 million annually, he said.

An April 3 letter from State Treasurer Dave Heineman to the

regents states "dramatic change" must occur to improve the department's efficiency in auditing the university. The current process is "unnecessary duplication and increases the university's administrative costs," the letter states.

Another April 3 letter from Karen Kilgarin, director of the state's administrative services department, to Van Horn states she will cooperate to improve the department's efficiency.

"I would like to be optimistic that this time DAS is really going to change," said Regent Drew Miller of Papillion, who introduced the resolution.

The university has repeatedly asked the department to change its wasteful management practices for three or four years, he said.

Miller also proposed the university not spend money on developing software to interface with the department's computer system, which he said costs \$1 million. But other regents rejected that section of the proposal.

Heineman's letter states the department is considering purchasing a new \$38 million computerized information system, much like the university's new system recording all human resources, payroll and accounting transactions.

If the systems were similar, Van Horn said, the state could have online, real-time access to all university accounting records.

But Heineman's letter states the Legislature has yet to make a commitment to fund such a new system, and the new governor, who will be elected this November, may not approve it.

In addition, the department's accounting division disapproves of buying the same computerized system as the university, which is provided by SAP Corp., the letter states.

Van Horn said he is confident "for the first time in years" that Kilgarin and her department will work with the university to eliminate costly micromanagement of university finances.

In other business Saturday, regents:

■ Approved student fee rates for the 1998-99 academic year on all four NU campuses.

Fees will increase by \$32 per semester for University of Nebraska-Lincoln students, who will pay about \$230 in student fees each semester starting this fall.

Student fees at the University of Nebraska at Kearney and the University of Nebraska Medical Center will not increase from the current rates of \$146.50 and \$107.25 per semester, respectively.

Neither will fees increase at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, where students taking six or fewer credit hours pay \$82.50 and students taking more credits pay \$95.75 per semester.

■ Approved a \$4 raise in tuition rates for high school independent study courses offered by the UNL Division of Continuing Studies effective Sept. 1.