

# RHA candidates prepare for race

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dent or not. He also would like to get as many students as possible involved with their respective hall governments.

Perkins said if elected vice president he would strive to maintain strong individual hall government in all residence halls. Perkins, a two-year participant in Neihardt Residence Center government, plans to pursue his main goal: involving more students.

Involvement is nothing new for Beran, a sophomore music education major.

Involved in Smith Residence Hall government for two years, Beran would like to expand her duties as RHA secretary.

"I'm the type of person who will get things done," Beran said. "I will listen to everyone's ideas and see that everyone is heard."

Although not a member of RHA, Opliger, a sophomore operations management and mathematics major, believes he has what it takes to be RHA treasure.

Living in Neihardt, Opliger is active in the Honors Advisory Board and Alpha Kappa Psi, a professional business fraternity.

"I'm not just going to focus on the books - accounting, percentages and numbers," Opliger said. "I would like to see RHA develop a (World Wide) Web site that all UNL students can access."

Wallace said RHA is about all students taking action.

"It's up to everyone to create a successful governing body," he said.

ACTION's opponent, ENHANCE, includes Larry Willis for president, Matt Knobbe for vice president and Kristen Morrow for treasurer. Willis, a Husker Residence Hall

Senator and a nontraditional accounting major, has been involved in RHA for two years.

"RHA represents all residence hall students," Willis said. "I am an experienced individual who will help enhance residential living."

Willis said he wants to create a professional environment where all halls are equal. He plans to implement programs promoting safety awareness and multicultural diversity.

Knobbe, Abel Residence Hall president and junior computer science major, wants to improve life in the halls.

"Living in Abel I know we don't have the best reputation on campus," Knobbe said. "I plan on changing that and making the residence halls a better place to live."

Knobbe has been in RHA for three years and, if elected vice president, plans to focus his work on residential hall enhancement programs.

Morrow, current RHA treasurer and a junior physics and engineering major, has been involved in RHA for one year.

This year RHA revised its budget, and if re-elected, Morrow said she would like to continue the work she started.

"It costs a lot of money to make the residence halls what they are today - a rich, diverse culture of students," Morrow said. "We want to reallocate funds to help enhance all residence halls."

Willis said RHA works well now but can improve with a couple enhancements.

"We're not out to change anything," Willis said. "We want to make RHA better for everyone."

# 'School is Cool' Jam gives children the rules of respect

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"All of you can take the steps to get to where I am today," Newcombe told the crowd. "There's always room for improvement."

All speakers ended their presentations with a cheer of "school is cool."

When the first children started filing into the Devaney Center there was already a buzz among them.

"This is cool," said Derek Marx, a sixth-grader from Wisner Elementary School. "This is the best thing I've ever done in my life."

Marx and his schoolmates bombarded Newcombe and Nepo with autograph requests. Newcombe and Nepo signed hats, coats, shirts, pieces of paper and commemorative towels.

"This is even better than a football game," said Wisner sixth-grader Kelsey Mathis. "We actually get to touch them."

Demonstrations by NU gymnasts and trampoline acrobatics by the Denver-based group Positive Air also got the kids cheering.

Coordinators of the program hoped the children would also take something away from the jam.

Keith Zimmer, associate director of academic programs for the Athletic Department and "School is Cool" Jam event director, said this year's program was the best in the program's seven-year history.

"I think the quality of the program from top to bottom was the best we've ever had," Zimmer said. "The messages were the best."

# ISO games play up culture

BY ANNE HEITZ  
Staff Reporter

International students will follow international tradition this week by uniting in athletic competition.

The International Student Organization Spring Olympics - UNL's smaller version of the international games - will include volleyball, soccer, basketball, badminton and table tennis.

The games will take place in the Campus Recreation Center over five days. The opening ceremony was held Sunday night, and the competitions begin Thursday and continue through this Sunday. The events will be held each night from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The student competitors started at the International Affairs Office carrying a makeshift, imitation torch and began their run to campus rec to kick off the games.

## Involvement

Judy Wendorff, international student adviser, started off the ceremony with a pep talk in the campus rec conference room.

"Just go out and play and have a good time. Sports are fun. They're good for you," Wendorff said. "I hope you go out there and play your hearts out."

Jennifer Phoon, junior food science and technology major, passed off the torch to Wendorff to officially begin the olympics.

Phoon, who is in charge of sports for the International Student Organization, said the international olympics are a good chance to get to know people from different countries, as well as learn about their cultures.

"It creates opportunities for people from different countries to work together," Phoon said.

"I hope you go out there and play your hearts out."

JUDY WENDORFF  
international student adviser

Although ISO's olympics are designed to get international students involved, Phoon said she encourages all students to compete.

"The word 'international' includes America."

Guhanand Venkataraman and Rajinder Gill, University of Nebraska-Lincoln graduate students and competitors, said they entered the olympics because they enjoy the competition and meeting other people.

Venkataraman said, "It's great to be sharing a common feeling with other international students."

# Environmental bill advances

From Staff Reports

The Legislature on Monday gave its approval to a bill that would encourage businesses to make sure they meet environmental standards.

The Legislature passed LB395 with a 36-7 vote after final reading and minimal discussion before noon.

Businesses and state agencies that conduct self-audits to make sure they are meeting the requirements of Nebraska and U.S. environmental laws will be protected under the bill.

Speaker of the Legislature Doug

Kristensen of Minden, the bill's main sponsor, said businesses routinely conduct tests to make sure they comply with environmental standards.

Under current statutes, any documents or reports produced by the company can be used as evidence in a court case against a business for not complying with regulations.

But LB395 will make all documents related to self-inspection inadmissible in court unless a judge decides otherwise.

In addition, businesses will be immune from civil punishment if they voluntarily disclose problems

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found by the self-audits, provided the business indicates plans to eliminate those violations.

The bill also will protect employees who divulge information contained in a company's study.

Kristensen said improving the environment for business self-assessment would create an incentive to conduct self-audits and disclose problems and solutions publicly.

# Student appointed chief deputy

BY CHAD ELLSWORTH  
Staff Reporter

If May primary election results show college students again avoided the voting booths, it won't be because of UNL senior Brian Hensley.

"Historically younger people don't vote as much as older people do," Hansen said. "The system works best when it is working for everyone."

Not only will Hensley vote in the elections, he will be the youngest person in more than 30 years to help run them. At 21 years old, Hensley recently took over as the new chief deputy election commissioner for Lancaster County.

The job requires him to coordinate all county mobile voter registration booths and oversee the county's absentee ballot program.

To encourage voting among younger citizens, Hensley said, he plans to work with Lincoln's high

schools.

"Until (young people) start voting, they aren't going to get the attention they need," Hensley said.

That includes University of Nebraska-Lincoln students, he said, so he will work to increase voter participation on this campus, too.

Voter registration booths will be in the Nebraska Union until Friday and in the Nebraska East Union Monday to April 17. Potential voters can register to vote in any Nebraska county or request an absentee ballot during that time.

In addition to his work to increase voting among young people, Hensley has been working at 45 sites in Lincoln and Lancaster County to increase voter registration and participation among all citizens.

Hensley, who is majoring in economics and minoring in history and political science, will graduate from UNL in August. He was chosen to

replace Kelly Guenzel, who resigned Feb. 27.

Hensley's job experiences in several parts of government have helped him prepare for his job.

After moving to Lancaster County, he first held a political internship with the Nebraska Republican Party in fall 1994. In January 1996, he accepted an internship with the Lancaster County Election Commission assisting with voter registration for the 1996 primary election.

He then returned to the Nebraska Republican Party staff where he worked until being appointed chief deputy March 18.

"Brian has a good knowledge of politics and the electoral process," said Patricia Hansen, Lancaster County election commissioner, who picked Hensley for his new position. "His knowledge and enthusiasm make him well-qualified for the position of chief deputy."

# No Notes gives Grade A advantage

BY JESSICA FARGEN  
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UNL students who did not want to go to class, until recently, could call on their reliable friend Jon for the notes.

Jon's Notes left the University Bookstore on Feb. 27, and UNL students who wanted a refund had to request it by March 15.

Matt Rye, owner of Jon's Notes, declined to comment on the closing of the business, which has called University Bookstore home for three years.

Jon's Notes provided University of Nebraska-Lincoln students willing to pay with the notes from classes and recently competed with Grade A Notes at the Nebraska Bookstore, 1300 Q St.

Martha Hoppe, manager of Grade A Notes, said Jon's Notes had a healthy competition with her store and was confused about its closing.

"The closing was the biggest surprise to us as it was to anyone else," she said.

Jon's Notes had notes for classes that Grade A Notes had, but each also had classes that their competitor did not.

Grade A Notes has received some business from students who used Jon's Notes and has picked up several classes that Jon's Notes covered, including Sociology 209, Biology 204 and Geology 101.

"Basically those were the classes that the note-takers had come to us from Jon's Notes," Hoppe said.

But classes such as Psychology 181, Chemistry 110 and Biology 301 were not picked up.

Hoppe said Grade A Notes has been in the Nebraska Bookstore since 1995, when Jon's Notes moved from that store to the University Bookstore.

Hoppe said students had come to Grade A Notes frustrated by Jon's Notes' closing. Grade A Notes is letting students pay \$13, which is half the regular subscription price, for the rest of the semester.

Viann Schroeder, interim director of University Bookstore, said Jon's Notes was started about 10 years ago as a part of the College of Business Administration Center for Entrepreneurship.

Schroeder said the bookstore did not charge Jon's Notes for using the 100 square feet to operate the business because it was a good companion to what was in the bookstore.

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