



## Not for wusses

Rain and cold weather cancelled the game at the NU Softball Complex, but a little drizzle couldn't keep the boys of summer away from the Buck. PAGE 10



## Theatrical equation

In Tom Stoppard's play "Arcadia," which opens tonight at the Howell Theatre, science and math share the stage with plot and dialogue. PAGE 12

OHhhh Nooooo ...

Flurries, sprinkles, high 47. Mostly clear tonight, low 33.

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## Greek Affairs, IFC revive formal rush

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For the first time in 50 years, UNL undergraduate men will be formally introduced to the greek system.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Interfraternity Council and Greek Affairs office will sponsor a men's formal recruitment April 20-24. They hope to attract students interested in joining UNL's greek system.

Previously, fraternities offered only informal rush, which also will continue.

"It's about making ourselves open to others and allowing others to take a look at being greek," said Jess Sweley, Interfraternity Council president.

Linda Schwartzkopf, director of UNL Greek Affairs, said the goal of men's formal rush is to reach out and grab students who may have felt disadvantaged last summer because they lived out-of-state or in western Nebraska.

"The greek system has a lot to offer students - all students," she said. "We want to give everyone a fair opportunity to look at our greek system."

Ryan Buschkamp, overall men's formal recruitment chairman, said recruiting undergraduate men now allows fraternities to look at men for who they are and their talents.

"We want to give undergraduates a first-hand taste of fraternity life," he said.

Beginning noon Monday, students have the opportunity to browse through fraternity information booths in the Culture Center, 333 N. 14th Street.

Sweley said a short presentation will be given about greek life and fraternity recruiting. The booths also will be set up on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On Wednesday, open house tours will be given at all fraternities. Sweley said transportation will be provided for individuals wishing to tour East Campus chapters.

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Interfraternity Council president

is to give a formal, yet informal, way for men to become involved while everyone is still in school," Sweley said. "No pressure. No obligations."

After Wednesday, Sweley said, it is at each fraternity's discretion if it will hold further activities with prospective members. Only the scheduled events through Wednesday are IFC sponsored, he said.

Buschkamp said all fraternities must abide by rush guidelines.

Undergraduates choose, and chapters can extend bid cards beginning 10 a.m. April 24, he said. If students do not sign their bid card by noon April 27, their men's formal recruitment application is converted into a summer rush application.

"The whole idea behind spring recruitment is for them to see the system and its benefits, as well as for the system to see them," Buschkamp said. "Students do not have to sign a bid card."

Shawn Nichols, IFC public relations chairman, said houses are looking for sophomore representation.

"We are targeting guys who have been here and have leadership and expe-

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## Para La Gente Para El Futuro



RYAN SODERLIN/DN

LINCOLN'S MEXICAN-AMERICAN COMMISSION Executive Director Cecilia Huerta stands in the rotunda of the Capitol. Huerta has been director of the commission since 1994, the same year she was named Nebraska Woman of the Year by the Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women.

## History is Huerta's focus

Editor's note: In honor of Chicano Awareness Week, the Daily Nebraskan will profile three Chicano leaders at the university and in the community who want to make a difference for the people, for the future.

By JESSICA FARGEN  
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The sign on the door to Cecilia Huerta's sixth-floor office in the Capitol reads: "Music and laughter know no language barrier."

But Latinos from across the state call Huerta, executive director of the Mexican-American Commission, every day to tell her about problems they have breaking down barriers.

Latino inmates talk about the lack of Spanish-speaking counselors in prison. Parents of Latino students say their children are the subjects of name-calling. And Latinos relay stories of police harassment.

Huerta, a dark-haired, 54-year-old Latina dressed in a bright jacket and skirt, is the comforting voice on the end of the line telling them where to go for help.

Huerta hopes uncovering the history of Latinos in the state, her own family and her hometown may someday mean her phone won't ring so much.

### Uncovering the past

In 1991, Huerta realized the

Nebraska State Historical Society had no written history of Mexican-Americans in Nebraska. Now, she co-directs a \$25,000 grant project to bring Latino history to the society.

"I want to create an awareness and celebrate all the wonderful contributions Mexican-American people have given to the state of Nebraska," Huerta said.

The project, a series of photographs and interviews, is a celebration of religion, food, medicines, herbal traditions and music of Mexican-Americans.

Huerta said that in the early 1900s when a lot of immigrants came to Nebraska, they left customs behind, such as the "quinceañera," a celebration when a Latina turns 15. But with the recent wave of Mexican immigration to Nebraska, the custom has grown in popularity again.

The project is a way to preserve and honor those customs.

"It is really to center on the contributions that (Mexican-Americans) have made and to help dispel some of the fears that a lot of people have," Huerta said.

Huerta said many native Nebraskans are having trouble accepting the increased number of Latinos in their communities because of stereotypes of Latinos as drug users, criminals and people reluctant to learn English.

### A long history in Lincoln

When Marty Ramirez came to

the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1973, Huerta was known as the "godmother of Chicano students" among members of the Mexican American Student Association because she was always there to offer support.

And 25 years later, Ramirez still calls his "godmother," at least once a day.

Ramirez said Huerta still offered Latinos the same support for the community as she did when he was younger, but in different ways.

"There is still that genuine commitment to our cause and students that she's never lost sight of," Ramirez said.

Huerta also needed support when she came to Lincoln in the 1960s to attend the Lincoln School of Commerce, from which she graduated. MASA was an oasis and a support network in a town with few people who looked like her.

Huerta remembers Mexican-Americans in Nebraska gaining support in 1972 with the Legislature's creation of the Mexican-American Commission. Huerta heard all the debate when she worked as a secretary for a senator. But she never thought she would direct the new commission.

For the past 25 years, Huerta has been involved with MASA, served on the Board Directors at the

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## Better late than never



DAWN DIETRICH/DN

CARS WAIT IN LINE to drop off tax forms. Wednesday - the infamous April 15 - was the last day to file federal and state tax forms.