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Bobby's world

Bobby Newcombe will be NU's starting quarterback heading into the fall. The Husker post-spring depth chart was released Tuesday. **PAGE 7**



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On-site satire

Clay Naff, news director at local radio station KZUM-FM, is bringing his brand of political satire to the world on his Web site. **PAGE 9**

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RAIN OF TERROR

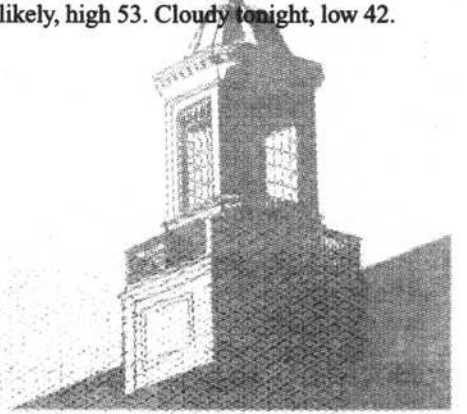
Rain likely, high 53. Cloudy tonight, low 42.

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Racial threats target students

■ Two graduate students and a professor were harassed over the Internet.

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At least two UNL graduate students and a sociology professor have been targeted with racially motivated threats and harassment in the last two weeks.

The threats came in the form of racially motivated hate mail over the Internet and a death threat in an e-mail message sent to one student, who is Latina.

Keith Parker, sociology professor and director of African-American and African studies, also received what he considers a racially motivat-

ed note, which was slid under his Oldfather Hall office door last week.

One of the students targeted also is in the sociology department, but the department of the other student could not be confirmed.

"There were definitely protective measures taken," Sociology Department Chairman Allen Williams said.

After the incidents were reported to Williams, it was reported to UNL Police, Williams said.

"I just make sure the police know about it, and they take it from there," he said.

Williams said UNL Police are still investigating the cases. It is unknown who sent the messages or if the incidents are connected.

UNL Police did not return calls to

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Card promotion misleads parents

BY BRAD DAVIS
Senior Reporter

Administrators say incoming students should beware of an advertisement that may trick students into purchasing a debit card.

The National College Registration Board, a New Jersey firm that sent letters to incoming freshman all over the country, has no association with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs.

The firm's letters encourage parents to register their college-bound teens for the \$25 "individual student ID cards."

Called the "Campus Card," the company said it serves as a student identification that is "issued to all college students."

"It is required for many services and purchasing privileges at whichever college or university your student should attend," the letter states.

The letter states that students also should expect to receive a second card when they arrive on campus in the fall, but that "both cards are an essential part of a student's everyday life."

Griesen said the letter could imply the card is a university requirement, which he said was not true.

Matt Levenson, founder of the New Jersey firm, said he could understand that some people were confused by the letter and said his company had stopped sending it.

"It was just a cover letter with our marketing packet," Levenson said.

Despite possible confusion, Levenson said, more than 3,000 parents have called the company asking how to purchase a card for their children.

To anyone who may have been misled into purchasing a card, Levenson said the firm will offer a full refund with no questions asked.

Levenson said the card will offer students a 32 percent discount on textbooks purchased through an online World Wide Web site, along with discounts from national merchants, such as Papa John's Pizza and Greyhound Bus Lines.

Even with opportunities for discounts, Griesen said the promotional material could be misleading.

"Parents should not be fooled into thinking this card is needed for any campus activities," he said.

The card is not linked to the university in any way, a press release said.

UNL issues identification cards to all incoming freshmen that serve as a library card, a dining hall pass and a student charge card, among other uses.

Peg Blake, UNL's director of Admissions, said she tried to contact the New Jersey firm last week.

As of last week, Blake said she had received four phone calls from parents who weren't sure whether the card was required.

Though she was unsure if the letter was illegal, Blake said it was at best misleading.

"They're treading on very thin ice."

Finals solution



SCOTT MCCLURG/DN

DAN DIXON, a junior English major, spends Tuesday afternoon at Love Library studying for finals. With only 10 days remaining until summer break, unseasonably cold temperatures, wind and rain forced bookworms inside.

Mooser urges new grading policy

BY IEVA AUGSTUMS
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Students may need to decide on taking a class pass/no pass sooner if the Academic Senate adopts a new policy.

Chancellor James Mooser asked senate members Tuesday to look at the pass/no pass option and withdrawal policies and consider changing them.

"I want to challenge this university to become more rigorous," Mooser said. "There are actions you, as faculty members, can take."

Academic Senate

He said the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's present grading policies regarding pass/no pass and course withdrawal options allow students to have more "free-will academics" than they should.

"I don't want to undergo surgery by a physician who took chemistry pass/no pass," he said.

As stated in UNL's 1997-98 undergraduate bulletin, the pass/no pass poli-

cy was designed to enable students to take courses in areas of interest where they may feel they have had minimal preparation without adversely affecting their GPA.

Grades of P (pass) are interpreted as a grade of C or better. Neither grade, pass or no pass, contributes to a student's semester or cumulative GPA.

Students also have the option to withdraw from individual or all classes, regardless of circumstances, until the 12th week of the term. A W grade will

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