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With a little help from her parents, Nebraska distance runner Amy Wiseman's track career is taking off. **PAGE 9**



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This summer, natural disasters – including Dr. Hunter S. Thompson – will once again rule the big screens. **PAGE 12**

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Yay! May

Partly cloudy, high 75. Partly cloudy tonight, low 43.

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## A night at the Opera



MEMBERS OF THE Youth Fu Hsing Chinese Opera perform for Southeast High School Thursday afternoon. The troupe from Taiwan will perform in Kimball Recital Hall on Saturday night as part of their 24-day U.S. tour.

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## Asian dancers visit Lincoln

BY LINDSAY YOUNG  
Assignment Reporter

When about 20 young Taiwanese performers arrived in Lincoln on Tuesday, the first thing they asked for was "food from home," one host said.

The performers were part of the Youth Fu Hsing Chinese Opera and are in Lincoln for a week as part of a 24-day U.S. tour.

"When you watch this Chinese Opera you will think you are watching seasoned veterans," said Jim Cook, one of the week's organizers. However, the students are only teen-agers.

The students are usually selected at the age of 11 for admittance to the Youth Fu Hsing Chinese Opera Mission, a Taiwanese training academy for students of the classical Chinese theater form, said Gwen Cook, vice president of the Asian Community and Cultural Center.

Students are required to pass tests of aptitude and verbal ability, as well as physical strength and agility, she said.

They study traditional subjects and the dramatic arts for eight years. The academy is supported by the government.

During its tour, the group has traveled to San Francisco, Minneapolis, Omaha and Branson, Mo.

In Lincoln, the group performed at various high schools and middle schools. It also performed Thursday for one of UNL's College of Fine and Performing Arts classes.

Its primary reason for being in Lincoln, though, is to perform 7 p.m. Saturday night at the Asian Night Gala at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Kimball Recital Hall.

The Chinese Opera, a spoken play, was developed in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and emphasized social or political stories.

During the performance Saturday night, which is open to the public, the troupe will perform three mini-operas and give a martial arts demonstration.

Chinese mythology, folk stories and battlefield intrigue will be woven together with the music of Chinese instruments.

The group will "show us how disciplined they are as performers," Jim Cook said. The students use knives, swords and other martial arts weapons.

He said it is amazing how the

students "display the use of a weapon and not harm anyone."

Jim Cook said many Americans do not understand the subtle differences between the various ethnic groups in Asia. Asian Night will show a cross-section of each group's talents.

Lincoln performers will be giving traditional dance performances from India, Korea, Vietnam and Taiwan. There also will be a demonstration of Okinawan karate.

Dancers from the Vietnamese Student Association will perform the Fan Dance. Gary Yuen's Asian Community and Cultural Center's Lion Dance Troupe also will perform. Yuen is a UNL associate professor of plant pathology.

Asian Night tickets are \$10 and are available by calling the Asian Community Cultural Center at (402) 477-3446 or the Lincoln Interfaith Council at (402) 474-3017. Tickets may also be purchased at Kimball on the evening of the performance.

The gala is a fund-raiser for the retirement of the Asian Community and Cultural Center's mortgage.

There will be a public reception for the Opera Troupe starting at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Nebraska Union Centennial Room.

## Political science professor resigns

■ The instructor says the unchanging environment in the department prompted her decision to leave.

BY BRAD DAVIS  
Senior Reporter

A political science professor resigned Thursday because she said her civil rights are not protected at UNL, though others say they are pleased with the department.

Valerie Schwebach, an assistant political science professor since 1994, said previous sexual harassment, and her belief that the political science department refused to improve its climate, forced her to leave.

Schwebach's resignation comes one week after the Daily Nebraskan uncovered a report that detailed sexual harassment in the department and declared its environment one that "tolerates" harassment.

The committee, a unit of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Academic Senate, exonerated then-department Chairman David Forsythe, however it did recommend changes to improve the department's

climate.

The committee also recommended the department be placed into "receivership," or a probation-like period, for at least three years.

Schwebach said she had hoped the department would improve after she filed a formal sexual harassment complaint against the university in June 1997.

Talks with the department chairman and College of Arts and Sciences Dean Brian Foster did not lead to an acceptable solution to the harassment that had progressed since 1995, Schwebach said, which caused her to take formal action.

Elizabeth Theiss-Morse, political science professor and graduate chairwoman, countered that charge. She said the department has been anything but inactive when it comes to handling sexual harassment complaints.

"I honestly think the department has been very pro-active in taking care of any gender issues in the department," Theiss-Morse said.

"The administration has immediately taken action to try to take care of the situation in an appropriate and efficient manner," she said.

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## Officials measure drinking culture

BY JESSICA FARGEN  
Assignment Reporter

More than 30 campus, community and student leaders met Thursday with representatives from a foundation that may award a \$700,000 binge drinking grant to UNL.

The grant, awarded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, would provide money for programs to increase awareness, education and law enforcement efforts to combat underage and binge drinking.

James Griesen, vice chancellor of student affairs, said representatives from the American Medical Association and RWJ foundation have visited the University of Texas, Georgia Tech, Florida State University and Louisiana State University, which are also applying for the grant. By this summer two schools will be chosen to receive the grant.

"These visits allow them to come to your campus and meet with principles involved in the grant to ask questions, seek clarifications and generally make some assessment if

“What we have to do collectively ... is devise a plan to educate everyone. ...”

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Judicial Affairs

would be a good investment for them," Griesen said.

Sherri Neall, president of the Panhellenic Association, said about 15 student leaders had lunch with representatives, who wanted to know how well identifications were checked at bars, what types of campus nonalcoholic activities were offered and why they were involved with the grant.

Neall said student leaders were involved because they cared about

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