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Nebraska senior rush end Chad Kelsay fulfills a life-long dream to play for the Huskers-and excels at it. **PAGE 9**



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Employees of the Brass Rail are stepping from behind the bar to serve up the Rail's third one-act play. **PAGE 12**

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Ranking doesn't faze UNL

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Administrators said the university shouldn't be discouraged by UNL's drop in the latest U.S. News and World Report undergraduate school rankings.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln moved from the second to the third tier in the recent U.S. News undergraduate school rankings, which means UNL ranks between 118-172 out of 227 national universities.

The annual report rates schools on academic reputation, financial resources, alumni giving, faculty resources and student selectivity.

UNL has been moving up and down in the magazine's rankings within the past few years. Last year, it moved from the third tier to the second.

"I think it shows we are right on the cuff between the second and third tiers," said Chancellor James Moeser.

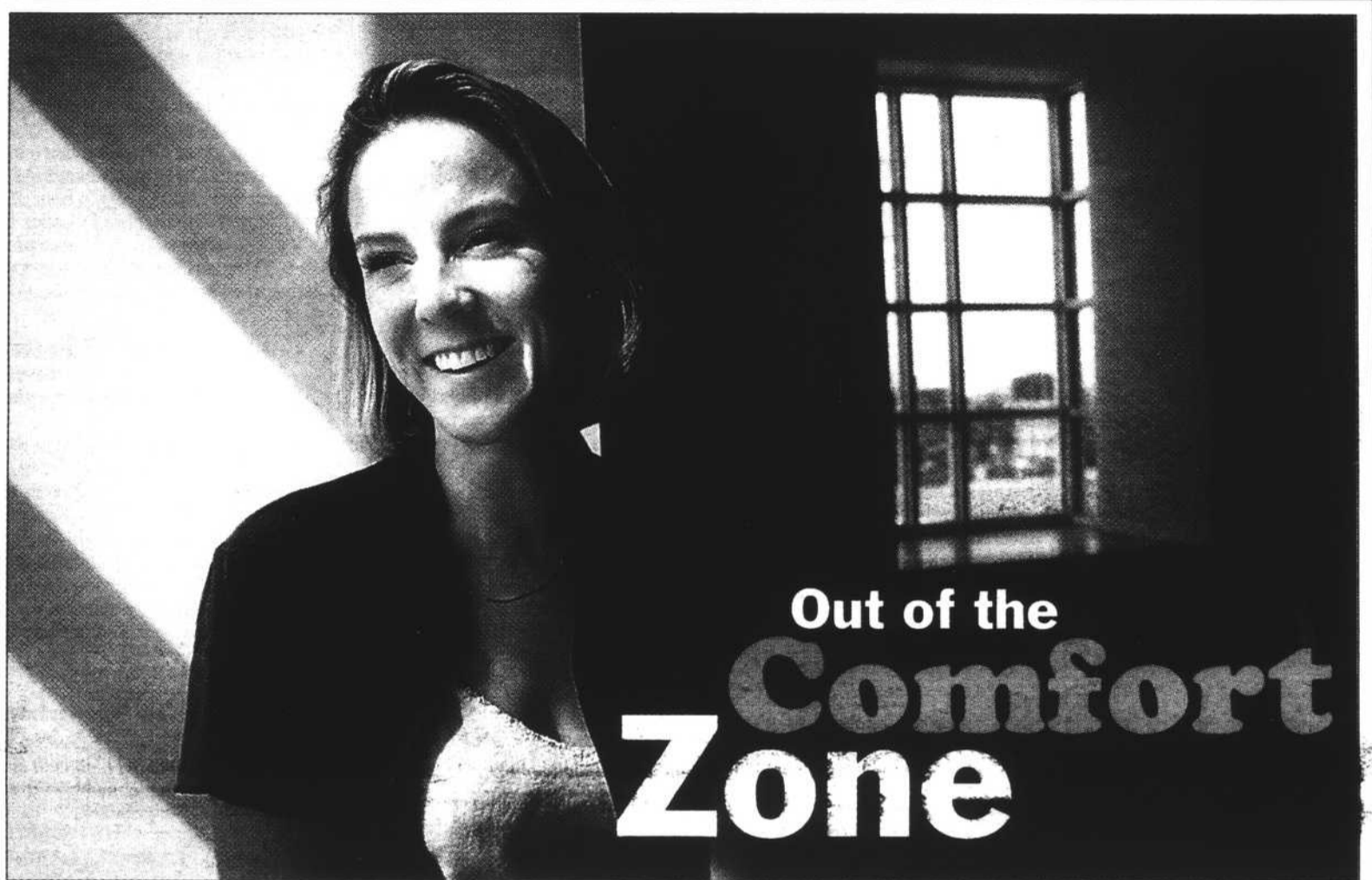
University officials said that despite the rankings, the university is the same as it was last year, when it was placed in the second tier. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen said he believes UNL's academic reputation has not changed.

English professor James Ford said UNL's ranking appeared to go the opposite way of its improved statistics.

"In all of the relevant statistics the university improved, and it went down (in the rankings)," said Ford, who also is the past president of the Academic Senate. "It shows vagaries."

Moeser said the report highlighted some of the positive changes made in the last year. "(The ranking) doesn't come as a shock," he said. "I am encouraged by a number of very posi-

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Out of the Comfort Zone

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ASUN PRESIDENT SARA RUSSELL spent part of her summer in Israel participating in a nine-day student government seminar.

Israel visit enlightens ASUN chief

BY IEVA AUGSTUMS
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Soldiers walked streets with machine guns, watching every move she made.

She noticed the lack of security while visiting the U.S. Embassy in Israel, a couple of days after U.S. Embassy bombings in Africa.

She learned to negotiate conflicts peacefully,

along with Israelis and Palestinians.

Those were just some of the situations the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska President Sara Russell came face-to-face with during a nine-day student government seminar Aug. 6-14 in Israel.

Russell, a senior math major, met with 12 other university student body presidents from the Midwest, Rocky Mountain and Plains states to heighten international awareness and discuss diversity in Israel's society, people and history.

"Life is not the same after you are ripped out of your comfort zone," Russell said. "It's uncomfortable and scary."

Through the program, organized by Project Interchange, an educational institute of the American Jewish Committee, Russell visited Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, the West Bank and Christian holy sites near the Sea of Galilee and in Bethlehem. She was selected to attend the travel seminar after completing an application and interview.

ASUN Director of Development Marlene Beyke said ASUN fully supported Russell's endeavors in Israel.

"Anytime when we have the opportunity to expose our students to other cultures and experiences, it is a growing experience, which cannot be refused," Beyke said.

The \$7,000 trip, paid for by Project Interchange, offered participants an overview of challenges within Israeli society, including human relation conflicts.

Russell said meeting with elected Palestinian Authority representatives, Arab community leaders and U.S. government officials helped her learn about national politics, the U.S.-Israeli relationship and the Middle East peace process.

"It was a crash course in U.S. international relations," Russell said. "It was more intense learning than any university course could have offered me."

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Policy may exclude non-students from union

BY JESSICA FARGEN
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About 20 transients who make their home most of the day and night in the Nebraska Union may have fewer places to go if the Union Board approves a restrictive policy next month.

Nebraska Unions Director Daryl Swanson said the board will vote Sept. 8 to restrict use of the Crib, unfinished northwest study lounge, unfinished basement billiard room and television lounge.

After 6 p.m., those designated areas would be open only to UNL students, faculty members and staff.

If asked, people in the union may be

expected to show a valid University of Nebraska-Lincoln identification card, Swanson said. If patrons fail to produce a valid identification, they would be asked to leave the posted area.

Swanson said the policy, which would go into effect immediately if passed, is the result of student concerns and safety issues.

"Some people have expressed their objections to the homeless population (in the union)," Swanson said. "It varies from personal hygiene issues, to late at night, we've had some drunk and disorderly issues."

Swanson told the Union Board Tuesday night he wants the new union to be known as a safe place to study at

night. Facilities at the union, such as the convenience store and copy center, will be open late, and the union will have better lighting for studying, he said.

A UNL community service officer would be at the union to enforce the policy. Swanson said people would not be asked to show an identification card based on appearance.

"I will not put my staff in the position of selective administration of this policy," he said.

But, he said, "If you are blending in, you are not likely to be asked."

The policy would leave the food court and hallways for the 20 or so transients and the general public, Swanson said.

He said the proposal is not aimed at

wiping out union transients - which would be illegal because the union is public property.

The union is allowed to set certain "house rules," though, Swanson said. Patrons must follow all house rules, including the proposed policy, if enacted.

Safety is another reason for the policy, Swanson said. Students have told him they don't feel safe in the union, especially at night, he said.

"I've never really been concerned that the union is not safe," Swanson said. "Safety is a perception more than a reality."

"We are trying to change that perception."

Besides safety, Union Board mem-

bers said the presence of transients made them uncomfortable and was not conducive to studying.

Union Board President Matt Luth said he sometimes felt awkward or discouraged from studying in an area where several transients were present.

"They can monopolize a pretty big area," he said.

Ryan Fuchs, Union Board member, said wiping out transients in study areas such as the Crib will make the union more study-friendly.

"It will make it much more attractive for students to be here," he said.

The Union Board will vote on the new policy at its Sept. 8 meeting in the Nebraska Union.