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With a full team of players, the No. 24 Nebraska women's soccer team beat both Clemson and Stanford in the Husker Fila Invitational. PAGE 6



A wistful Wilson

Matt Wilson of Trip Shakespeare fame comes to Lincoln this week in support of his new self-released album.. PAGE 12

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Cloudy, showers, high 80. Cloudy tonight, low 58.

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Students indifferent to Starr report

BY BRIAN CARLSON Staff writer

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Since Friday's Internet posting of Kenneth Starr's report, millions of curious people have whipped up a frenzy of pointing and clicking to read the salacious details of President Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

But a check of students in computer labs in Neihardt, Selleck, Schramm and Cather residence halls on Sunday afternoon found most were fed up with the scandal, opposed to the posting of embarrassing details and, most of all, in no rush to read the independent counsel's report.

Gina Speckman, a freshman education major, said she hadn't read any of the report, and probably wouldn't.

"I really don't have an opinion," she said. "I'm tired of hearing about it. Guys have affairs all the time."

But Speckman said she was disturbed the president didn't have a chance to view the report before it was made public Friday.

She also said she didn't think Clinton's private behavior should warrant his removal from office.

"I don't think he should be impeached," she said. "He hasn't done anything that terrible for the country."

Speckman, who was doing homework in a computer lab in Cather Hall, said reading the report was not high on her list of priorities.

"I could bring it up right now, but I've got things to do," she said.

Gorka Peris, a senior chemistry major from Spain, said he had read portions of the report and came away disgusted.

"I think it's a pretty gross report," he said. "I think it's wrong to put someone's sexual behavior on the Internet, even if he's the president of the United States."

Starr had recommended that Congress withhold some intimate

details from the public, but Congress voted to post Starr's report verbatim.

Peris, who has been in the United States for nearly two years, said the Clinton scandal showed the difference in European and American perspectives on sexual behavior by politicians.

He compared Clinton's scandal to the private life of the late French President François Mitterand in the past decade, whose relationship with a mistress was publicly known. Despite his eventual divorce, he remained in office.

But after discussing the issue with American friends, Peris said he had decided that attitudes among the public in Europe and the United States were actually quite similar. The major difference, he said, rests in the media's treatment of the story.

Driven by profit motives and the thirst to report a scandalous story, the media have blown the story out of proportion, he said.

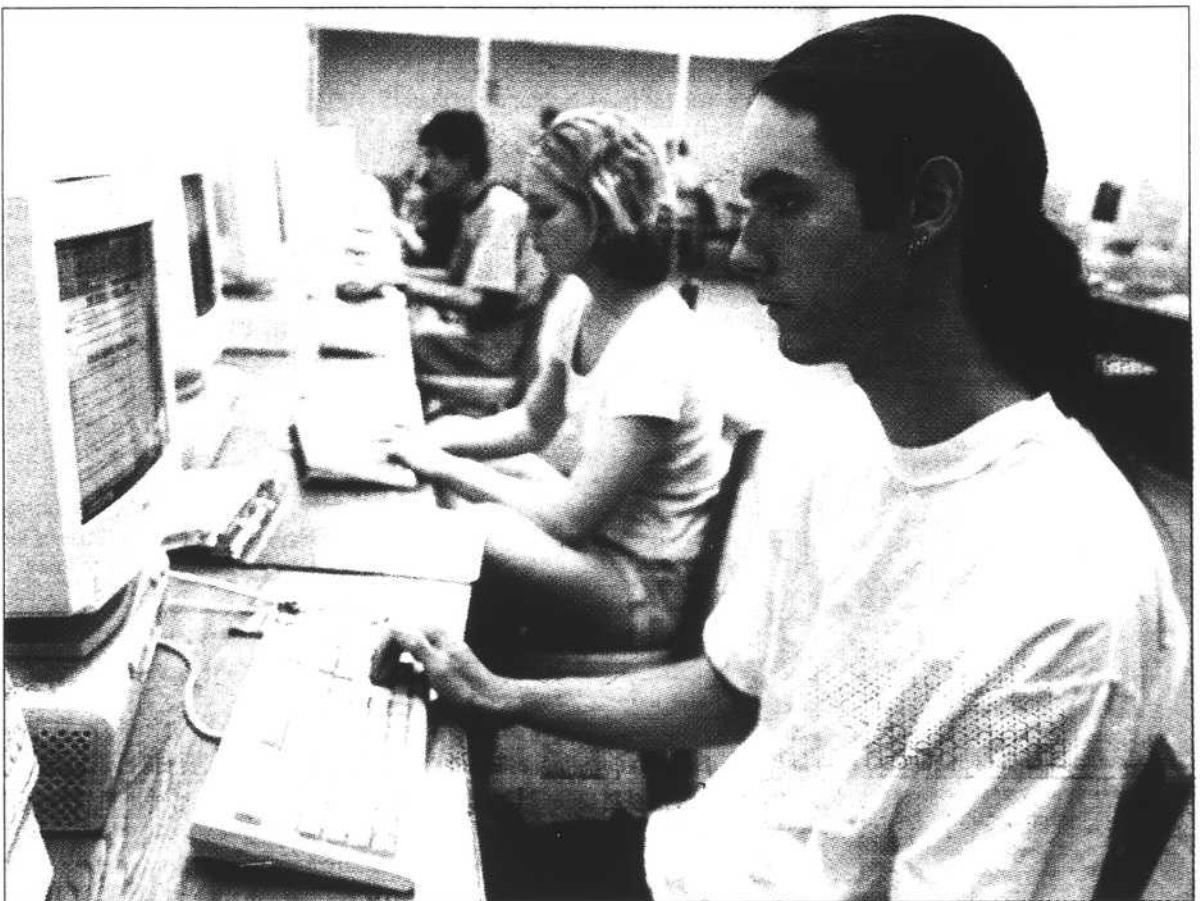
And the public is right to support Clinton in the opinion polls, Peris said.

"(Clinton's) moral behavior shouldn't affect his performance as president," he said. "In fact, it hasn't. The United States is in great shape right now."

Jerry Bishoff, a sophomore mechanical engineering major, said he hadn't read any of the report but had learned about it through news accounts.

He said he approves of Clinton's job performance, especially his handling of the economy. Besides, he said, other presidents have had extramarital affairs and not been punished for them politically.

"He does a good job running the country," he said. "(The affair) is none of our business."



NIKKI FOX/DN

JASON FLATOWICZ (right), a former UNL student, and Kristen Tennant (middle), a senior secondary education major, use the computers in Selleck Residence Hall on Sunday night. Both are interested in reading Kenneth Starr's report, but said they haven't had the time. Adrian Kho (left), a sophomore electrical engineering major, said he wasn't interested in reading the report.

Jennifer Becic, a freshman anthropology major, said she hadn't read any of Starr's report.

"I'm tired of this whole thing, and I just wish it would go away," she said.

Becic said Congress should not launch impeachment hearings because, with only two years left in Clinton's presidency, they would not be worth the hassle.

Amanda Sousek, a freshman nursing major, said she had not read any of the report but had heard about the explicit descriptions of the Clinton-Lewinsky affair from a friend.

She said the most intimate and embarrassing details of the report should not have been released publicly.

"But the public has the right to know what he stands for and what he's doing,"

Sousek said.

Alex Gaytan, a junior environmental studies major, said he had followed the Clinton scandal in "bits and pieces" through news coverage.

"But I'm not going to look it up on here and read it," he said, gazing at a computer screen in the Neihardt computer lab. "It really doesn't matter to me."

UNMC plan gives students a taste of rural medicine

BY LINDSAY YOUNG Senior staff writer

A UNMC program is taking medical students — used to working in the big city — and placing them in the middle of small town America.

The Rural Health Education Network was organized about five years ago in an effort to change how and where University of Nebraska Medical Center students are educated.

The program is addressing the shortage of health professionals in rural Nebraska.

The idea is that if students train in a rural health setting, they will be more likely to return to such a setting after they graduate from medical school, Roxanna Jokela, the program's coordinator, said.

Brenda Thayer, office manager at Frenchman Valley Family Practice in Imperial, a town of 2,000, said rural areas have a shortage of health professionals.

"It gets them out there in this kind of setting that you're not going to get in Lincoln or Omaha."

ROXANNA JOKELA

Rural Health Education Network program coordinator

UNMC students have trained at the Imperial clinic.

She said that program could help reverse the shortage.

"Your heart has to really be in it to come to small

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RHA members debate residence hall funding

Senators discuss how much to allocate for certain programs at Sunday's meeting.

BY JESSICA FARGEN Staff writer

How much money the Residence Hall Association should allocate to each hall and how it should be tracked was the basis for several pieces of legislation at Sunday night's meeting.

The Residence Hall Association shaved off \$250 from the requested \$750 from Harper-Schramm-Smith complex's Beach Blast.

RHA tabled the \$330 request from Cather-Pound residence halls. President Ben Wallace said RHA



in the past has almost run out of money by the end of the year. RHA has to keep upcoming events in mind when allocating funds early in the year, he said.

Jared Kotil, a Harper Residence Hall student assistant, said the Beach Blast, which is Sept. 25-26, is important because it provides a fun, on-campus activity with events such as a comedy team, obstacle course and pedestal joust.

Tony Arlt, another Harper Residence Hall student assistant, said the budget doubled this year because it was so popular last year. He said he wants to see more people come this year.

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