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He's baaaaack

Almost two years after he last ran the ball, DeAngelo Evans returns to the Nebraska football lineup ready to go. **PAGE 7**



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Puppetmasters

Hugo Suárez and Inés Pasic, a pair of puppeteers with unorthodox tools, open the Wagon Train Project's season tonight. **PAGE 8**

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A DROP IN THE BUCKET

Showers, cloudy, high 66. Cloudy tonight, low 50.

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Running water



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MEMBERS OF UNL's baseball team avoid rain puddles while running warm-up laps on Ed Weir Track on Monday afternoon. Temperatures dropped into the 50s this week after last week's hot and humid weather.

Feedback sought for Diversity Plan

■ UNL administrators ask students, faculty members and staff to make comments.

By KIM SWEET
Staff writer

After a year of round-table discussions, UNL administrators are presenting an improved plan to continue their efforts to diversify the face of campus.

Now they're looking to students, faculty members and staff to help perfect the plan.

Several student leaders said they approved of the plan released last week, though they said more could still be done.

Afrikan People's Union President LaSharah Bunting said the plan is heading in the right direction.

"It's a good step toward what needs to happen for students of color here on campus," she said. "However, it's still not enough."

Student groups that support students of color on campus can play a major role in retaining minorities, Bunting said.

But more resources need to be directed to these groups, she said.

"By having those resources, we could help with retention."

Bunting's comments are what administrators say they're looking for.

Evelyn Jacobson, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, said she hoped students would take notes while they look over the Diversity Plan for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln that was posted last week on the Internet.

"We really want to start a campus discussion on where we should be going."

Chancellor James Moeser sent out a universitywide letter over the weekend asking people to read the plan and send in their recommendations, Jacobson said.

The plan originated last spring as a guide to increase faculty diversity, Jacobson said. It contained initiatives relating to the retention of minority faculty at UNL.

The plan began with a statement saying that a broader, more comprehensive version of the plan would be presented at a later date.

After several campus discussions last year, the broader version now is on the Web and is expanded to include a discussion of the recruitment and retention of minority students and staff, as well as creating a friendlier campus environment.

Efforts to draft a new and more comprehensive Diversity Plan began last January when

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City Council



City Council overrides veto 5-2 vote will restrict abortion protesters

By TODD ANDERSON
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Lincoln City Council members voted 5-2 Monday to overturn Mayor Mike Johanns' veto of an ordinance created to restrict abortion protesters at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2110 Sheridan Blvd.

But the new ordinance likely will face claims that it is an infringement on constitutional rights, council members said.

Councilwoman Coleen Seng said she voted yes for both the ordinance and the override because questions of constitutionality should be decided by the judicial system and not the legislative branch of government.

Councilman Curt Donaldson, who also gave his approval for the override, said he expected legal challenges to the ordinance.

He said Rescue the Heartland, the anti-abortion group that has been protesting outside Westminster, may request an injunction to delay enforcement of the ordinance until the ordinance is taken into the courts.

"The sooner it gets into the courts, the better," he said.

Members of Rescue the Heartland have been protesting against Dr. Winston Crabb, a church board member who performs abortions.

Church members complained they and

their children were being harassed by the group before and after Sunday services.

After holding a late-night public hearing Sept. 9, the City Council approved the ordinance Sept. 15 by a vote of 4-3.

But Johanns fulfilled his promise to veto the ordinance Sept. 17, saying it would limit the constitutional rights of the protesters.

Council members Jeff Fortenberry and Jerry Shoecraft cast the two dissenting votes.

Fortenberry said it was clear the ordinance violates constitutional rights. He said police enforcement of peaceful protest laws has been stepped up and would take care of the problem.

Shoecraft said during the City Council meeting the ordinance would take away the protesters' basic right of freedom of speech.

In a symbolic gesture, he tore a piece of paper and said passing the ordinance is like ripping up the Constitution.

Cindy Johnson, who originally voted against the ordinance because of legal challenges to the wording, voted for the override.

Donaldson and Seng said the City Council soon will consider a measure to limit the size of the signs the abortion protesters hold on the side of the street.

Both said they would support such an ordinance regulating the size of the placards out of concern for traffic safety on the streets that pass by the church.

Repatriation fosters learning

By LINDSAY YOUNG
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Issues surrounding the repatriation of American Indian remains have had a clear impact on the students and members of UNL's anthropology department, the department chairman said last week.

But, Robert Hitchcock said, the effects have been both positive and negative.

Chancellor James Moeser signed an agreement Sept. 1 stating the university would return all American Indian remains, affiliated and unaffiliated, to their respective tribes. Those involved hope that will be done before winter.

The anthropology department is not directly handling actual repatriation of the remains, but it does play a part.

That part includes having to answer questions posed by investigators about the university's handling of the American Indian remains.

The state patrol and a university-hired attorney

have been conducting separate investigations to determine if the university violated the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 by studying remains without tribal permission.

Also, a group of American Indian leaders have given the university eight pages of questions they want answered regarding the handling of remains, Hitchcock said.

The department must work to answer many of those questions, he said.

Those involved with repatriation efforts have had to take a "tremendous amount of time" out of their everyday schedule, Hitchcock said.

In addition to answering questions, the department has had to answer "a dozen phone calls a day from various Native American groups," and respond to calls from other universities and e-mail messages, he said.

But overall, anthropology professors say, the effect will be positive.

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