

Vice chancellor moves to full-time research

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Priscilla Grew is moving on. But she isn't going far.

Grew, UNL vice chancellor for research, is resigning from her post in December to teach and research full time a couple of buildings away in the Department of Geosciences in Avery Hall.

Grew will assume a full-time tenured appointment as professor in the department and a non-tenured appointment as professor in the Conservation and Survey Division of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources on July 1, 1999.

Grew will add senior leadership to the geosciences department, said Brian Foster, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

"She'll be very helpful in program development and linking us up in the field," Foster said. Grew has research connections throughout the United States and internationally.

In her research, she will be studying "paleoclimate and civilization" and plans to propose a new geosciences course in that area.

But first, she said, "I have a lot of homework to do."

The research, which she called controversial and largely unexplored, will connect natural and social sciences.

She will be studying how climate change is a possible factor for changes in past civilizations previously thought to have been caused by political strife and social unrest.

The topic is like tipping the scales back toward environmental determinism, a theory long-ago discredited that said the environment was the cause of human behavior and cultural change, Grew said.

"It's really been an interest of mine for a very long time," she said.

She said it was the right time for her to "make a shift" from administration to research before she retires. Grew said she is staying at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, though, because of the environment.

"My interests (in research) tie in so well with the people here and the direction of the new geosciences department," Grew said.

"It's the right combination of people to work with."

As vice chancellor for research, Grew oversaw research administration, interdisciplinary research centers, the University of Nebraska State Museum, the University of Nebraska Press and other research support programs.

Grew, who became vice chancellor for research in 1993, became the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act coordinator on July 27, 1998, amid preparations for the repatriation of both affiliated and unaffiliated American Indian remains.

Grew said she will see through the repatriation efforts; those people involved hope to have it completed before winter.

She said a myriad of other issues, such as requests for information about the history of the handling of the remains, go beyond the repatriation.

If those are unresolved by the time she retires from her post, she said she still wants to help.

Grew received her geology degree from Bryn Mawr College in Bryn Mawr, Penn., and her doctorate in geology from the University of California in Berkeley.

The university has begun a national search and expects to have a permanent replacement for Grew named by January 1999 so no interim appointment is needed.

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Basketball tournament to aid abuse crisis center

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The University Lutheran Chapel and three fraternities will sponsor their second annual three-on-three basketball tournament to benefit the Rape and Spouse Abuse Crisis Center.

The tournament will be in the parking lot north of the Nebraska Union at noon on Sunday.

The fraternities involved in the planning and organizing of the tournament are Phi Delta Theta, Theta Xi and Beta Theta Pi.

The Rev. Bill Steinbauer of the University Lutheran Chapel said the tournament promotes harmony among the greek houses involved.

"The tournament originated as a way to build a friendship between the church and surrounding fraternities," he said. "It provided an opportunity to get to know each other better."

Steinbauer said the church and the fraternities chose to support the center to send a message.

"Our main goal is to raise awareness about the issue of honoring people," he said. "Everyone must realize that there are appropriate boundaries and behavior for all of us."

Steinbauer said the tournament is early in the year to educate freshmen about the Rape and Spouse Abuse Crisis Center and date rape.

Last year, tournament directors donated \$400 to the crisis center. Because of some changes this year, organizers expect to raise more than \$1,000. Unlike last year, the groups did not spend money on T-shirts to give to the participants.

Although the chapel acts as a liaison between the fraternities and the crisis center, the fraternities have most of the control over the tournament.

The center offers crisis support for

abused women and has volunteer advocates to help women with legal and medical matters. Junior finance major Phil St. Clair of Phi Delta Theta said the fraternities involved wanted to extend an open invitation.

"We spread the word by speaking to many fraternities, sororities and residence halls," he said. "We also spent a lot of time lining up prizes and donations from local businesses."

Senior horticulture major Ryan Stewart of Beta Theta Pi said the fraternities and the chapel are trying to diversify the tournament.

"Last year the tournament consisted of mainly all greek teams," he said. "This year, we have been striving to get the entire community involved."

Thirty teams are expected to compete in the tournament. Both men and women can participate. The tournament predominately consists of University of Nebraska-Lincoln students, but organizers said high school teams are welcome.

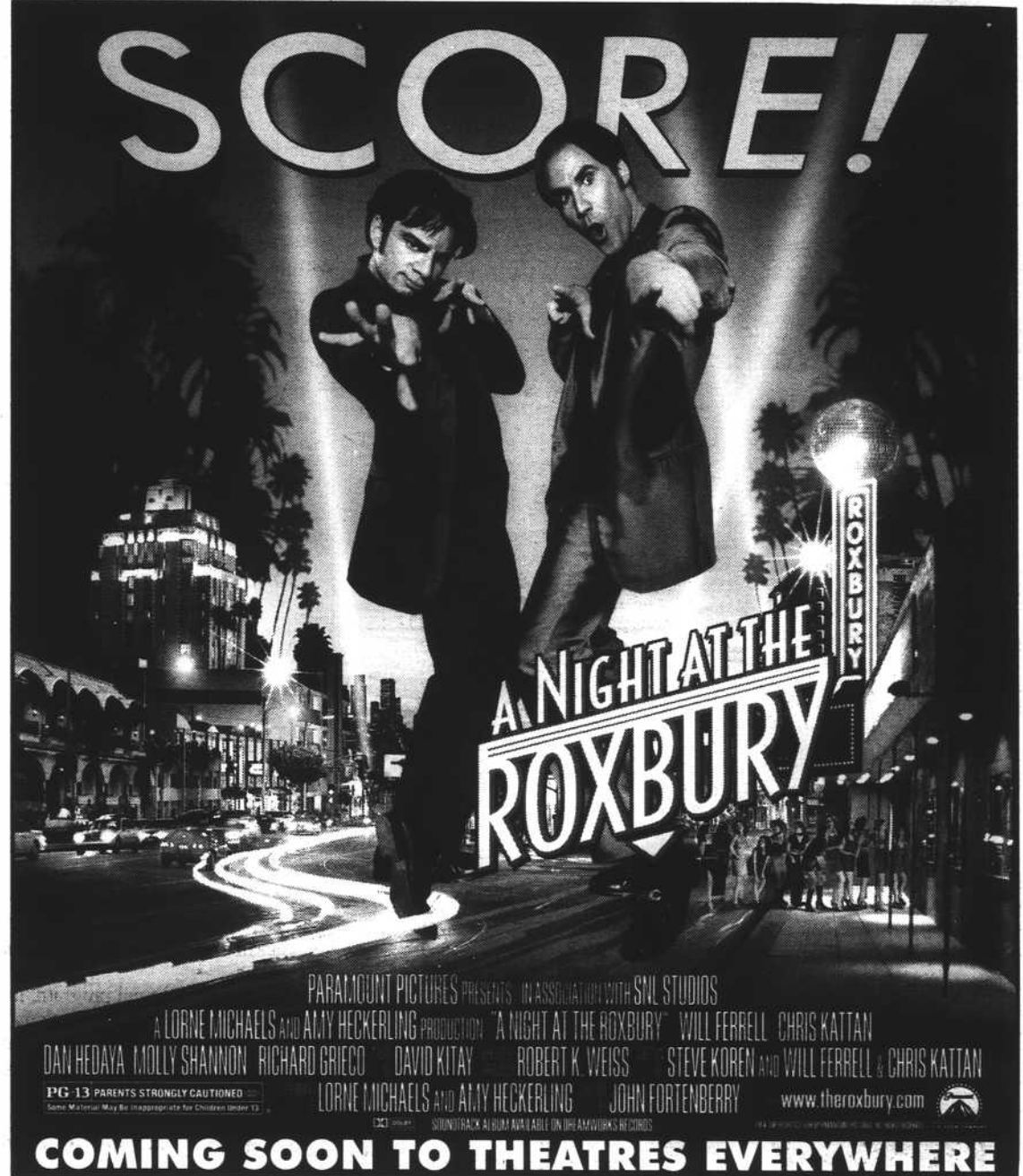
St. Clair said the tournament is fun as well as rewarding.

"It makes me feel good to help such a worthy cause," he said. "It is a great time, and it is a lot of fun to just hang out and watch some good basketball."

Stewart said the tournament is a chance for fraternities to show their good side.

"Throughout the years, the greek system has developed a bad name," he said. "The tournament gives us a chance to do something good. We can show the university that we notice the rape problem and we are doing something positive about it."

There will be about 10 courts with hoops lent by the Athletic Department. The tournament is expected to last three or four hours. Winners will be awarded prizes from the Nebraska Bookstore.



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