



Engessing game

Kim Engesser not only leads the nation in goals scored, but she gets to play her former team. Portland, this weekend. PAGE 9



Photosyntheopsychosis

"Little Shop of Horrors," a comedy about a timid florist and his man-eating plant, opens tonight at the Star City Dinner Theatre. PAGE 7

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LIGHT BRIGHT

Sunny, high 70. Mostly clear tonight, low 45.

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UNL MATH PROFESSOR Sylvia Wiegand shows off an overhead of equations from her specialty, commutative algebra. Wiegand, who has taught at UNL for the past 26 years, said her family supported her choice to enter mathematics. "I was always encouraged," Wiegand said. "It makes a difference to women if they are encouraged in math."

Professor fights math stereotypes

BY KIM SWEET Staff writer

When Sylvia Wiegand decided to pursue a career in mathematics, she had a lot to live up to.

In 1895, her grandmother was the first woman to earn an official doctoral degree in Germany. The subject was mathematics.

As a high school student, Wiegand tagged along with her father, a professor of mathematics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and attended many of his college courses.

Today, Wiegand teaches her own classes as a professor of mathematics and statistics at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, a few doors down from her husband, Roger, also a professor of mathematics and statistics.

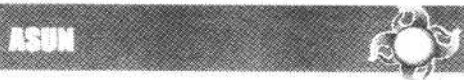
And as the national president of the Association for Women in Mathematics, Wiegand speaks around the country with the goal of making women feel more welcome in the field, forwarding the cause her grandmother began when she earned her doctoral degree more than a century ago.

After growing up in England and obtain-

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"Just putting a human face on a woman in mathematics is important."

JEAN TAYLOR Rutgers University math professor



Russell advises keeping ballot lists party-free

BY IEVA AUGSTUMS Staff writer

Student government candidates would be identified by name only, not by party, on the ballot if student leaders approve of a presidential recommendation.

Association of Students of the University of Nebraska President Sara Russell proposed Wednesday keeping a partisan system for the campaign, but changing the listing of names on the ballot.

Her recommendation came from a joint meeting Tuesday with the ASUN Electoral Commission where Russell presented results from a survey of 200 students.

"A majority of the (survey) responses were for keeping the party system," Russell said. "I'm not going to counter the students' opinion. My recommendation is from the students."

Because party affiliations were called into question during last year's election, Russell decided to create a party system survey asking students how candidates should be elected.

"The good things said about the party system did outnumber the bad," Russell said.

"Party affiliation on the ballot has always been a complaint among students," said Andy Schuerman, senator for the College of Business Administration. "Eliminating the party name on the ballot will allow students to say, 'Yes, I am part of the party system, but I can still run independent.'"

College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Senator Chad Villwok said he would like to keep party affiliation names on election ballots.

"The support from the party, along with the name affiliation, promotes student involvement - greek and non-greek."

Russell and other senators disagreed.

Speaker of the Senate Matt Boyd said many non-greek students do not understand the election process.

"They don't believe in ASUN," Boyd said. "Their perception is that student government is set up solely for the greeks."

Second Vice President Eddie Brown said ASUN needs to deal with other issues, including spending and infractions.

"What it all comes down to is how much money you spend on the election," Brown said. "Party name affiliation isn't the only thing that decides winners and losers."

Russell said the Electoral Commission members will vote next week on whether to accept her recommendation. ASUN members will then vote on the commission's decision.

"It's really up to (the electoral commission)," Russell said. "They are the ones who can change the rules, not me."

Lid supporters \$2 million ahead of foes in donations

BY TODD ANDERSON Senior staff writer

Supporters of a proposed constitutional amendment to limit state revenue and spending have raised more than four times as much as opponents since January. Two of the groups, Agriculture, Mainstreet, and Education against Measure 413, and Heartland Agriculture and Business against the lid started after the mid-June reporting period. All numbers were rounded.

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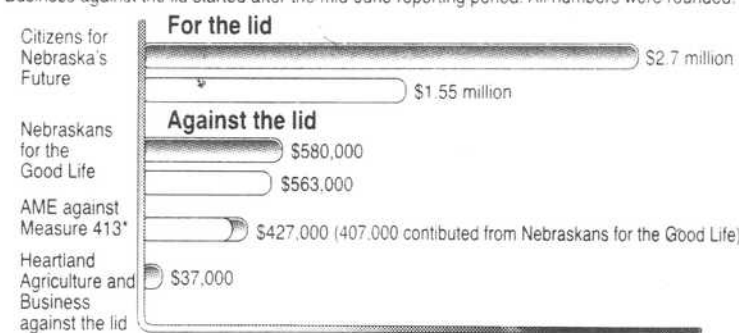
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Lid lobbying

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Legend: Campaign contributions since January, Campaign contributions since mid-June (most recent reporting period), Contributions from Nebraskans for the Good Life to Agriculture, Mainstreet, and Education against Measure 413

Source: State Accountability and Disclosure Commission

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