



Shadowboxing Fiona

Setter Jill McWilliams turned down offers to start at other schools to play for NU and learn from All-American Fiona Nepo. **PAGE 9**



Resident designer

UNL Professor Sandy Veneziano divides her time between teaching in Lincoln and working on film sets in Hollywood. **PAGE 12**

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Report finds no bias in department

“Basically what the report says is that we should continue to do what we are doing in the department.”

ELIZABETH THEISS-MORSE
political science department graduate chairwoman

BY LINDSAY YOUNG
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Despite a ruling last semester by an academic senate committee that said UNL's political science department "tolerated" sexual harassment, a faculty committee said Tuesday that it found no hard evidence of gender inequity in the department.

Former Political Science Professor Valerie Schwebach, now of Houston, who brought sexual harassment complaints against the department last year, said the ruling proves the

University of Nebraska-Lincoln will do nothing to solve what she said was a serious sexual harassment problem.

Schwebach, who resigned her position in protest of what she said was the university's inaction to address her sexual harassment concerns, said the faculty committee appointed by UNL Chancellor James Moeser was biased before it was even formed.

The ad hoc committee of three faculty members was formed last spring after the Academic Senate's Academic Rights and Responsibilities Committee found that the political science department tolerated a sometimes hostile envi-

ronment to women.

The ad hoc committee members are John Berman, professor and chairman of the psychology department; Joan Giesecke, dean of libraries; and Anna Shavers, associate professor of law.

The ad hoc committee's opinion, which was released to the public Tuesday, was accepted by Moeser, who said the report was one of the most "scholarly and thorough" reviews of a situation of this sort. But doubters of the validity of the committee's report said two committee mem-

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JOHN HARRIS, special assistant to the vice chancellor for student affairs, will be leaving the university after seven years. Harris said he will miss his interaction with students most. "They're the reason I got into higher education," he said.

UNL's Harris to depart for higher calling

BY KIM SWEET
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As a child, John Harris often changed his mind about what he wanted to be when he grew up.

Now, after many years and many career moves, UNL's special assistant to the vice chancellor for student affairs will change occupations once again after he ends a seven-year stay at UNL this semester.

"I'd still love to be a sportscaster today," Harris said, laughing.

Harris said he is not sure of what he is being led to do or where he is supposed to do it.

He isn't leaving UNL for a particular job, but because of a particular calling. Just as vocal about his Christianity as he is about helping people, Harris is driven by a force he said is much bigger than himself — God.

"There is a greater work that I am called to do," Harris said. "I'm not sure what it is."

Harris points to an 8 1/2-by-10-inch paper sign taped to a file cabinet in his office. It reads, "Your circumstances are not your problem, it's your attitude."

Firmly driven by the statement, Harris has tried to pass it on to people with whom he comes in contact.

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Student loans still on the rise

Increases in grant spending have failed to defray many of the costs of higher education, UNL officials say.

BY JOSH FUNK
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Despite higher grant spending limits authorized last week, students must borrow more today than 15 years ago to pay for a college education, UNL financial aid officials said.

President Clinton last week signed a bill that included some good news about financial aid for students, but Craig Munier, UNL director of schol-

arships and financial aid, said students still have to borrow money to pay for college.

Munier said students have no choice but to borrow more money because federal aid covers less of the costs of college.

"I took out loans to help pay for school," financial business senior Tim Salzbrenner said. "There is no way I could afford it (without loans)."

During the 1979-1980 school year, the maximum Pell grant award covered 55 percent of the \$3,300 estimated cost of attending UNL.

Today that maximum Pell grant amount covers 30 percent of the estimated \$9,912 cost of attending UNL.

The living and tuition figures include the cost of living, tuition and books. Many students also work part time to help pay for college, but the rela-

tionship between work income and college costs also has eroded over time, Munier said.

Even a student working 20 hours a week at minimum wage will struggle to gain ground on the increasing cost of higher education.

In 1979-1980 a minimum-wage income of \$1,856, based on 32 weeks of work, was 56 percent of the cost of attending UNL.

Now that same minimum-wage job generates \$3,296 income, but covers only 33 percent of the cost of college.

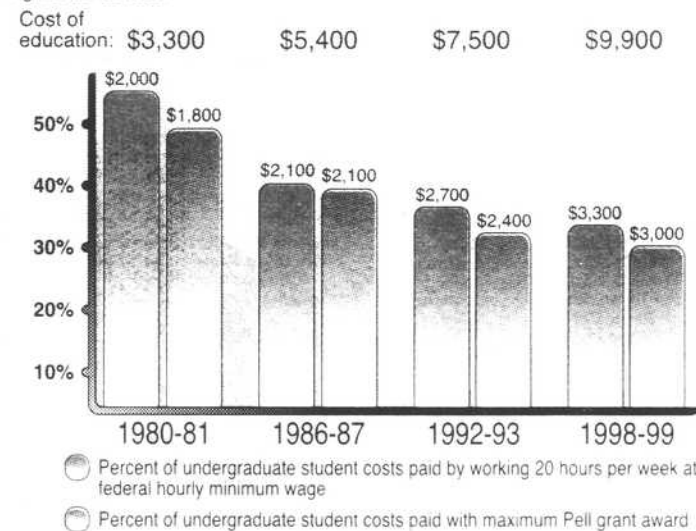
"More of the cost of college is being shifted to students," Munier said.

In 1979-1980 a Pell grant and a part-time job essentially would cover

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Education costs

The percentage of students paying for their education by working a minimum wage job and receiving a Pell grant is shrinking. Cost estimates include cost of living, tuition and books. Figures are rounded.



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