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### Men at play

The Nebraska golf team benefits from a solid supply of Australian golfers. Now, other teams are starting to find out about NU's secret. **PAGE 9**



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Pat Stevens, a visiting professor at UNL, reveals her mysterious past — as the voice of Velma in "Scooby-Doo." **PAGE 12**

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Mostly cloudy, high 79. Breezy tonight, low 57.

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## Nose job



**HARLEY NEWMAN, a self-proclaimed professional lunatic, clears his sinuses by working a drill into his nose Wednesday evening in the Nebraska Union Ballroom. Newman entertained university students by walking on swords, eating fire and hanging fishhooks from his eyelids. He has been performing such acts for 12 years, appearing on the Geraldo Rivera and Oprah Winfrey shows.**

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## UNL turns down Ponca request

BY LINDSAY YOUNG  
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The university has denied the Southern Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma's request for a new inventory of American Indian remains at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Vice Chancellor for Research Priscilla Grew said in a letter to Southern Ponca representative Randy Thomas on Tuesday that the university is not required under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 to "engage in further research on or conduct additional inventories of human remains and associated funerary objects."

Thomas said the tribe would be appealing that denial by filing an objection.

"Until we're satisfied with this inventory, we'll keep it in the courts," Thomas said.

Grew informally announced the response to the request Monday at a meeting of the Working Group for the University of Nebraska Repatriation.

"It is the position of the University of Nebraska that the inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects in control of the university is thus complete," Grew said in the letter.

The Southern Ponca Tribe requested last week that UNL redo its entire inventory of American Indian remains.

Thomas said he had seen parts of the remains collection, which is housed in the University of Nebraska State Museum, a few times, and each of those times Thomas said he saw discrepancies between what he counted and viewed in boxes and what the labels said.

Grew said although the university denied the tribe's request, it was trying to come up

with a compromise to address the Southern Poncas' concerns.

One way she suggested is to have the university conduct an exit inventory. An exit inventory, which is done by most institutions before repatriation, is one of the final steps before the remains are returned.

Thomas said he did not trust an exit inventory to do a thorough job.

The tribe demanded a new inventory be completed by Anthropology Department Chairman Robert Hitchcock, former State Museum Director James Gunnerson, Anthropology Professor Martha McCullough and university researcher Berkley Bailey.

Thomas said he would accompany the group and that the Southern Ponca trusted that group to do a complete and accurate job.

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## Official says harassment report stands

BY LINDSAY YOUNG  
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A faculty committee's decision that stated no hard evidence of gender inequity existed in the political science department will stand, a university official said Wednesday.

Chancellor James Moeser appointed the committee in the spring to investigate the climate of the department after an Academic Rights and Responsibilities committee on professional conduct ruled the department tolerated sexual harassment.

Seven recommendations were released Tuesday in the chancellor's ad hoc committee's report.

Herb Howe, associate to the chancellor, said Arts and Sciences Dean Brian Foster and Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Rick Edwards will work with the department to carry out those recommendations.

**"I feel we did our job. They obviously did their job."**

The chancellor also has reported the results to Patricia Kennedy, Academic Senate president, and Sally Wise, chairwoman of the ARRC.

The ARRC report from last semester made recommendations that included placing the political science department on a three-year probation-like period, when it would have been under the leadership of someone outside of the department, Howe said.

The ad hoc committee's report rejected that recommendation. The chairman of the ARRC's professional conduct committee, Maurice Baker, an agricultural economics professor, did not offer an opinion on the ad hoc committee's ruling.

"I feel we did our job," he said. "They obviously did their job." The two committees came to different, yet logical, conclusions based on the evidence they had, Baker said.

"Whether we looked at the same set of evidence, I don't know," he said.

Baker's committee found in the spring that charges brought against David Forsythe, former political science department chairman, were unfounded, but did implicate the department as a whole. It had been alleged Forsythe did not respond promptly when a former professor reported sexual harassment within the department.

Former Political Science Professor Valerie Schwebach, now of Houston, brought sexual harassment complaints against the department last year and has said the ad hoc committee's ruling proves UNL will not solve what she calls a serious problem.

Howe said people who wish to challenge the university's findings must do so outside of the university.

Eric Brown, one of Schwebach's attorneys, said Schwebach

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## ASUN, UPC at odds over board member selection

BY IEVA AUGSTUMS  
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The question of power came between University Program Council and ASUN on Wednesday, as members of both parties examined a 1994 bylaw that gives student government leaders authority over a student organization.

"What we want is the ability to choose our own executive board again," Jamie Gaffney, University Program Council president, said. "Things are

different now."

In 1994, the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska passed a bylaw empowering it to select UPC board members and event directors.

The bill presented to the senate Wednesday would return the process of selecting UPC executive board members to present council members.

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs James Griesen said before the 1994 compromise, UPC members were selected by a committee of UPC graduating members or members not planning to seek a second term on the executive board.

The compromise created a selection committee made up of three members from each organization, allowing the groups to carry on with their university duties.

"It was a compromise no one was happy with," Griesen said. "It was a

compromise they could live with."

ASUN President Sara Russell she proposed the bill on behalf of UPC and fully supports its efforts.

"I don't think it is ASUN's place to dictate to a student organization. Let them select their own members," Russell said.

Student government leaders were divided on the issue.

ASUN Human Rights Committee Chairman Andy Schuerman said he supported the bill.

"We don't have the right to take

over," Schuerman said.

Paul Schreier, Committee for Fees Allocations chairman, said he would not support the bill.

"This bill states that based on your relations with the (UPC) president, you can further your career within the organization," Schreier said.

Russell said she was not going to pressure ASUN members either way.

College of Business Administration Senator Tom Heacock moved to postpone the bylaw change, which was later added to next week's agenda.