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The 700 club

With two wins this weekend, NU Volleyball Coach Terry Pettit will win 700 career matches. Preparation had plenty to do with it. **PAGE 6**



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Turning Japanese

The Japan Festival filled out the Nebraska Union's Centennial Room last night with a veritable plaza of food, dance and ethnic celebration. **PAGE 8**

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BRIANNE HINZ, a freshman psychology major, paints the lawn display in front of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity house Tuesday night. Work continued around the clock for much of the week while projects were being completed.

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UNL meets prerequisites set by bill

By **JOSH FUNK**
Senior staff writer

UNL got an A on its federal government report card that came in the form of a higher education bill signed into law last week.

The bill, with provisions covering issues such as financial aid and campus rules, sets many requirements that the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is already meeting.

"Analysis shows that UNL is way ahead of the curve nationally," Chancellor James Moeser said. "The other schools are still catching up."

In some cases, provisions in the bill will enable the university to do more.

"This bill won't change the way we do business," said James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs.

President Clinton signed the higher education bill into law Oct. 7, saying its passage represents how Congress should work.

The most publicized parts of the bill deal with financial aid issues, though the bulk of the several-hundred page document addresses other issues such as making college accessible to low-income students, campus security and binge drinking.

But the real test of these reforms will be how Congress appropriates money for them next year, Griesen said. It also will take time to work through the full text of the bill to understand the impact of all the provisions.

Included in the provisions UNL is already meeting are new requirements to keep higher education accessible to students from all incomes.

Four years ago, the NU Board of Regents approved a tuition-assistance grant program. The \$500 grants are awarded based on both academic merit and financial need to help fill the gap between federal aid and family contribution.

Griesen said the regents expressed concern that the university was pricing students out of the market, so they budgeted \$500,000 for the grant program each year for the next two years.

The bill also included requirements dealing with campus security and judicial records, but UNL, as a public university, already adheres to open record and meeting laws, Griesen said.

Campus police share their daily logs with the media and provide relevant case information. Some related provisions would also allow the university to notify parents when minors break the law, and student judicial proceedings could be opened.

But UNL already notifies parents of students living in residence halls through a behavior contract signed by students when they move in. But the bill lets the university notify the parents of students not living in residence halls.

In the area of binge drinking and drug violations, UNL is clearly ahead of the federal requirements to form a task force on the issue, Griesen said.

UNL's efforts to reduce binge drinking just got a shot in the arm this year with the award of the \$700,000 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant.

Another provision of the bill could strip financial aid from students with drug and alcohol convictions.

Other parts of the bill, such as the creation of new grants, could become important later after Congress appropriates the money next year.

Displays are a 24-hour task

By **VERONICA DAEHN**
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Amid a clutter of wood, paintbrushes and an old couch stood a sweaty crew of builders from Sigma Nu Fraternity late Tuesday night.

From the front lawn came sounds of pounding hammers, power tools, and laughter. The men worked tirelessly toward their ultimate goal — building a front yard spectacle to win this year's homecoming yard-display competition.

Yard displays become one of UNL's most visible homecoming icons. They attract the attention of ogling game-day visitors and local television stations.

Greek chapters and residence halls spent much of the week working on homecoming dis-

plays illustrating this year's theme: "Cherish the past; continue the excellence."

Along 16th Street and R Street, music poured from speakers as greeks worked to finish — or guard — their works of art throughout the nights. Even at 5 a.m., members could be seen dancing, sipping hot chocolate concoctions or playing football in the street.

A group of judges will determine the winners today, who then will earn points toward the homecoming spirit trophy, announced at half-time of Saturday's game.

Sigma Nu member Justin Koranda, a sophomore general studies major, said chapter members have been working on their project since Tuesday morning.

Sigma Nu, along with Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity and Delta Gamma Sorority, cooper-

ated on a display that included paper models of former Coach Tom Osborne and Coach Frank Solich, Koranda said.

"It's fun, and it's a good time," Koranda said.

Mollie Kerkahove, senior accounting major and co-chairwoman of the homecoming yard display committee, said Abel and Neihardt halls were the residence halls constructing displays.

In the past, the groups had to abide by spending limits. Because of the difficulty of keeping track of money spent, there is no spending limit on the displays, Kerkahove said.

Chad Horsham, a senior art major and Delta Upsilon Fraternity member, said his chapter

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Husker game competes with fall break

By **IEVA AUGSTUMS**
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Students will have to choose Saturday between showing their Husker spirit and taking a long weekend.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's homecoming game is Saturday at 6 p.m. It originally had been scheduled for 11:30 a.m.

Saturday also is the first day of the university's fall break.

"I was shocked when they moved the game," Joel Wiegert, a junior economics major said. "It seemed really strange to me to move Homecoming."

Athletic Director Bill Byrne said the university did not decide to move Saturday's game.

"The decision meets a Big 12 contractual agreement with Fox Sports Net and the university," Byrne said.

Bill Clements, the Big 12 Conference assistant media relations director, said by contract, the ABC television network gets first choice on games it wants to broadcast. The network is allowed to determine a broadcast with at least six days notification prior to kick-off, he said.

On Oct. 5, which was the first day of the 12-day advance notification agreement, Clements said

ABC did not choose to broadcast the Nebraska-Kansas game.

Fox Sports Net, which has second pick of the games ABC does not take, decided to broadcast the game.

Byrne said Fox Sports Net notified the department Oct. 5 of the change.

"I'm sorry some students are upset, but we were not allowed to pick," Byrne said.

Wiegert, who is also a Beta Theta Pi Fraternity member, said the time change caused discrepancies with homecoming events his fraternity planned. Beta Theta Pi members organized their parents' and alumni weekend around

Saturday's game, he said.

"We had to restructure the day's events," Wiegert said. "Parents planned on coming down in the morning and leaving at night. Now most will have to spend the night in a hotel."

Ed Morrow, Nebraska Alumni Association assistant director of alumni relations, said most Alumni Association events can be rescheduled easily around game times.

"The late game time allows us to complete the day's events," Morrow said. "Most events, like Husker Huddle, are flexible

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