



## Group remembers Shepard

Members of the UNL group Allies Against Heterosexism and Homophobia are taking names in response to the beating death of a gay University of Wyoming student.

The group is circulating five 50-page booklets around the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus to collect signatures in support of friends and family of Matt Shepard, who died Oct. 12 after being beaten and left for dead several days earlier.

The books will be sent to a gay and lesbian organization at the University of Wyoming in Laramie late next week. Travis Fisher, publicity chairman for Allies, said the signature drive is a way for UNL students, faculty members and staff to offer sympathy and hope in the wake of Shepard's death.

The drive has already produced more than 200 signatures and messages, Fisher said, and is well on its way to surpassing Allies' original goal of 500 signatures. The books will be available today and next week at the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Resource Center, the Women's Center and at booths located in the Nebraska Union and at The Return of the Gay/Lesbian Film Festival at the Mary Riepma Ross Film Theater in Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery.

## Art gallery opens in union

The first art gallery in the Nebraska Union opened Thursday on the edge of the food court.

The Rotunda Gallery, open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., showcases student artwork through Oct. 29. The exhibit is sponsored by the Art League, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln student organization.

Students whose artwork is featured vied for a spot in the gallery through a contest, said Daryl Swanson, director of the Nebraska Unions.

After Oct. 29, the art department will run the gallery and will continue to showcase student artwork.

"I don't feel that the union has been a cultural wasteland," Swanson said. "We've had no art in this building."

"I think it's very important that we have this gallery."

# Report looks at status of Nebraska women

By KIM SWEET  
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A report released on Thursday indicated women in Nebraska have some of the lowest reproductive rights and median annual earnings nationwide.

The Status of Women in Nebraska, a nationwide research project funded by the Ford Foundation, was one of 10 reports released Thursday that evaluated the nation and other states on women's status in politics, economics and health.

The report measures different categories from 1992 to 1998.

Composite scores for political participation and representation, employment and earnings and economic autonomy show that women in Nebraska are not the worst off, but are not quite in the upper half.

The state ranked 34th in political participation, 30th in employment and 21st in economic autonomy, according to the report. The numbers are out of 50 states and the District of Columbia.

"The facts in the report, as a whole, show that women in Nebraska are doing OK — not good, but OK," said Joni Gray, executive director of the Nebraska Commission on

Women.

But in the area of reproductive rights, Nebraska ranked 50th out of 51, ranking higher than only North Dakota.

The low ranking is due to Nebraska's lack of adequate policies promoting reproductive rights of women compared to other states, the

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report states.

These rights range from making abortions more accessible by revoking the waiting period to public funding for infertility treatments.

Jessica Intermill, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln freshman political science major, said she was surprised by the extremely low ranking on the reproductive-rights index.

"50 out of 51 shows we need change," she said.

Another category Nebraska women didn't fare well in was median average earnings: Nebraska ranked 45th — tying with Alabama and Arkansas.

Though Nebraska women rank

the second highest in the nation for participating in the work force compared with other states, women are not getting paid for it, Gray said.

Milo Mumgaard, executive director for the Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest, said the low ranking proves low-income women who are raising families on their own cannot do it on Nebraska wages.

Mumgaard said many people think the harsh economic realities a single, low-income woman faces are the result of unwise choices.

But he hopes the report will help clear up that myth by showing that low-income women cannot get out of poverty, he said.

In order for a mother to be self-sufficient in Nebraska, she must make \$10.50 an hour, Mumgaard said.

"Minimum wage presents a stark situation for low-income women today," he said.

Donna Polk, executive director for Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition, said she protested the report because women of color and rural women in Nebraska were underrepresented.

The report failed to address that women of color have never been represented on the county and city levels of government, Polk said. There is also a disparity in life spans, she said, as white women live longer than women of color.

The lack of representation will make the report less effective in ful-

filling the needs of all women in Nebraska, Polk said.

According to the report, Nebraska scored its highest ratings in the areas of voter registration and voter turnout, ranking 14th and 16th, respectively, nationwide.

Other high-ranking categories were the percentage of non-elderly women with health insurance, as well as percentage of women above the poverty level.

The report will be distributed to all the state legislators as well as gubernatorial and lieutenant governor candidates.

Lieutenant governor candidate Pam Bataillon, who was present at the release of the report, said it was an important event in Nebraska.

"It shows me that we have a lot of work to do," she said.

Bataillon said the report would provide a link between the policy makers and educational advocacy groups, which she said was necessary for change to occur.

"The other thing that surprises me is how long we've been working on this, and we're still at the same point," she said.

The numbers showing the low pay of women in the workforce and the low rank when it comes to women in managerial occupations were the most frustrating to UNL freshman Intermill.

"It's surprising and alarming to me, because I am going to be entering that work force someday."

## Searches at MU games called unconstitutional

The Maneater  
University of Missouri

Columbia searches of students and alumni at Saturday's football game turned up something unexpected: irate fans and possible civil-liberty violations.

Thirty-two members of MU police, 13 Boone County Sheriff's deputies, and three city officers were at the gates of Faurot Field on Saturday, emptying pockets, inspecting bags and purses and patting down fans as they came into this weekend's game against Oklahoma.

"I don't like it very much at all — I feel violated," freshman Aaron Allen said. "What do they think, I am going to bring in a pound of weed or a knife to kill someone?"

Hundreds of students and alumni were stopped at every gate and asked to open their bags and hand them over to police to search. Police detained an elderly couple at one gate and confiscat-

ed three oranges from them, saying they could be used as projectiles to be thrown

at the team, and they do this," alumna Dawn Jacobs said. "They are searching us like we are in a prison."

Jim Worthington, class of 1965, agreed.

"I'm shocked, sickened and surprised," Worthington said. "I love everything about Mizzou, but this is unconstitutional."

Not only has this new university search policy upset fans, but also Missouri civil-rights experts say it could be unconstitutional.

Dan Viets, a Columbia lawyer specializing in civil liberties, said the searches are against the fourth amendment.

"Appeals court have said that random searches upon entering a public facility to attend a public event is illegal," Viets said. "The government does not have the right to search everyone because someone else has done something wrong."

And because MU is a public school and Faurot Field is a public facility, the university cannot make up its own search policies.

"If Harvard were having an event, it would be different," Viets said.

MU lost a court case four years ago that found random police searches at public facilities to be unconstitutional.

In September 1994, Joseph Thompson was arrested at an Indigo Girls concert for having a small amount of marijuana. Charges were dismissed because an appellate-court judge ruled the evidence was obtained unlawfully — through police searches at the building entrance.

The Hearnes Center changed its search policies a year after the university lost its case.

MU police Maj. Jack Watring defended the policy as fair and necessary.

"We don't search without permission. If we suspect someone is bringing something into the game, we ask to search them," Watring said. "If they don't want their article or person searched, they won't be allowed in the stadium, and they won't be searched."

## Mammoth replica arrives at Morrill

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original Archie tusk as a model for the sculpture.

Over a period of eight months, Hoppe, with the help of volunteers, recreated the skeleton and turned it into a life-sized statue.

He first built a wooden skeleton modeled after the original Archie. Then he used Styrofoam to recreate Archie's muscles. He used clay on top of that to form a skin texture.

Over the clay Hoppe placed molds, which were removed and transferred to the Caleco Foundry in Cody, where the statue was bronzed. Archie remained in Cody for a year, then left Wyoming four days ago and traveled across Nebraska to Lincoln, where it arrived Wednesday night.

By 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Archie was fixed atop three pedestals in Morrill Hall's unfinished plaza.

Feats like the one accomplished to create Archie don't happen every day, said Estes, of the State Museum.

"We are talking about one of the largest bronze sculptures in the United States," Estes said.

### A little help from friends

The Friends of the University of Nebraska State Museum raised \$100,000 by selling 100 Archie sculptures that are one-twelfth the size of the original, said Betty Anderson, who has been chairwoman of the fun-raising effort for five years.

Hoppe donated the small statues, which cost museum patrons \$1,689 each — \$1,000 of which helped pay for the full-sized Archie.

The total cost of producing and transporting Archie was about \$275,000, Estes said.

Estes hopes Archie will draw more people to the museum, as well as distinguish Morrill Hall from the surrounding academic buildings.

"This all came about because

the Friends were concerned that Morrill Hall was too difficult to find for visitors — that it didn't have a good signature," he said. "It needed something to help make the building stand out."

The University of Nebraska Foundation also contributed money for landscaping and improving the plaza through a gift in honor of Lloyd G. Tanner.

Estes hopes the new landscaping along with benches will turn the area into a gathering place.

### History making history

Ten-year-old Michael Doerneman was among the 50 people gathered in front of Morrill Hall at 9 a.m. to see Archie arrive.

"My mom said it was going to be a historical moment," he said.

Doerneman and his 7-year-old sister, Katie, along with their friend Jake Smith, 10, held up a sign made by classmates that read: "Maxey Elementary Welcomes Archie."

Matt Jones, an ethnic studies lecturer at UNL, stood across the street from the museum with his arms crossed across his chest and stared at Archie in awe.

"I think it's an interesting phenomena," Jones said.

He said he has watched the transformation of the landscape in front of Morrill Hall in preparation for Archie's arrival.

"I've kind of been here since the process began," Jones said. "You kind of imagine things in your mind by looking at what's there," he said of anticipating Archie's arrival.

Estes said the sculpture is the closest resemblance to the real creature people will ever see.

"It's an interpretation of what we now think this animal must have looked like. Since we don't have one of the animals, we can only do our best to infer the structure," Estes said.

"But it certainly would be the very best model we have."

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