

Campaign Nebraska reaches goal

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A record amount of money transferred from the NU Foundation has made the University of Nebraska a few million dollars richer.

The University of Nebraska Foundation transferred \$49 million to the University of Nebraska during the last fiscal year, said Theresa Klein, UNL spokeswoman. That number is a 111 percent increase over 1997.

A large portion of that money went to campus and building improvements, such as the Lied Transplant Center at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and the renovations of the fieldhouse at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Another chunk of the money went to an increase in academic student support. This included fellowships and scholarships, Klein said.

Along with the record number of transferred dollars to the University of Nebraska, the foundation reached its goal of raising \$375 million for Campaign Nebraska, a fund-raising effort aimed at raising enough money to help the emerging strengths of the university system.

The Foundation hopes to raise

money to support students, faculty, buildings and academic programs at all four campuses through the fund drive.

While the NU Foundation reached its targeted dollar amount months earlier than the December 31, 2000 target date, Klein said the campaign is not done.

The program is set up to fund certain priority objectives designated by the Foundation. While every gift received by the foundation counts toward the goal, some of the gifts received will not go to the objectives identified on the Campaign Nebraska list.

Two of the objectives that have not yet been funded are the renovation of the Security Mutual building at 200 N. Centennial Mall, which is the future home of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's College of Journalism and Mass Communications, and the expansion of the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery.

Faculty support, cultural diversity programs and teaching equipment are also on the list of priorities that need more funding, Klein said.

But while Campaign Nebraska continues to call for more funding, the Foundation has benefited from the amount of money that has been contributed and the number of donors that

have emerged, said Clarey Castner, assistant vice president and director of development for the Foundation.

"There has been tremendous support from Nebraska alumni and friends who feel the University of Nebraska is a good investment," Castner said. "People have been very generous."

That generosity is evident in the number of gifts and bequests the foundation received in 1998. More than \$86 million was given last year. That is the second-highest amount ever received in a one-year period.

Castner cites the strong economy as one of the reasons for increased giving to charitable organizations as a whole.

He said that the fact donors are choosing to invest their dollars into the NU system says something about the university.

"Clearly there is a sense of loyalty among friends and alumni of the university that doesn't exist elsewhere."

While much work needs to be done to fund all the objectives of Campaign Nebraska, Castner said he is not worried about reaching the goal.

"I'm optimistic that all the objectives of the campaign will be funded," he said.

"I think we will see other people jump on board."

Public access show beats pornography rap

By **JOSH FUNK**
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The man who produced a public-access television show depicting a masturbating clown has been cleared to get back on the air after the Nebraska Court of Appeals dismissed the case Tuesday.

The court called the video "bizarre and disgusting" but not obscene in its decision that dismissed the January 1997 conviction against Scott Harrold.

He had been convicted of a misdemeanor count of distributing pornography and fined \$1,000.

"This lowers the bar for public access programming," said Beth Scarborough, president of Lincoln CableVision. That company aired the show in question two nights in a row in 1995 on a Lincoln public-access cable channel.

"While the adjectives strange, weird, graphic, unnecessary, distasteful, indecent and offensive are applicable to

Harrold's video, it is not legally obscene," Judge Richard Sievers wrote in the court's 2-1 ruling.

The lone dissenter said the court could not say if the entire tape was obscene because four minutes of credits had been omitted from the tape used as evidence in the first trial.

Marilyn Hutchinson, the prosecuting attorney, said the state will appeal to the Nebraska Supreme Court. Harrold's attorney was in court Tuesday and unavailable for comment.

Harrold produced a public-access television show called "Cosmic Comedy," in which Harrold portrayed several different clown characters and reviewed adult movies.

The show aired between midnight and 1 a.m. because of CableVision guidelines that said indecent material could be aired during that time frame.

During Harrold's first trial in Lancaster District Court, the judge did not admit the CableVision rule book as

evidence. Harrold also argued that because CableVision aired the show it could not be obscene.

CableVision doesn't air obscene material which is defined as more explicit than indecent material.

Questionable material is reviewed by the CableVision advisory board, but Harrold's show was not reviewed.

In his testimony, Harrold said he did the masturbation scene after a female viewer complained his shows focused on female nudity too much.

A different episode of "Cosmic Comedy" contained a video depicting a woman stripping off her clothes and masturbating. Harrold was not prosecuted for that tape.

Sievers summed up his thoughts on what he called a meaningless home movie by saying:

"It's hard to define what the videotape says and what it means, if anything, but it is not hard-core pornography."

Lincoln teen dies in crash

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A Lincoln teen-ager was killed after he lost control of his Ford Mustang early Tuesday morning, following what police called "a possible speed contest."

The Mustang, which was southbound on South 56th Street, crossed the center line just after midnight and collided with a northbound car, killing the 17-year-old Mustang driver, Lincoln Police Sgt. Ann Heermann said.

Andrew Allen died at the scene of the accident near Sherman Street, and the two occupants of the other car, Henry and Rebecca Flores, were taken to BryanLGH West Medical Center for treatment of their injuries.

Henry Flores was listed in fair condition at the hospital Tuesday night, and Rebecca had been treated and released Tuesday morning.

The Floreses were on their way to their North 56th Street home at the time of the accident.

Witnesses at the scene of the accident described a possible race between the Mustang and a pickup truck prior to the accident.

Police later contacted the driver of the pickup, who was a friend of Allen's, though police deferred any additional comment on the racing to the Lancaster County Attorney.

ASUN Watch

And the score is ...

The following is a list of goals ASUN has set and the progress it has made.

- 1. Continue commitment to diversity through sponsored events and increased communication with the campus community.**
— Human Rights Committee Chairman Andy Schuerman said ASUN is working with UNL's Amnesty International to help promote the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on Dec. 10. Schuerman said that from Monday through Friday, Amnesty International is collecting signatures and will be sending them to Paris to be assembled into the largest book ever published.
- 2. Maintain regular campuswide community service projects.**
— Ryan Anderson, chairman of the Campus Life Committee, said ASUN's community service project with UNL's Habitat for Humanity chapter on Nov. 7 has been postponed. A new date will be scheduled on which ASUN members will work on Habitat's "NU House".
- 3. Enhance technological services to students.**
— Paul Schreier, ASUN Technology Fee Advisory Board Chairman, said student Web services are presently being updated to include online registration, schedules and grade checks.
- 4. Research the options to make student evaluations more effective.**
— Academic Committee Chairwoman Kara Slaughter said committee members are meeting with college departments and faculty members to discuss midsemester evaluations.
- 5. Address campus parking concerns.**
— ASUN President Sara Russell said Parking Services Director Tad McDowell will speak to the Student Senate next week about City and East campus parking concerns. "Hopefully we can find out where we are and where we are going," Russell said. "We want to know what ASUN can do to help make the parking situation most beneficial to students."
- 6. Continue efforts to unite City and East campuses.**
— Anderson said Campus Life and the ASUN Environmental Issues subcommittee are looking into providing better shuttle and/or bus transportation between City and East campuses.
- 7. Create a larger representation of students through outreach initiatives.**
— Russell said the ASUN Special Topics Committee is contacting student organization presidents and creating a universal student organization e-mail listserv. The listserv will allow for better communication between student groups and their members, she said.
- 8. Raise awareness of the proposed spending lid amendment to the Nebraska Constitution and the immediate effects imposed on UNL and its students.**
— ASUN members will march to the Capitol today to show their opposition to Initiative 413, the proposed tax lid amendment that could cut an estimated \$20 million from the NU system's budget. The march will begin on the south steps of the Nebraska Union at noon.
- 9. Lobby for student input and concern regarding the ASUN government party system.**
— Russell's proposed measure to keep a partisan government system, but remove the listing of party names on the election ballot, is being discussed by the ASUN Electoral Commission. Ryan Fuchs, Electoral Commission director, said the commission will present a proposal to the senate in the next couple of weeks.
- 10. Work to promote alcohol awareness and education campuswide.**
— ASUN members will be providing additional manpower during Gamma Phi Beta Sorority and Alpha Gamma Sigma Fraternity's See-Saw-A-Thon on Nov. 5-7. Natasya Shannon, senator for the College of Arts and Sciences and Gamma Phi Beta member, said the goal of the event is to raise \$8,000 for the Laura Cockson Memorial Scholarship Fund. The memorial fund is up to \$1,455.42.

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