

# Recycling is newest UNL, KSU contest

Students from both schools will compete to collect the most cans for spirit and the environment.

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Students, faculty members and staff at UNL have the chance to show those at Kansas State University they can recycle Cornhusker football enthusiasm into hundreds of pounds of aluminum.

In anticipation of the football game on Saturday and America Recycles Day on Sunday, the KSU Student Governing Association is challenging UNL and the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska to see which school has the spirit to collect the most aluminum cans.

Beginning today and ending Sunday, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is encouraged to collect as many aluminum cans as it can, said Tony White, ASUN Environmental Subcommittee chairman.

"This is something we should do as a university community," White said. "It's all for fun, and it's for a good cause."

Stacy Meredith, KSU Student Governing Association environmental coordinator, said the challenge is statewide effort in Kansas to increase recycling awareness.

"Basically we want everyone to reduce, reuse and recycle things they use," Meredith said. "Aluminum cans are a good starting point."

Meredith said KSU has challenged all of the colleges and universities in Kansas.

"But to be honest, the focus here on campus is solely on Nebraska," she said. "Our students want to beat you in other ways than football."

ASUN President Sara Russell said KSU is interested in challenging UNL's student body rather than the football team.

"We play them on the 14<sup>th</sup>, and they think they can beat us," Russell said. "We accept their challenge, and we'll see who will win this recycling challenge."

Meredith said KSU students are thrilled to be competing against Nebraska.

"There's been a lot of talk from students here," Meredith said. "We are ready to begin the challenge."

Dale Ekhart, UNL recycling coordinator, said the competition should increase student recycling awareness.

"From a student standpoint, participation is the key to doing better than K-State," Ekhart said. "Plus this gets you to be involved in your environment, and it's a fun way to begin changing your habits."

Participants should bring their cans Monday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. to the UNL Food Store parking lot, 1700 Y St. The cans will be weighed, and the total amount of cans will be calculated per pound per number of students enrolled, he said.

"Bring a sack or a truckload," Ekhart said. "Just bring cans."

Meredith said there are no guidelines each school must follow. However, each school participating can collect its cans only within the scheduled week, she said.

Ekhart said Recycling Services anticipates collecting cans from residence halls, greek houses, classrooms, staff, faculty and other organizations.

White said the deciding factor on whether UNL will win the challenge is participation.

"This is an excellent opportunity for us to work with other college campuses in a fun and worthwhile project," White said. "By participating, we are strengthening our campus community."

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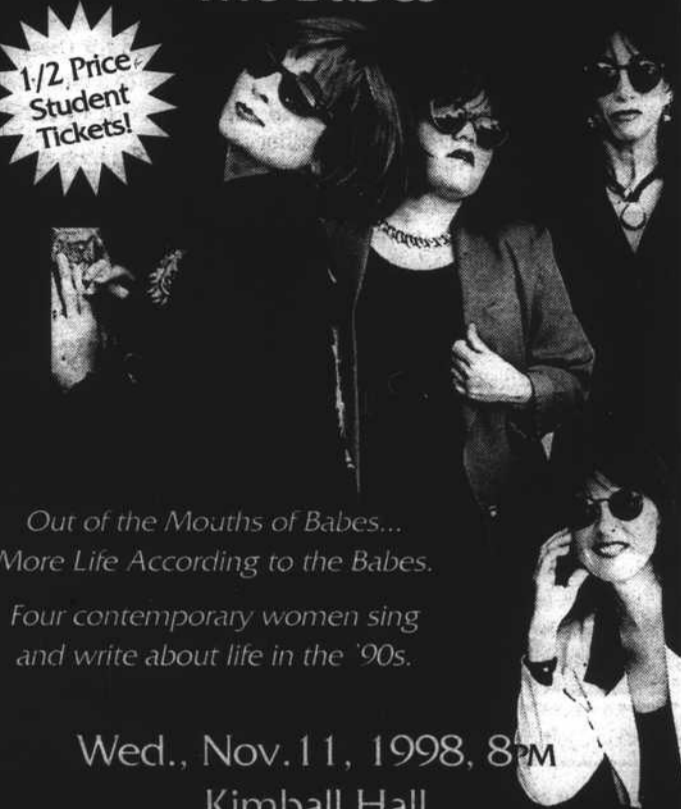
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# Distinguished minority alumni return to UNL

Speakers plan to offer insights into careers

BY KIM SWEET  
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Some of UNL's most distinguished alumni will be on campus tonight to share some of their strategies for success.

A former Chicago White Sox player and a Harvard graduate are just a couple of representatives who will be at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the sixth annual Alumni of Color Career Forum.

One of the guests, Shawn Buchanan, is president of All American Meats in Springfield and was a professional baseball player.

Another guest, Lance Morgan, is president and chief executive officer of Ho-Chunk Inc. in Winnebago and a graduate of Harvard law school.

Other alumni who will be featured at the event are Charles McClendon Jr., talent assessment specialist at the Gallup Organization; Nina Sitting Eagle, a teacher in Omaha Public Schools; and Brian Nguyen, a system engineer for Midland System Incorporated in Omaha.

The event brings together some of the UNL's most successful alumni of color to give insights to all UNL students, said Jake Kirkland, assistant director of Career Services.

"Here are some individuals who have experienced going through this institution and are now going through the world of work," Kirkland said. "They can share experiences that can help students make a smoother transi-

tion." In planning the forum, which carries the theme, "Students of Color: Representing Occupational Excellence Throughout the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," Career Services advisers focused on bringing together a quality group of panelists, rather than focusing on representing each college, as they had before.

But the range of different ethnicity is present this year, like all other years, he said.

The idea for the career forum came to Kirkland six years ago when he first came to UNL. After seeing Master's Week, a string of talks from successful UNL alumni, Kirkland wanted to do something similar on a smaller scale geared more toward minority students.

The result, Kirkland said, was an event successful in giving students role models and helping them think about life after college.

"With (the presenters') insight, they can do a better job of helping students prepare him or herself," he said.

This is especially important for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, he said, a concept that is emphasized with the forum's theme.

"(The presenters) can begin to share with others what they believe to be qualities, skills and insight that is necessary to be successful in the new millennium for students of color."

The forum is open to all students. It begins at 5:30 p.m. today in the Culture Center. A light meal will be served.

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