



Arch Bishop of KSU

Kansas State quarterback Michael Bishop is a key ingredient in the Wildcats' game plan against Nebraska on Saturday. **PAGES 8-9**



The student center

The Lied Center for Performing Arts has a mission: to act as a cultural epicenter for the state and the student body. **PAGE 12**

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Lincoln Mensa to hold entrance test

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What is a common word in the English language that contains three consecutive sets of double letters? Answering such a question Saturday could put one in a group of the world's most intelligent people.

Lincoln Mensa, the local chapter of the international organization that focuses on fostering human intelligence, is holding an entrance exam Saturday at the Bennett Martin Public Library, 14th and N streets.

A score at or above the 98th percentile on the proctored exam must be attained for membership, said Erin Koffler, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln graduate student and Lincoln Mensa publications editor.

An equivalent score on other exams measuring intelligence is also accepted, including the Graduate Record Examination, the Stanford Binet and the California Test of Mental Maturity.

The exam's content is designed to measure reasoning power and intelligence, rather than how much the tester has learned, said Jim Bunstock, Lincoln Mensa membership chairman and calendar coordinator.

Questions dealing with logical sequences, mathematics and language usage constitute a two-hour test that may be taken only once, but prospective members can always submit scores from alternate tests.

Because questions follow the line, people from varying ethnic backgrounds are not disadvantaged, Bunstock said.

"This (test) is the closest we can get to being completely cross-cultural," he said.

Because the only criterion for membership is scoring in the top 2 percent on an accepted standardized test, Steve Burnham, membership officer, said there is no typical member.

"Mensa covers the entire spectrum of age, profession and gender," he said.

Other than fostering intelligence, the organization does not have a particular agenda, Bunstock said.

"We are primarily social," he said. "We have monthly meetings that are very eclectic."

But intelligence, and the quest for answers to stumping questions such as the one above, remain their focus. Incidentally, the answer is: "bookkeeper."



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ERIN KOFFLER, a UNL architecture graduate student in community and regional planning, became a member of Mensa in 1994. The group is an international fellowship of intellectuals who are selected by scoring in the top 2 percent on certain standardized tests.

The testing will begin with registration at 1:00 p.m., and the exam is at 1:30. An informal reception will be held until 4:00 p.m.

Web site to provide grades, schedules

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By semester break, UNL students will be able to access their grades and class schedules via the World Wide Web.

However, only 15 students will be able to do it at any given time.

In an effort to be "responsive to students' needs," Paul Schreier, ASUN information technology fee advisory board chairman, said, University Information Services has produced a Web site that offers access to certain records without the lines and hassles some students experience.

The "What About Me" Web site, <http://www.unl.edu/sisteam/wam/wam.html>, now offers students the ability to verify their graduate student admission status and check their financial aid and scholarship awards.

By Dec. 21, students also will be able to access their grades, class schedules and address information, said Suzan Manthey, student services enhancement team chairwoman.

Manthey, who has been working with students and administrators producing the WAM Web site, said it provides personal information about each student.

Manthey said the Web site idea came from other colleges throughout the country already providing similar services via the Internet.

Information Services' ultimate goal is to provide students with online class registration and complete transcript information, she said.

Schreier said student online registration has been an ongoing goal of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

In 1997, past ASUN President Curt Ruwe signed a bill recommending the Information Services department research a World Wide Web-based enrollment and registration system.

From that legislation, Schreier said, a technology strategy planning committee was organized to follow and outline students' needs on campus.

"We are trying to create a vision on how technology will affect students and the university," Schreier said. "That is our purpose."

Jewel Mlnarik, a sophomore art major, is responsible for designing the WAM Web page.

"Students should take advantage of the service," Mlnarik said. "It will be particularly helpful when NRoll is down. You can access this 24 hours."

NRoll is the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's telephone class registration service.

Only 15 students can access the Web site at any given time, Manthey said, because of the limitations on the system's capability.

Manthey said the information posted on WAM would be secure.

Schreier said Information Services is trying to provide students with the best services on the information superhighway.

"They want to make sure students are getting what they want and need," Schreier said. "Technology is advancing. They don't want to fall behind."

Police ready for Kansas State, Husker fans

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■ Authorities prepare to protect the football field and Aggieville against a sellout crowd.

In the game that could make or break the season for Kansas State and Nebraska, police will be keeping a close eye on the crowd.

There will be a packed house in Manhattan, Kan., when the Huskers take the field against the Wildcats, and security is taking steps to contain the purple tide.

"This is supposed to be the biggest game ever in Kansas State history," said Jon Balmer, the sports editor of KSU's student newspaper, the Collegian.

He said students are guarding

their tickets — not selling them to the highest bidder who might be a Nebraska fan — by keeping them for themselves or selling them only to other K-State fans.

Though he's heard several strategies to protect KSU's goal posts, Balmer said if the fans have their way, the posts probably will come down.

University of Nebraska Sports Information Director Chris Anderson said though Nebraska fans are well-behaved, security still is an important concern.

"We think we have some of the best fans around, but this is a big game with a lot on the line," Anderson said.

KSU fans have shown that they can be respectful, K-State Sports Information Director Kent Brown said, but police still have to prepare for problems.

"This game is big for both sides," Brown said. "And we have

to be prepared for all situations."

Kansas State has been selling out home games all season, but this game has had special meaning all season for the Wildcats and their fans — Kansas State has not beaten Nebraska in 29 games.

"It's been a day of concern for us since the schedule came out," Riley County Police Capt. Steve French told The Associated Press. "I think it would have been a bigger day if Nebraska was coming in without any losses, but it's still a big day."

Riley County, where KSU is located, will have extra officers on duty — French would not say how many — and also expects help from the Kansas Highway Patrol and the University of Kansas Police.

But KSU Police Assistant Director Capt. Robert Mellgren said his agency is preparing for crowd control like it normally would.

"It's a big game," Mellgren said. "There's no getting around that."

French said police will be ready to go at 7 a.m., 7½ hours before kickoff.

UNL Police Chief Ken Cauble, who travels with the team, said his primary security concern will be NU Head Coach Frank Solich at the end of the game.

"If they beat us, the stands are going to empty, and their fans will head for the goal posts," Cauble said.

The KSU Police Department coordinates its security with visiting teams to make sure everyone knows the plan, Cauble said.

Part of the worry stems from the 1986 riots in Aggieville after Kansas State beat the University of Kansas. Property was damaged.

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