

Second to Nonen

Sharolta Nonen is NU's last line of defense on the soccer field. Her coaches and teammates say she's one of the nation's best at it. PAGE 7



The sweetest lady

Famous for her impressions of Sally Jessy Raphael, drag queen comedian Kandi Kane is kicking up her heels at the Q. PAGE 9

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Partly cloudy, high 47. Mostly clear tonight, low 27.

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ASUN may revote on election rules

BY IEVA AUGSTUMS
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ASUN

UNL students wanting to run for ASUN seats this year may have to put their campaigns on hold, if a bill passed Wednesday by the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska is reconsidered and voted down.

After two hours of debate Wednesday night, ASUN barely approved a plan for campaign and election procedures. Much of the controversy was over whether to keep student election group names on election ballots.

The senate voted to remove election party names from ballots in the future, though a revote could add the party names, among other changes.

Some student government leaders on Thursday said a revote was in order because the decision to remove party names from election ballots was not representative of what most students wanted.

"With the rules as they stand, what we are looking at is the ability of entry into a political race," said Paul Schreier, College of Engineering and Technology senator.

"If we want student government to be representative of the student body, the rules need to be changed."

He said a campaign is run with money, and without a party with which students can associate themselves, some students may not have the money to run for a senate seat.

Division of General Studies Senator Jon England agreed.

"The election rules are better than in years past," England said. "But there is still some ambiguous wording and clarifying that needs to be taken care of."

Schreier and England voted against accepting the new election

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Remains issues shadow UNITE's weekend events

BY KIM SWEET
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The voices of American Indian elders, tribal leaders and activists have been increasingly present at UNL over the past year since the discovery of the possible mistreatment of native remains by university faculty members and staff.

Amid the voices coming from reservations across the state and across the nation shouting for investigations and injunctions, one group's voice refuses to be ignored: The voice of UNITE - a group of American Indian students who attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Making their voice heard has not been easy over the past months.

Though members of the University of Nebraska Inter-Tribal Exchange face personal struggles in dealing with the possible mistreatment of their ancestors' remains, the group also has frustration over what they feel is a lack of information provided to them by the university.

"We haven't been included," Amy Bearskin, a junior finance and anthropology major from the Winnebago tribe of Nebraska, said. "The first step we took on our own."

When a conference was held in September to work out an agreement between tribal leaders and the university about what to do with more than 1,700 remains, UNITE members were upset they weren't encouraged by the university to attend.

"I was scared to say I am a student at UNL."

MISTY THOMAS
Santee Sioux tribe member

Tribal leaders were the ones who extended the invitation, said Yolanda Few Tails-Castellanos, a senior human resources and family sciences major from the Oglala Lakota nation.

The members have relied on newspapers and their own research to keep updated, she said.

To understand more clearly the issues at stake in the ongoing discussion between tribes and the university, the group recently launched its own investigation.

It will investigate a number of areas to see if the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 was violated and whether policies have affected the campus climate for native students, Justice said.

Being left out of discussion that is taking place isn't the only challenge UNITE has faced.

Because of the ongoing controversy regarding native remains, many UNITE members struggle admitting to others in the native

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Officials: Diversity still a priority

■ Though black student numbers are not as low as reported, UNL officials are still focusing on retention.

BY LINDSAY YOUNG
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University officials said Thursday that although incorrect numbers in Monday's Daily Nebraskan showed a drastic decrease in black student enrollment, their desire for a diverse campus hadn't diminished.

Because of a miscalculation, the Daily Nebraskan incorrectly reported

black student enrollment dropped 10 percent since 1996, while overall undergraduate student enrollment dropped 6.4 percent.

Correct calculations indicate black student enrollment had actually dropped about 0.7 percent since 1996.

John Harris, special assistant to the vice chancellor for student affairs, said he was glad the drop in black student enrollment wasn't as significant as he had previously thought.

But, Harris said, regardless of how much or how little black student enrollment had dropped, the university needed to improve black student retention and recruitment efforts.

"Whether we lose 10 percent or 1 percent, if it's something that we can

control, then we need to do something about it," Harris said.

Larry Routh, interim director of admissions, said Admissions was doing a variety of things to attract a more diverse pool of students to UNL.

The office is working on a package that targets minority students and addresses their concerns, he said.

The video and brochure are similar to those targeting honors students.

Also, Routh said, Admissions had moved minority recruitment days to the fall instead of the spring, when they have been held in the past.

In the spring, many students have already committed to a school, so

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KA'RON JOHNSON, a junior advertising major, is one of 200 students throughout the world selected to attend the Business Tomorrow International Conference. Johnson will talk and learn with other mega-successful students at the conference in New York, sponsored by Princeton University, from Saturday through Tuesday.

Student chosen to mingle with elite

BY IEVA AUGSTUMS
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A talented man with strong willpower is packing his bags and will board a plane taking him to a worldwide gathering of success and opportunity.

Ka'Ron Johnson, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln junior advertising major, has been selected by Princeton University in New Jersey to attend its international business conference in New York from Saturday to Tuesday.

He is one of 200 students worldwide to be selected to attend the Business Tomorrow International Conference, which is sponsored by the Foundation for Student Communication Inc.

Despite learning he turned in his

conference application two weeks late, Johnson said he wasn't going to let this opportunity pass him by. Instead he reached out and grabbed it.

"When opportunity knocks, I've been taught you answer the door," Johnson said. "I've been opening those doors my entire life."

The conference will allow participants to engage in intellectual conversation with national and international business leaders, he said.

"It's an opportunity for me to mingle with the best," Johnson said. "There are going to be giants there who I can learn from and network with."

Carol Klein, a representative for the Foundation for Student Communication, said the foundation is "a student-run organization whose mission is to foster communication

and cooperation between business executives and America's brightest college students."

Seventy-five schools will be represented at the conference, including Yale, Harvard and Stanford universities, as well as schools from Canada, Asia and Europe.

"We look for the leaders of today and the leaders of tomorrow," Klein said. "That is our goal."

The theme for this year's conference is "Government Regulations: Challenges for the 21st Century."

Keynote speakers and panelists at this year's conference include Michael Friedman, Food and Drug Administration lead deputy commissioner; Heidi G. Miller, chief financial officer for Citigroup Inc.; and Orson Swindle, commissioner of the

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