



## SPORTS

### Hangin' out

Nebraska survived 21 turnovers to beat North Carolina A&T 65-47 Saturday. Venson Hamilton became NU's all-time rebounder. **PAGE 8**



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### Swingin' through

Swing music revivalists the Brian Setzer Orchestra come to Omaha's Sokol Auditorium tonight. **PAGE 9**

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### LOVELY LEFTOVERS

Mostly sunny, high 59. Mostly cloudy tonight, low 34.

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**GRADUATE STUDENT AMY YOUNG** dealt with homophobia in her sorority as an undergraduate at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa. **UNL** greek students said they would have mixed feelings about having an openly gay member in their house. Many said they would support and welcome a gay member but thought gays would be uncomfortable in the greek system.

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## tall houses

*UNL greeks have mixed reactions to possibility of gay members*

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When Amy Young went to her sorority's formal dances as an undergraduate, her date was a gay man from another college. It was for one simple reason.

Because only a small circle of sorority sisters knew Young was a lesbian, she maintained her straight facade by having a male date, one of her best friends.

"And he lived far enough away that people didn't ever ask questions about why he wasn't around more often," said Young, a UNL graduate student.

For other sorority date events at her small Iowa college, Young would just go with friends who also didn't have dates.

"It was kind of awkward sometimes," she said.

Young said it would have been tough to come completely out of the closet while in the sorority.

And some members of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln greek system agreed that it would be pretty rough.

Some greeks said that because of the system's very nature of selection, they couldn't see most houses being open to gay members. But about half of those interviewed said greeks

would accept an openly gay man or lesbian woman with open arms because their sexual preference wouldn't matter.

Nationwide, 70 percent of gay, lesbian or bisexual respondents said they had encountered homophobic or heterosexist attitudes within their greek chapter, usually in the form of derogatory jokes or comments, according to a 1996 survey by Douglas N. Case, the coordinator of fraternity and sorority life at San Diego State University.

According to the survey, homophobia was also evident in membership selection. Overall, the chapter would not offer a prospective member believed to be gay or lesbian a bid to join the chapter.

About 500 members were surveyed, 90 percent of whom were men.

On UNL's campus, the thought of having a

**Sexual orientation has nothing to do with it. We're going to pick up the best men that have the best resumes to send us."**

-Tom Scott

Phi Gamma Delta member

gay or lesbian member hadn't really crossed the minds of many fraternity or sorority members.

In fact, they said, it is an issue that hasn't really been addressed.

### Coming out, letting in

UNL greeks had mixed reactions on whether someone who was gay or lesbian would be accepted in their house.

They were more open to the idea of someone coming out after joining. Many said they thought there already were some gay and lesbian members in UNL's greek system.

"It is hard. I would say honestly it would be difficult. If I was a homosexual male I would not want to come out in a fraternity," said Andrew Mattox, Beta Theta Pi president.

Young joined the sorority at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, as a sophomore. She was never "completely out" but did start to tell

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## University police look for campus scam artist

By JOSH FUNK  
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Police are looking for a scam artist who has been targeting UNL students.

This month, two students have mistakenly given money to the scam artist, and university police want other students to be aware. Sgt. Mylo Bushing said.

The man, who identifies himself as former Husker football player Lynn Finney, approached both of the victims on Stadium Drive asking for a tow truck.

Finney assured his victims that he would pay them back the next day but never did.

"Obviously this individual has no intention of paying the money back," Bushing said.

In both cases, Nov. 2 and Nov. 22, Finney approached his victims, both men, in the evening and convinced them he was trustworthy.

The Nov. 22 victim said Finney approached him directly, carrying a briefcase, in a very friendly manner.

To identify himself, Finney showed the victim a newspaper article with his picture in it from his 1971 Husker football days.

Finney said he'd pay the victim back the next day, and that he had just started a job hanging drywall in the stadium.

The Nov. 22 victim drove Finney to an ATM

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## Local food bank begins holiday donation drive

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The Food Bank of Lincoln kicked off its annual Holiday Food Drive Nov. 23 by inserting grocery bags into Lincoln Journal Stars.

Subscribers were asked to put food items they wished to donate in the bags and drop them off at any of the 25 locations listed on the bags.

The shopping bag drive is the food bank's main collection, though it encourages people and businesses to give all the time.

Although the food bank is just beginning its 1998 campaign, it has already received its first large donation of the year: Cook Family Foods donated 1,000 solid pork roast pieces last week.

Several local food companies, including Meadow Gold Dairy, Weaver Potato Chips, Coca-Cola, Blue Bunny, Pepsi and Gooch Foods, donate to the annual drive. Those companies' products will be specially marked with a tag on store shelves. Every time one of these items is purchased, 10 cents of the sale will be donated to the food bank.

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