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And the senior NU wrestler's decision to think to win have come up roses. Jose DeAnda has started the season 6-0. PAGE 7



German expressionist

Exchange student Christian Seichter has compiled a two-hour slide show comparing '50s sci-fi movie clips to historic events. PAGE 9

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Committee to investigate repatriation

BY LINDSAY YOUNG Senior staff writer

A federal committee will take the first step in deciding this week whether a set of unaffiliated American Indian remains can be returned to a group of Midwestern tribes.

A claim for 40 unaffiliated American Indian remains and part of a teaching collection now in the hands of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will be given special consideration by the federal NAGPRA review committee at its meeting that starts Thursday in Santa Fe, N.M.

NAGPRA stands for the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990.

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Vice Chancellor for Research Priscilla Grew, who is also the university's NAGPRA coordinator, will present UNL's request to the review committee. Grew was out of town for the meeting and could not be reached for comment.

American Indian leaders are expectant that the review committee will return the university-held bones to the American Indian tribes.

"I'm hopeful that the review committee will support the claim that was made," said Peminia Yellow Bird, a NAGPRA representative for the Three Affiliated Tribes in Kansas.

Yellow Bird will also be at the committee's meeting.

She is the chairwoman of a coalition of tribes that worked with UNL when it decided in September to repatriate about 1,700 affiliated and unaffiliated remains to various tribes.

An inventory of the additional remains is in the process of being published in the federal register, and after it is published and a 30-day waiting period has passed, the university can return the remains.

The Omaha Tribe of Nebraska has volunteered to bury the remains, if repatriated, along with the help of other tribes.

NAGPRA, signed into law in 1990, required museums, federal agencies and institutions, such as UNL, to take an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects and report it to the National Park Service by November 1995.

At the request of affiliated tribes, the remains and objects are returned.

However, the group of remains that the federal committee will hear testimony about Thursday and Friday is culturally unaffiliated.

That means researchers are unable to tell what tribe they are related to, but they can tell the remains are American Indian.

The federal review committee's chairwoman, Tessie Naranjo, said the fact the remains are unaffiliated makes repatriation more complicated.

"If it's culturally unidentifiable, then it's not a clear-cut, direct repatriation," said Naranjo, who spoke from her home in Espanola, N.M.

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All in the Family



MATT MILLER/DN

SHARI CLARKE, special assistant to NU President Dennis Smith for diversity and equity, has been at the university for six months. She said the University of Nebraska needs to find ways to make minorities feel at home.

Clarke wants NU to be home to all

BY KIM SWEET Staff writer

The effects of Shari Clarke's job extend far outside her small office in Varner Hall.

Hired six months ago by NU President Dennis Smith, Clarke describes her job as special assistant to the president for diversity and equity as being the "eyes and ears" of the institution and the

community of diversity that exists throughout Nebraska.

Being an advocate for groups outside the university is something new for Clarke.

Serving as director of multicultural affairs at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash., and as associate dean of multicultural affairs at the University of Maine before she came to NU, Clarke says she misses the buzz of a college campus, where students

abound.

"I really miss the vibrancy of being on a campus," Clarke said.

But her trips to the four campuses in the NU system somewhat satisfy her craving for student life, she said.

"I really enjoy the time I get to interact with students," Clarke said.

Clarke's new job requires her to go outside the university to get a feel for the attitudes minority

groups around Nebraska have about the NU system.

From what she has discovered so far, she said, she has a big job to do.

"One of the things we haven't done well is made people of color feel like this is their university," Clarke said.

Clarke said she has concluded that Nebraska's community of

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Global publisher acquires Cliffs Notes

BY JESSICA FARGEN Staff writer

In 1958, Cliff Hillegass used the tiny basement of his Lincoln house to produce a series of study guides on 16 Shakespeare plays.

Little did he know that 40 years later, Cliffs Notes, those little black and yellow books, would grow to 230 titles, produce a 32,000 square-foot warehouse in Lincoln and serve as lifesavers for students across the country cramming for tests or trying to grasp "Hamlet."

But Monday, Hillegass handed over the reins to Cliffs Notes when IDG Books Worldwide announced it was buying the company for \$14.2 million. IDG Books, an 8-

year-old global publishing company, plans to expand Cliffs Notes' products and market.

Robert Covolik, former Cliffs Notes president, has been with the company since 1963, when he used to play basketball and musical instruments with Hillegass' son.

"One Saturday (Hillegass) asked if I'd like to take some boxes to the post office, not realizing that 35 years later I'd be president of that company," said Covolik, who is now manager of Cliffs Education, the company's new name.

Although the warehouse and office at 4851 S. 16th St. have a new name, the books will continue to be called Cliffs Notes under the merger with IDG Books, which produces For Dummies, a series of

similarly colored black and yellow books that explain how to do a variety of things, including cooking and working out.

"The timing was right. The chemistry was right," Covolik said. "It's kind of coincidental that they both have yellow and black coloring."

"It's a great fit, and we're really happy about it."

Mimi Sells, IDG Books spokesman, is in Lincoln this week to help make the public announcement of the sale.

"We're really happy about it. We think Cliffs Notes is a great brand," she said. "Everyone knows Cliffs Notes."

"We think it's just a great marriage."

Cliffs Notes and IDG Books share a philosophy of making learning fun and affordable, Sells said, and IDG Books plans to augment that.

"We plan to expand it to more subject areas, to more markets, expand it globally," Sells said. "We're a global market."

"People read Shakespeare around the world. Cliffs Notes could be there."

IDG Books, based near San Francisco, publishes For Dummies books, board games and classical music compact discs, as well as a line of "bibles" - A to Z reference guides on various subjects.

Cliffs Notes employs 55 peo-

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