



## SPORTS

### Top of the order

Junior college transfer Adam Shabala adjusts well to his role on the NU baseball team as a run-scorer and an all-around workhorse. **PAGE 7**



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### House away from home

Classic rock and punk finally found a place together in Cedar Falls, Iowa, with the trio of House of Large Sizes. They play Duffy's tonight. **PAGE 9**

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### THE USUAL PROSPECTS

Partly sunny, high 41. Cloudy tonight, low 30.

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## CFA approves \$14 student fee increase

**■ If approved by the Board of Regents, the 5.8 percent fee increase will take effect in the 1999-2000 school year.**

**By KIM SWEET**  
Staff writer

After months of budget deliberations, the Committee for Fees Allocations voted Tuesday night to raise student fees 5.8 percent, resulting in a \$14 increase for next year.

If approved by the student senate, the chancellor and the Board of Regents, the budget will raise the fees from \$240 to \$254 each semester.

CFA member Jason Boykin said, if passed, he felt the increased fee will be accepted by students because of the quality of the services that go along with it.

"I think students understand there is going to be a fee increase," Boykin said. "If we can keep that increase to a minimum and provide students greater services, I don't think students will have a problem."

CFA member Jeff Woodford said he was disappointed with the budget the committee accepted — especially since they pledged to keep increases at a minimum at the beginning of the semester.

"I think we could have cut fees more," Woodford said. "I think we could have saved students more money, but this committee decided not to do that."

James Griesen, vice chancellor for

### CFA

student affairs and CFA adviser, presented an overall budget based on the preliminary budgets the committee approved throughout the last two months.

Added on to that figure was a projected salary increase pending approval in the Nebraska Legislature. Griesen used 4 percent as an estimate of what the fee increase would be. The fee came out to be \$255 per student per semester.

Included in the figure was a budget shortfall due to decreased enrollment numbers of undergraduates and graduates this school year.

After reaching a consensus that

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### Deeper pockets

The Committee for Fees Allocation approved a preliminary student fee increase Tuesday of 5.8 percent for next year. Figures are approximate and subject to ASUN approval.

Student fee users	Projected annual revenue 1998-1999	Projected annual revenue 1999-2000	Per student estimate 1999-2000
ASUN	\$204,230	\$214,325	\$4.76
Daily Nebraskan	\$47,984	\$50,863	\$1.19
University Program Council	\$219,515	\$211,776	\$4.70
Nebraska Unions	\$2,067,000	\$2,160,945	\$47.99
Health Center	\$3,479,124	\$3,604,855	\$97.46
Campus Recreation	\$2,540,090	\$2,687,241	\$59.66
Debt Service	\$1,435,682	\$1,406,253	\$38.00
	<b>\$9,993,625</b>	<b>\$10,336,258</b>	<b>\$254*</b>

\*Amount accounts for a 4 percent state salary increase pending in the Legislature.

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**NHI NGUYEN of Lincoln raises her hand while being sworn in as a U.S. citizen Tuesday at Lincoln High School. Nguyen, who has lived in Lincoln for seven years, was among 72 Vietnamese granted citizenship at a special ceremony.**

## Refugees become U.S. citizens

**By JOSH NICHOLS**  
Staff writer

Seventy-two Vietnamese refugees completed an American dream Tuesday as they raised their hands and swore a U.S. oath of allegiance.

The dream culminated with a 2 p.m. ceremony in the Lincoln High School auditorium.

Judge John C. Minahan, who spoke at the ceremony, said whatever their reasons for coming to the

United States, the Vietnamese citizens had earned the right to call themselves Americans.

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, which held the ceremony, required that each of the aspiring citizens could read, write and speak English. They had to pass a test of history and government in the United States, and also a background check.

The ceremony was significant because the citizens being inducted were all from the same country and because it was held on the first day

of Tet, Minahan said.

Tet, the lunar new year, begins with a major holiday throughout Asia.

"When you celebrate Tet in future years, it will now have more significance," Minahan told the group. "You should each be proud of your accomplishment."

During the ceremony, people stood when their names were called and were asked to raise their right hands to take an oath of allegiance.

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### Legislature

## Bill aims to end teacher shortage

**By JESSICA FARGEN**  
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Education administrators urged senators Tuesday to advance a bill that would provide 150 scholarships for Nebraska teachers college students and tuition aid for teachers who want to go back to school.

But there's one catch: To receive the money, students and teachers would have to earn their certification in one of Nebraska's designated teacher-shortage fields, Papillion Sen. Nancy Thompson told the Education Committee.

Thompson is sponsoring LB726, which would provide a maximum of 150 \$3,000 scholarships as incentive to teach in fields such as science, math, special education and foreign language.

An additional \$1,500 would be provided while a student practice-teaches. The bill's cost is about \$4 million a year.

A recent State Board of Education report predicted that the state would be short 1,200 to 2,000 teachers by 2003, and 1,400 to 2,400 teachers by 2008.

Nebraska ranks 40th in the nation in average teacher salaries, and one-third of Nebraska teachers college graduates leave the state for more lucrative teaching jobs, supporters of the bill said.

Adding fuel to the fire, fewer students are graduating from UNL's Teachers College, said associate dean of the college Ellen Weissenger.

In 1987-88, UNL had 486 Teachers College graduates. In 1997-98, that number had shrunk to 329.

This is a problem, she said, but testifiers were not sure why it happens.

"Young people are not attracted to this position anymore," Thompson offered.

Lincoln Sen. Ron Raikes said little incentive existed for teachers to go back

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**DUANE OBERMIER**  
president of the Nebraska State Education Association

to school and get certified in a shortage area. The bill would provide funds for teachers to do that.

Milford Smith, Odell schools superintendent, has spent nearly a year in search of a vocal and instrumental music teacher for the 220 students in his district.

He has gone through substitutes, borrowed teachers from other districts, and advertised extensively to no avail.

Duane Obermier, president of the Nebraska State Education Association, said LB726's strength lies in correcting the looming teacher shortage.

"These measures are a start at solving problems before those problems become a crisis," he said.

John Bonaiuto, executive director of the Nebraska Association of School Boards, supported the bill, but suggested considering LB727, also heard by the committee, which would set up a task force to study teacher shortages.

"Maybe you need to look at LB727 before you get too far along the road with LB726," he said.

He suggested a program to forgive part of students' loans depending on time spent teaching in a shortage area.