



## SPORTS

### Clearance, Clarence

Shane Lavy and the NU men's track and field team had a disappointing weekend, finishing fourth at the Big 12 Championships. **PAGE 9**



## A & E

### Ever-present

Everclear is back, in case anyone cares. More importantly, it headlines a bill of better acts: Soul Coughing, DJ Spooky and Redman. **PAGE 12**

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### FOLLOW YOUR SNOWS

Intermittent snow, high 32. Cloudy tonight, low 20.

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**BRIAN POWERS**, a junior computer engineering major, sets the rack during a nine-ball pool tournament in the new pool hall in the basement of the Nebraska Union last Thursday. The room is not finished yet, but temporary billiard lights were hung and a few of the tables were set up for the pool tournament.

MATT MILLER/DN

## New rec room plays to student interest

BY SANDI ALSWAGER  
Staff writer

It's the newest hangout for pinball wizards, video game addicts and maybe even shuffleboard sharks.

Because of the new and improved Nebraska Union recreation room, which opened this semester during the first week of classes, students have more options for fun.

Marv Buysman, recreation and build-

ing night manager, said the new recreation room would give students a good selection of things to do.

"The new location will benefit the recreation room by being off of the main entrance, the bookstore and the market. The traffic (going in and out) will help it," he said.

The recreation room has several video games including the popular game "Legends of Gauntlet."

Rotation pool tables with eight- and nine-ball options, a snooker table, which is

another type of billiard game, darts, table soccer and air hockey will be available as soon as staff is hired for that area.

Buysman also wants to add shuffleboard, a golf video game and crane games — those that allow students to pull out prizes such as candy and toys.

"Some games will not be here right away," Buysman said. "It will take a while to get a feel of what the students want."

Three televisions, all of which are

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## Regents



## Honors hall will be linked with tunnel

BY LINDSAY YOUNG  
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The regents approved adding a tunnel to the plans of the Esther L. Kauffman Residential Center on Saturday.

University officials told the NU Board of Regents the addition would benefit the university, saving it money and allowing the honors students living in the hall to more easily mingle with other students.

The tunnel would provide access from the Kauffman Residential Center to Selleck Quadrangle for dining services.

In the original plan, food was going to be brought to the hall every day.

The tunnel would also encourage the students to interact with Selleck residents, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Housing Director Doug Zatechka said.

Students living in the honors hall would be isolated from other students, which the tunnel would help prevent. Zatechka said having no tunnel could have caused an elitist atmosphere.

Zatechka said the cost to maintain the tunnel would be "virtually nothing." He said the tunnel would save the university money because UNL would not need to hire additional maintenance and dining workers for the new

"We have everything to gain and nothing to lose"

CHARLES WILSON  
Lincoln regent

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## Investigation of teen murder lacks suspects

BY JOSH FUNK  
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Police had no new information Sunday about the murder of a Lincoln teen-ager as they continued to look for suspects.

Brandon Pickinpaugh, 17, was found in the parking lot of a south Lincoln fast-food restaurant late Thursday.

A McDonald's customer found Pickinpaugh lying on the ground outside his car and called police at 9:35 p.m., Chief Tom Casady said.

When medical units arrived at Van Dorn Plaza, 48th and Van Dorn streets, they detected a faint pulse on Pickinpaugh, and he was taken to BryanLGH Medical Center East, where he died. Lancaster County Attorney

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## smooth operators

NU switchboard workers field potpourri of questions

BY JESSICA FARGEN  
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Any time a substantial amount of snow falls, phone operators are deluged with calls from anxious students with the question: Do we have school today?

But UNL and Lincoln phone operators do a lot more than that from their office on the second floor of Nebraska Hall.

Twenty-six phone operators — 13 of whom are students — run the switchboard for people who call from the university, state, city and county offices. Calls from off campus for information are routed to a switchboard in Mansfield, Ohio.

Besides retrieving phone numbers, these operators can tell you where to take your newspapers to be recycled or the

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LORI SIMPSON/DN

**CARRIE KNIEVEL**, a switchboard operator and senior speech pathology major, answers a caller's question in her second-floor office of Nebraska Hall last Thursday. Knievel has worked at the switchboard for 2 1/2 years, while her brother Jeff has worked there for 1 1/2 years.