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Merlene Ottey was selected as top Nebraska woman athlete of the past century. This is the first in DN's Sports Century series. **PAGE 16**



My first film

The Student Academy Awards gears up for region two competition this week, and it all happens at UNL's Ross Theater. **PAGE 10**

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BREEZY AND BRIGHT, THEN CLOUDY AT NIGHT
Sunny and windy, high 75. Clear tonight, low 52.

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Moeser calls for continued progress

By Ieva Augstums
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The future of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, as well as the university's academic progress and capability, was on the minds of more than 50 concerned citizens who attended the Lancaster County Legislative Senator's Breakfast on Tuesday.

Community and state senator representatives listened to UNL Chancellor James Moeser discuss the university's overall progress, reinforcing the state's need to continue higher education programming.

"We want our students to succeed," Moeser said. "And we want to measure our own success by the success of our students."

Focusing on the university's goals for the next few years, Moeser reported on the academic success of university students.

Over the past two years, ACT scores have increased from 23.4 points to 25 points, he said.

In addition to increased admission standards, UNL's freshman-to-sophomore year retention rate has increased to 81 percent, up from 74 percent in 1997.

The university's recruitment goal, however, doesn't focus solely on test scores, Moeser said.

"The single most important element in the kind of students we are looking for demonstrate leadership ability," he said. "More than raw test scores and grade point averages in high school."

However, Moeser said, students alone could not achieve success.

"Great faculty makes a student's success not only possible, but probable," Moeser said.

UNL faculty members are experiencing promotions from other universities offering higher-paying positions, causing some of the best faculty members to leave, Moeser said.

Salary support from state citizens and the Legislature is important, he said.

Moeser said he was very pleased the Appropriations Committee is recommending an increase close to the amount requested by the NU Board of Regent's university biennium budget request.

"I hope the Legislature stays in there and we can get the funding we need to keep these people," he said.

Sen. Ron Raikes of Lincoln said he understood the university's goal of continuing academic rigor and retaining faculty, but the university should do more.

"We need to start making changes," Raikes said. "We need to adjust things so that they better suit the needs of the region."

To accommodate the university's increased push in academics and research, new facilities—state and private funded—are being planned.

However, Luke Yearly, a part-time instructor in the gerontology department, said in addition to building more buildings, the university needed adequate teaching materials including larger rooms and improved technology.

Yearly instructed a course in a classroom located in Neihardt Hall, and she said the class-

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RICK TOWNLEY/DN

JEFF GERDES, a senior construction management major, uses a tape measure to determine the dimensions of the Christ Temple Mission church. A total of 85 juniors and seniors from the College of Engineering and Technology are conducting studies to find the best plan for renovation for the 92-year-old church.

Church rebuilds stronger foundation

By ERIC RINEER
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Thanks to UNL students and faculty members, parishioners of a historic Lincoln church will soon see their weekly prayer offerings turn into big dividends.

Eighty-five juniors and seniors from three classes in the College of Engineering and Technology are conducting studies of Christ Temple Mission church.

The studies, designed by the students' instructors, are created to help find the best possible renovation plan for the 92-year-old church, said Charles Berryman,

assistant professor of construction management.

Berryman is one of three University of Nebraska-Lincoln instructors overseeing the project, which he called "very unique."

"It puts students in a real-world setting," he said. "It's important for us to have them have that experience outside the classroom."

Another advantage, Berryman said, was that the project centered on renovation of a building, rather than overseeing a building constructed from scratch. Most construction managers fresh out of college, he said, usually deal with the latter.

Once the study is complete,

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(The church) has some serious structural issues to deal with.”

THOMAS KUSEK
project participant

Berryman said, students will then speak in front of a panel of church board members.

The student presentations will give church members a better idea of the cost involved and time needed to complete renovations, Berryman said.

Rev. Tom Saddler, pastor of

Christ Temple Mission, said church renovation plans included:

- ceiling repairs.
- new offices to be built near the north side of the church.
- adding Sunday school rooms in the church basement.

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Outgoing ASUN president proud of goals met

By KIM SWEET
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Outgoing ASUN president Sara Russell will watch president-elect Andy Schuerman take the oath of office at the 1999 Association of Students of the University of Nebraska inauguration tonight.

But while a new set of ideas and new ways of taking action will pervade the ASUN office after today, Russell hopes the accomplishments she and the 1998-1999 senate worked toward will not

be soon forgotten.

"I just hope we're remembered," Russell said. "I hope that in the history of ASUN, we're looked at as doing some pretty valid stuff."

Last spring, ASUN members set out goals they would pursue over the year.

While not all the goals they outlined were met, others made during the year were.

Preserving parking spaces with the initiation of the UNL Master Plan, revamping the ASUN Outstanding Educator award, establishing the Laura Cockson memorial scholarship and making the Martin Luther King Day committee a per-

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manent feature of ASUN were some of things the senate accomplished this year, Russell said.

Russell made her voice heard on the UNL Master Plan by convincing the administration not to build the first parking structure on 14th and Avery street.

Building a parking garage there would have amounted in the loss of massive amounts of park-

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