

## Husker Magic?

The Nebraska baseball team take to a three-game series with Texas A&M this weekend as the NU looks to stay No. 1 in the Big 12. **PAGE 9**

## The Hays Days

Semi-pro ball player, WWII vet and author, Hobe Hays has just released a memoir of his days playing for McCook's town team. **PAGE 8**

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BAD OMENS

Partly cloudy, high 61. Thunderstorms tonight, low 40.

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## Moeser requests tighter college budgets

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chancellor

**BY IEVA AUGSTUMS**  
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While some people hope state legislators will appropriate enough funding to higher education, the university's top administrator decided not to hold his breath.

In a letter to all University of Nebraska-Lincoln faculty members and staff Thursday, UNL Chancellor James Moeser outlined the university's budget for the next two years, calling for a 3.2 percent budget cut in all colleges, as well as an increase in student recruitment, facility efficiency and private support.

"I think it is important for everyone to establish a good understanding of the university's

budget," Moeser said. "Now the challenge is to handle this situation in a positive way."

Last July, the NU Board of Regents approved the 1999-2001 NU biennial budget request for a 6.8 percent increase for the first year over the this academic year's budget of about \$355.9 million.

In January, Gov. Mike Johanns proposed a 3.7 budget increase for the university for 1999-2000.

Moeser said the university system is expecting \$19.8 million in additional funding from the Legislature next year. This is 1.2 percent less than the \$24.5 million total funding requirement approved by the regents, he said.

"That leaves us about \$4.7 million short, systemwide," Moeser said. "We have a great

task before us."

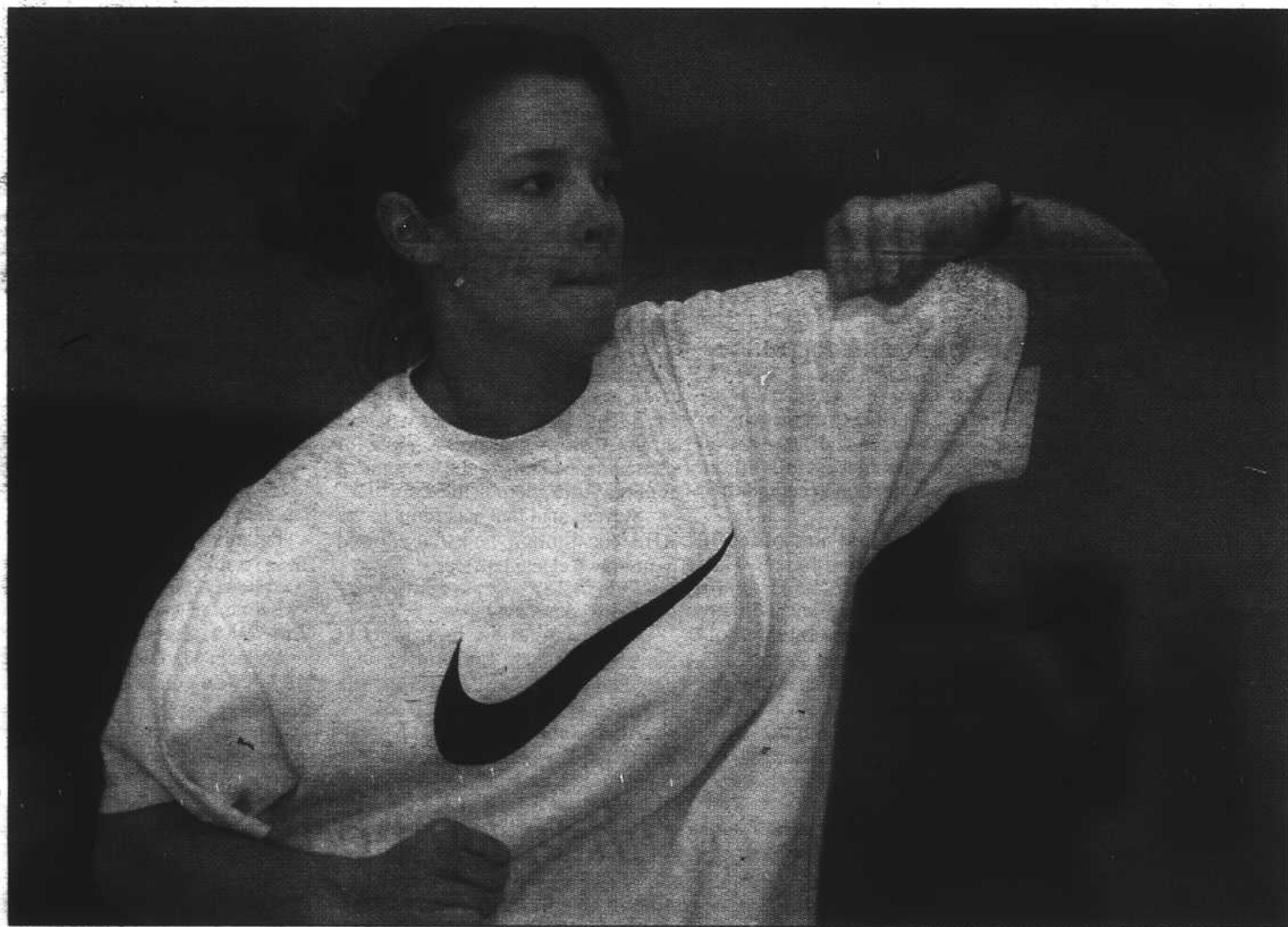
Scott Lewis, associate vice chancellor for business and finance, said a special budget advisory committee was appointed by Moeser to examine issues within UNL.

"We had to get decisions made," said Lewis, who is a member of the committee. "July 1 begins the next fiscal year. Things needed to be done now."

Because UNL officials do not know the exact amount of the legislative appropriation, Moeser said everyone is dealing with a level of uncertainty.

"I think it is important to avoid saying the university is in a delicate situation," Moeser

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SCOTT McCLURG/DN

**MARIE HOLTMEIER**, a sophomore secondary education major, punches during Kick Boxing Express on Thursday night at the campus recreation center. The class meets Monday and Wednesday afternoons and Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Rec center.

## Exercise craze catches on at UNL

**BY KIM SWEET**  
Staff writer

An aerobics room seems to be an unlikely place to visualize strapping on a pair of boxing gloves and entering the ring.

But Wednesday afternoons and Thursday evenings in the Campus Recreation Center, a room that looks more like it could function as a ballet studio brings in the heartiest of workout buffs to practice air punches and fake kicks.

The four-days-a-week class that draws more than 75 people a day to the imagined ring is called Kick Boxing Express. It draws so many people that instructors often have to turn participants away because of lack of space.

"We can't take any more than 70 people," said Sarah Robinson, Fitness and Wellness Services coordinator at campus rec. "We try to keep it under 70 so when people do big kicks, they don't hurt anyone."

The popularity of kickboxing doesn't end at the rec center of UNL. The workout made famous recently by Billy Blanks' Tae-Bo program has taken hold nationwide, and is becoming a central part of workout programs across the nation, Robinson said.

The American Council on Exercise listed the workout in its 1999 Fitness Trend Prediction List. The prediction list, contained on the group's home page at <http://www.ace-fitness.org>, states that boxaerobics and kickboxing will be a trend that will become

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### Legislature

## Legislature debates fines, liquor sales

■ **Senators discuss increased fines for speeding, liquor sales and New Year's Eve 2000 in Nebraska.**

### Speeding bill

A bill that would require vehicle immobilization for repeat drunken drivers and make it illegal to possess an open container of alcohol in the passenger compartment of a car was advanced 31-0 during the first round of debate Thursday.

An amendment to the bill that would have increased fines on the Interstate for speeding was withdrawn Thursday.

Some of the increased fines under the amendment included a \$50 fine - up from \$10 - for speeding 1-5 mph over the limit and a \$100 fine - up from \$25 - for speeding 6-10 mph over the limit. The bill would not have affected fines for speeding on highways.

LB585's sponsor Wahoo Sen. Curt Bromm said rather than jeopardize the chances of the entire bill's passage by pursuing the increased speeding fines, he decided to wait until the next round of debate to bring up the subject again.

During the LB585 debate Wednesday, Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers threatened to prolong debate, thus jeopardizing the entire bill's chances until the increased fines amendment was dropped.

"I am looking at options with respect to highway safety," said Bromm, who is chairman of the Transportation Committee.

He said the number of people who exceed the speed limit on the Interstate is still a concern.

"I do hear a lot of colleagues and con-

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### Reminder..

Remember to set clocks forward one hour this weekend to adjust for Daylight Savings Time. The official time change is 2 a.m. Sunday.

