

More than a hat

With the help of Meghan Anderson's four goals on Friday and solid play from Amy Walsh on Sunday, the NU soccer team remains undefeated. PAGE 12



Jump & Jive

Despite the lofty scientific reference in the title of their new album, "Meson Rey," The Ernies promise to make audiences dance tonight. PAGE 15

NOT-SO-STRANGE WEATHER

Partly sunny, high 85. Clearing tonight, low 55.

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Plastic: the good, the bad and the debt

BY KELLY ROMANSKI
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Junior pre-med student Solomon Abawi signed up for his first credit card on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus his freshman year.

He filled out the application, and as is the case with most credit card offerings on campus, he grabbed his free T-shirt.

He still has the shirt, but he had to sell his car to pay off his credit card after spending too much money during spring break last year.

"We took that car to South Padre Island,"

he said. "And I used my card way too much."

Before considering selling his car, he thought of going to Harris Laboratories Inc., "but I didn't want to have hormones injected," he said.

Abawi was originally going to work hard to pay off his credit card bills, but he decided it would take too long.

He decided the quickest money would come from the sale of his car. Abawi has

Credit Card Tips

- Create a budget so you'll know what you can afford.
- Pay your bill on time every month.
- Live by the simple rule: if you can't afford it, don't charge it.
- Always pay more than the minimum due or just pay off the entire balance.
- Interest charges are added when you don't pay your bill in full.
- Know your credit card interest rate, statement due date and credit limit.
- Fees are charged if you pay late and/or exceed your credit limit.
- If you have trouble paying, seek help before debt gets out of hand.
- A poor credit history can hurt your chances of getting an apartment, car loan and could affect your chances of getting a new job.
- Before you move, notify the card issuer of your new address.

Source: United States Student Association and MasterCard International.

MATT HANEY/DN

found ways to compensate for the loss of his wheels.

"I have a motorcycle, and my roommates take me for groceries when it gets cold," he said.

Abawi's parents wouldn't help him out, but he said he didn't want the help.

"They had the attitude, you got yourself into it, you get yourself out," he said.

Abawi cut up his cards six months ago.

"Those finance charges and late fees kept compounding, and it can ruin your credit rating," he said.

Abawi possibly could have benefited from a new Web site - www.creditalk.com.

With warnings such as "It's not free money!" the site offers advice for first-time credit card users.

The United States Student Association and Mastercard International Inc. formed the site, which has information such as whether to

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UNL adjusts to budget cuts

■ The elimination of 77 staff and faculty positions has resulted from the reallocation of funds to priority areas.

BY KIMBERLY SWEET
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It's been a month and a half since the NU Board of Regents released a report detailing how the University of Nebraska will handle its budget shortfall.

But after the reallocation of more than \$9 million and the elimination of more than 130 positions systemwide, UNL is starting to feel the

effects on its campus.

For the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the reallocation meant moving more than \$4.6 million to support campus and universitywide priorities that weren't funded when the Nebraska Legislature approved NU's 1999-2001 biennium budget last spring.

The \$4.6 million was garnered by not filling faculty and staff vacancies and looking for ways to run UNL more efficiently.

UNL eliminated 77 staff and faculty positions through retirement and attrition. No faculty in tenure or tenure-track positions were lost, said UNL Chancellor James Moeser.

Some positions were cut to increase administrative efficiency.

Mail distribution services lost employees, and the UNL employment office was left with

only a skeletal staff, Moeser said.

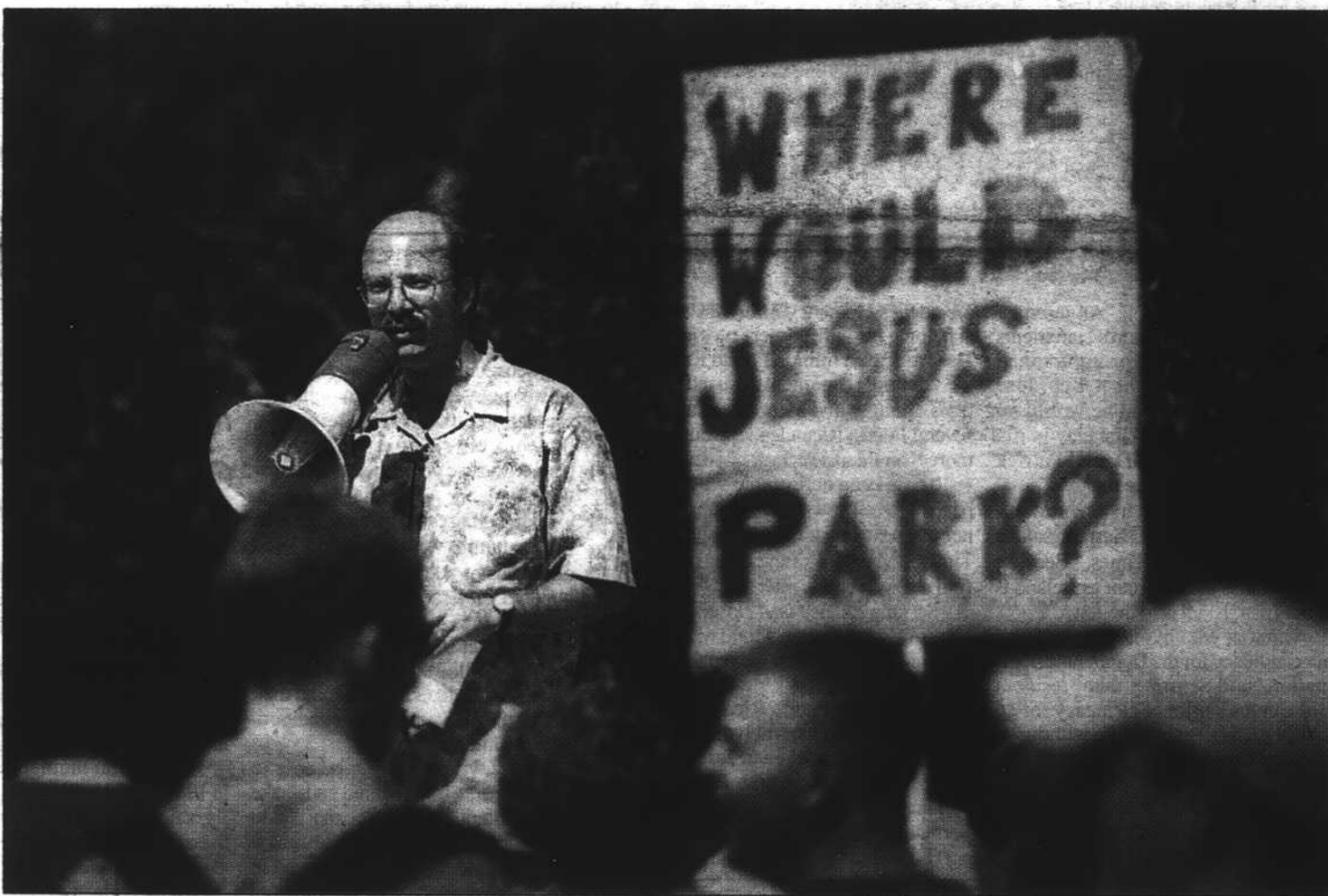
The Nebraska Forest Service office lost one office member. State Forester Gary Hergenrader said his office is trying to compensate for the loss by using a recording to answer the phone.

Faculty members also have more responsibilities around the office because of the loss, he said.

"(The office worker) just left a week ago," Hergenrader said. "We're kind of falling behind."

Diane Wasser, a member of the University of Nebraska Office Personnel Association, said it was too early to tell what the loss of staff positions will do to offices campuswide. UNOPA is a group that represents staff members' needs on campus.

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MIKE SHAMBAUGH-MILLER, a doctoral candidate in geography and a geography instructor, speaks to about 40 people at a rally outside the Nebraska Union on Friday afternoon. The rally was held to let people give their opinions about parking on campus.

HEATHER GLENBOSKI/DN

"(The administration is) creating a crisis with parking so students and faculty will be forced to accept any proposal in a few years."

GREGORY THERIOT
graduate student

Parking plan protested

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About two dozen students and staff members gathered outside the Nebraska Union on Friday afternoon, holding picket signs and banners to protest the most recent parking plan proposed by university officials.

Increasing permit rates, fewer parking spaces and what some coined an unreliable shuttle service were issues addressed by protesters.

Picketers waved signs reading

"Reliable Shuttles by 2000," "Where Would Jesus Park?" and "Why Drive?" to students passing by between classes in front of Broyhill Fountain.

Mike Shambaugh-Miller, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln geography instructor and graduate student, led the rally. He attacked UNL Parking and Transit Services for its overselling of student passes this semester.

"The numbers just don't add up," said Shambaugh-Miller through a megaphone, referring to the 10,000 permits sold in spite of there being 7,500 spaces on campus.

The main issue discussed throughout the rally, however, was the proposed price increases of student, faculty and staff permit rates over the next several years.

James Main, assistant vice chancellor for business and finance, outlined the proposed increases last week during a presentation to the UNL Parking Advisory Committee.

Main also outlined the university's goals for the next 12 years.

Those plans included eliminating more than 10,000 parking spaces on the City and East campus-

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