



Rock Choke Jayhawk

Despite falling behind in the first game, the Nebraska volleyball team comes back to sweep the Jayhawks in three. PAGE 9



Seeing Double?

When "The Dining Room" opens tonight, audience members will see the actors in not one, not two, but up to nine roles. PAGE 12

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Mostly sunny, high 75. Clear tonight, low 40.

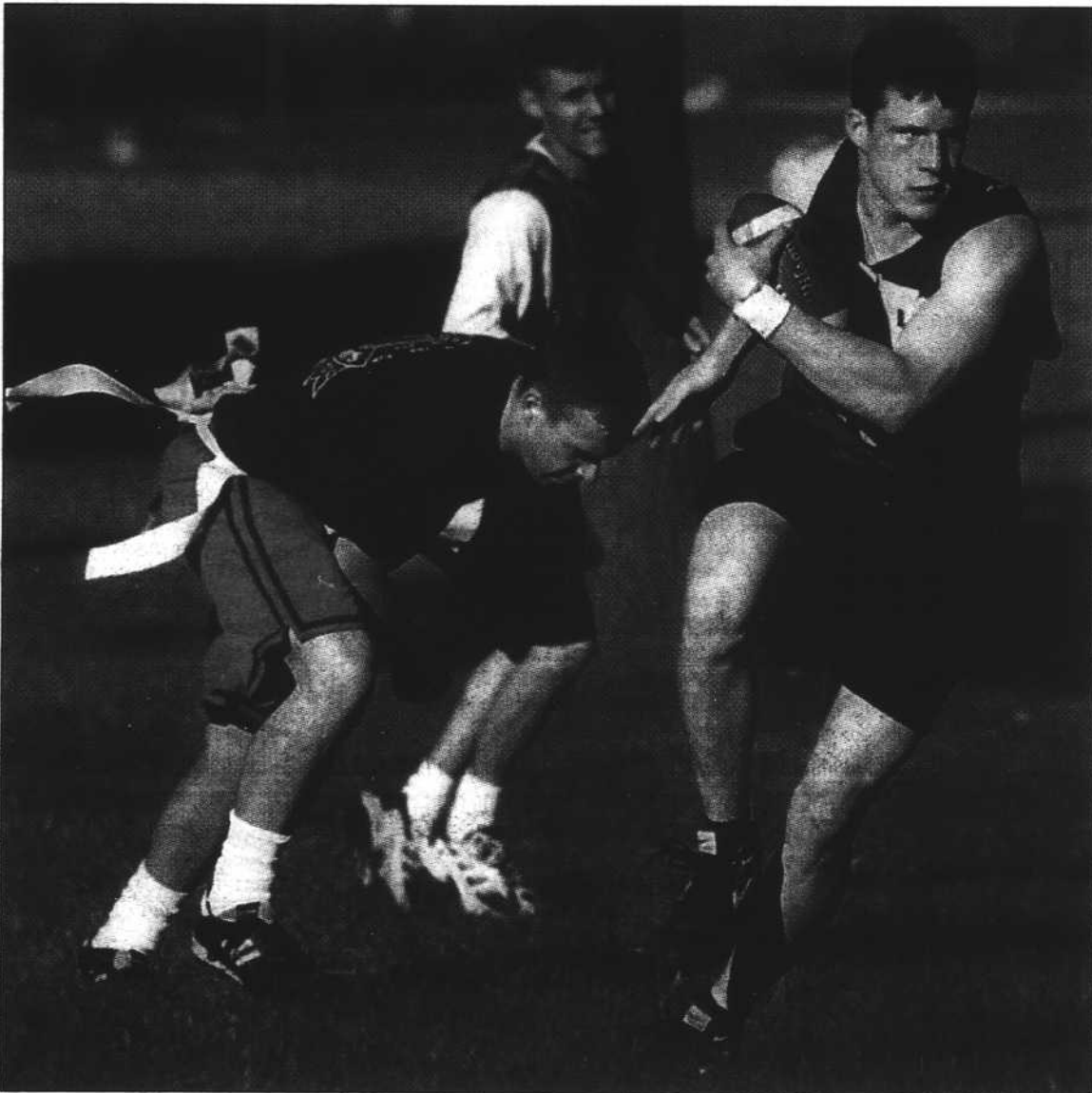
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Born to run



DURING A FLAG FOOTBALL game on the Cather-Pound residence hall fields, Brandon Moser, a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, attempts to outrun defenders from Sigma Chi Fraternity. The flag football game was part of intramurals offered by the Campus Recreation Center. Sigma Chi won the game 19-14.

MIKE WARREN/DN

Total enrollment drops; minority percentage is up

BY DANE STICKNEY
Staff writer

Even though there is a drop of total students enrolled at UNL, the percentage of minority students on campus is holding steady.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Institutional Research and Planning recently released this year's minority enrollment figures, which revealed that nearly 10 percent of UNL students are minorities.

Last year, 9.6 percent of UNL students were of African American, American Indian, Asian or Hispanic descent. This year, 9.9 percent of UNL's enrollment consists of minorities.

Despite the increase in percentage, the overall number of minority students dropped from 2,210 in 1998 to 2,192 this year.

The number of total students enrolled in the university also dropped from 22,408 last year to 22,142 this year.

The result is a narrow percentage increase in minority students for this academic year.

Cynthia Gooch, assistant director for multicultural recruitment, said the slight increase is a positive step for the university.

"Anytime you don't lose ground it is a positive step," she said. "It's positive that we're about the same."

Gooch said she is looking for a continued increase in minority enrollment.

"I hope to see it increase more and more each year," she said. "But it takes time. You have to plant the seeds first."

Those seeds include providing more resources and devotion to minority students both in and out of Nebraska, Gooch said.

"There are minimal scholarship opportunities for minority students at UNL when you compare us with peer institutions like Oklahoma and Kansas," she said.

"If we're to compete, we have to make a commitment to providing more resources and scholarship programs to minority students."

Gooch said UNL needs to make itself more visible to minority students on a local level by dispersing multicultural recruiters throughout the state.

Currently, Gooch travels across the state recruiting minority students. She said it is hard to be available to all interested students.

"College is a family and community decision," she said. "If the university is not seen by a community or ethnic group as a positive institution, then people will be skeptical."

Because other universities devote resources to scholarships and recruitment, Gooch said, some Nebraska stu-

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Man arrested for allegedly producing, selling meth

BY JAKE BLEED
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The Nebraska State Patrol arrested a Geneva man last week, concluding a multiagency investigation into two men suspected of producing and selling methamphetamine in Lincoln and Garland.

"Meth is a real problem in this area," Lincoln Police Capt. Duaine Bullock said. "We've got a lot of people involved with meth, and we've got a lot of meth available."

Bryan J. Lauber, 40, of Geneva, was arrested Friday.

Lauber and a 40-year-old Lincoln man, John Charles Peterson, allegedly produced more than 7 ounces of methamphetamine, a U.S. Attorney General's Office press release said.

Lincoln police arrested Peterson, on the 1500 block of Hilltop Street on Aug. 9 on an outstanding warrant from Missouri, where he is currently in jail, the press release said.

Lauber and Peterson allegedly pro-

duced and distributed the methamphetamine from November 1998 through Aug. 19, the press release said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney General Mike Heavican said he did not know where the methamphetamine was allegedly produced in Lincoln.

Lauber and Peterson were charged with one count of conspiracy to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine by an indictment unsealed by a federal grand jury Sept. 23.

The men face from five to 40 years in prison followed by four to five years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$2 million.

Police are encountering more methamphetamine in Lincoln, Bullock said, a sign that the drug's use has increased in the Star City.

"When street officers are starting to find (methamphetamine), that's a pretty good indication that its use is increasing," Bullock said.

Most of the methamphetamine in Nebraska is not produced in the state

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Newly appointed official aims to improve distance education

BY KIMBERLY SWEET
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Ask newly appointed associate vice chancellor James O'Hanlon to outline his new job description, and he may give you a blank stare.

Appointed last week for a two-year post as head of extended education and outreach, O'Hanlon's new responsibilities are as broad as the state of Nebraska.

As the person responsible for coordinating distance education across the state, O'Hanlon's job has many facets — some of which he is not even aware of yet.

"Right now, I'm still trying to figure out what I'm supposed to do," O'Hanlon said jokingly.

The position is new to the current dean of the Teachers College, but the field of extended education is not.

The Teachers College has used

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distance education to conduct doctoral degree programs across the state, O'Hanlon said.

"Our college has been one of the major ones involved," he said.

Now, the associate vice chancellor will work to help University of Nebraska-Lincoln faculty members get involved with distance education.

With a large number of faculty members interested in participating in distance education, the next step is to make it accessible to them, O'Hanlon

said. "We have faculty who are doing exciting things, we just need a more organized approach," O'Hanlon said.

Along with providing faculty support, O'Hanlon hopes to find ways to incorporate it into research and teaching on campus.

He also wants to find the areas where UNL can make the biggest contributions in distance learning and

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