

His back is back

Steve Warren leads the Nebraska football team into its contest with Kansas State this weekend, a game that will determine the Big 12 lead. PAGE 9



Shedding Light

The role of women in Nebraska history gets some attention next week with a multimedia art installation and series of lectures. PAGE 13

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ROTC CADET Chris Rodgers, right, assists in the folding of the flag outside the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Military and Naval Science building Thursday afternoon. The flag ceremony was just one of the many events held by the ROTC to celebrate Veterans Day. SEE STORY ON PAGE 3.

For Our Country

■ Chuck Hagel, who fought in Vietnam, spoke at a Veterans Day rally about a need for the U.S. to stay involved in foreign policy.

By JOSH KNAUB
Staff writer

OMAHA — The United States needs a strong, proactive foreign policy, U.S. Sen. Chuck Hagel told veterans groups at a rally in Omaha on Thursday.

The rally, symbolically held at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month to remember the armistice that ended World War I, took place in Omaha's Memorial Park.

"It is always in the best interest of the United States, and of free people everywhere, to assure stability," Hagel said.

He said the United States must work to promote stability "in places we haven't heard of yet." He said the European Balkan states and East

Timor were places Americans had heard little of last year but that had become more important in foreign policy.

"From instability comes chaos, conflict and war," Hagel said. "It is far wiser to use a policy, a vision, to make things stable."

Instability has a domino effect, and it will eventually make its way to and hurt the United States if left unchecked, Hagel said.

Hagel's view was at odds with comments made earlier in the rally by Gary Krause, a commander in the Veterans of Foreign Wars organiza-

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Police question UNL crime rank

■ A Web site rates colleges by studying crime rates of nearby neighborhood areas.

By JAKE BLEED
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A crime and justice Web site on Wednesday listed the University of Nebraska-Lincoln as a more dangerous place to study than several of its peer institutions.

APBnews.com, a Web site specializing in crime news and information, ranked UNL at 591 among 1,497 four-year colleges nationwide for violent crime.

APBnews.com based the rankings on statistical crime information gathered by CAP Index, a decade-old organization that sells crime-risk assessments to corporate and government clients.

CAP Index combines census information — an area's family structure, buildings, migration patterns, economic activity and educational level — with recent crime statistics to rank the colleges.

The study measures reported violent crime — assault, homicide, rape and robbery — in areas with colleges.

UNL was ranked in the middle of its peer institutions.

The University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, University of Colorado at Boulder and University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana were considered more dangerous by the study.

Iowa, Iowa State, Purdue, Missouri and Kansas all ranked lower in violent crime than UNL.

UNL is tied with the University of Nebraska at Omaha, also ranked at 591, as the most dangerous school in Nebraska,

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CARL IDSVOOG
study contributor

according to the study. Nebraska Wesleyan ranked 1,001, and the University of Nebraska at Kearney was No. 1,188.

Two other Nebraska colleges, Concordia University in Seward and York College, were ranked among the safest 25 schools in the nation.

Carl Idsvoog, who helped produce the study for APBnews.com, said the study was designed to help high school students and their parents gather information before applying for college.

"We thought that this is information people would need but have not been able to access," Idsvoog said. "The worst thing a student or parent could do is take the 'it won't happen to me and my family' attitude."

Information comparing crime risk on different campuses is hard to find and often wrong, Idsvoog said. Crime statistics are often misreported, inconsistent or distorted by bad statistical methods, he said.

The study is not a measure of violent crime on a school's campus but violent crime in the school's area, Idsvoog said.

Idsvoog said a college's relative safety can be different from that of the college's

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Math Day benefits add up for students

By JILL ZEMAN
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Students from more than 100 high schools converged in the Nebraska Union on Thursday.

They all took math tests. Some won scholarships. Some took home trophies. Some competed in math games.

Some just caused confused looks by UNL students studying, hanging out and walking through the Nebraska Union.

The union was flooded with about 1,500 of Nebraska's brightest math students for the 10th annual Math Day.

This year's attendance was the highest ever, said Lori Mueller, UNL administrative technician for the mathematics and statistics department.

Students competed individually and as a team, first by taking the PROBE I

(Problems Requiring Original and Brilliant Effort) exam. The top 50 students moved on to take the PROBE II exam.

The top 10 students on the PROBE II test were awarded a total of \$34,000 in four-year scholarships to UNL, Mueller said.

"We hope that Math Day generated interest and recruits the best students in Nebraska to start their education at UNL," Mueller said.

Andy Bastian, a high school sophomore from Morrill, was one of the students who qualified for the PROBE II exam. Bastian and his team traveled 420 miles to compete in Math Day.

"The best part was getting out of two days of school," Bastian said.

Traci Patterson, a teacher at Morrill High School, accompanied her team on the

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