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**Take it or leave it**

Two columnists take opposing sides on the validity of ASUN.  
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**Celebrate Cello**

Yo Yo Ma takes center stage at the Lied Center for Performing Arts tonight. A&E, PAGE 9



**DR. SUSANNA FINNELL** is the newly appointed director of the Office of Admissions. She said: "We need to change the way the university is perceived and make sure people understand that this is an academic rigorous institution." Heather Glenboski/DN

## Admissions gets new director

By Kimberly Sweet  
Staff writer

For Susanna Finnell, UNL's newly appointed director of admissions, the path to Nebraska was one that began halfway around the world. She grew up in Switzerland and received her advanced degrees in French from a university in Canada. She came to the United States to teach foreign language at universities in Oregon and Washington. Then she went south, to help direct the

honors program and academic scholarships at Texas A&M University. Now, Finnell is beginning her life as a Midwesterner after moving to Nebraska to take the job as director of the Office of Admissions. It's a somewhat bizarre path — even to Finnell. "I've spent a lot of time reflecting about the curious trajectory of my life," Finnell said. But despite Finnell's roundabout path to the state, the new director of admissions is ready to become a true Nebraskan. "It's really beautiful here," Finnell said. "I

have a real pull to the land, and the people are good." An attachment to the state and its people is a prerequisite for her job, Finnell said. Because she will be responsible for coordinating the university's efforts to attract students, Finnell said, she wants to be able to identify with Nebraskans and help parents feel confident about sending their children to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. "I will have to be connected to the people I

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LEGISLATURE

## Senators debate MIP bill

■ A proposed bill would make the consumption of alcohol by minors illegal.

By Jill Zeman  
Staff writer

Anyone under the age of 21 knows the rule. If someone is a minor and in possession of alcohol, he or she runs the risk of getting caught. However, nothing in the state law prohibits minors from consuming alcohol.

Members of the legislative General Affairs Committee discussed Monday whether this inconsistency in the law should be revised.

The current state policy only stipulates that minors may not be in possession of alcohol. The new bill would make it unlawful for minors to consume alcohol as well as possess it.

LB975 was introduced Jan. 5 by the General Affairs Committee.

Nickerson Sen. Ray Janssen, committee chairman, said the bill would avoid any loopholes in the MIP law.

"If you're drinking and you're a minor, you should receive a citation," he said. "Why should there be a discrepancy?"

If the bill is passed, minors could receive an MIP if their blood alcohol level is above .02, regardless of if they actually possess any alcohol, Janssen said.

Currently people can only be cited for consumption of alcohol if they are driving, said Lynn McNally, General Affairs Committee legal counsel.

*"If you're drinking and you're a minor, you should receive a citation. Why should there be a discrepancy?"*

Sen. Ray Janssen  
committee chairman

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IN NEBRASKA  
AT OUR BIRTH  
CORNHUSKER  
EMPIRE

Everybody's  
**All-Americans**  
Performance,  
reputation key  
to selection

By Jake Bleed  
Staff writer

Written over the eastern side of Memorial Stadium in perhaps 15,000-point letters is a sign declaring Nebraska the home of a nation-leading 168 academic All-Americans.

Leading the nation is nothing new for NU athletics. Several Husker teams enjoy a reputation for national dominance.

But the athletes' performance in the classroom isn't nearly as well known as the performances they give on the playing field.

Which raises the obvious question: How can Nebraska, a university which year after year hovers between a second and third-tier institution, produce so many top-notch student athletes?

GTE sponsors the academic All-American program which has named all 168 of Nebraska's All-Americans.

To qualify for the program, a candidate must be a starting player

or "key reserve" and have a 3.2 GPA.

Athletic Department Sports Information Director Chris Anderson said the GTE program is probably the most prestigious program in the country.

A candidate must, after meeting the program's initial requirements, be nominated by the candidate's sports information director — who, in this case, is Anderson — for the honor.

Sports information directors in the region then vote, filling every position on the regional teams. Linebackers compete for a position on the All-American team only against other linebackers, centers only against centers and quarterbacks only against other quarterbacks.

Candidates from these regional teams are then nominated for the national team. A national committee votes on who will join the national team and become an academic All-

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**ALL-AMERICANS**  
REGARDLESS OF SPORT

Year	Count	Year	Count
1962	1	1983	3
1963		1984	
1966	1	1985	5
1969		1986	
1970	2	1987	8
1971		1988	
1972	2	1989	9
1973		1990	
1975	2	1991	6
1976		1992	
1977	1	1993	9
1978		1994	
1979	3	1995	10
1980		1996	
1981	3	1997	9
1982		1998	
		1999	6

Notice there are nearly double the number of all-Americans between 1986-1998 (109) than there are from 1962-1987 (59). In 1964, 1965, 1967, 1968 and 1974, there were no all-Americans. There are more in the last 10 years (88) than previous 27 (80). Source: Millsport