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## Education standards challenged

■ U.S. Secretary of Education advocates higher expectations and more support for public education.

By Veronica Daehn

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U.S. Secretary of Education Dick Riley called for new expectations in education Tuesday during his seventh annual State of American Education address.

Without new expectations, Riley said, the future of the nation is in jeopardy.

"Education is not where it needs to be," Riley said. "Today we are attempting to do what we've never done before - give all children a first-class education."

More than 30 senators and Nebraska residents watched Riley's speech on a screen in a State Capitol hearing room, while Riley spoke live at Southern High School in North Carolina.

Americans are ready to make the changes that are necessary to help the country's youth, Riley said.

"Americans have gotten serious about American education," he said.

Reading, math, science, ACT and SAT scores are up, he said, and more minority students are going to college than ever.

American education is changing for the better, he said, and higher expectations are the key to improvement.

Riley called for continued support of special education in the public school system.

There are 6 million disabled students in the United States, he said.

"This is something that matters to me," Riley said. "Special education is not a place but a set of services for people. We need to consistently increase support for that every year."

All children should have high expectations placed upon them, he said, because low expectations do nothing but destroy a child's future.

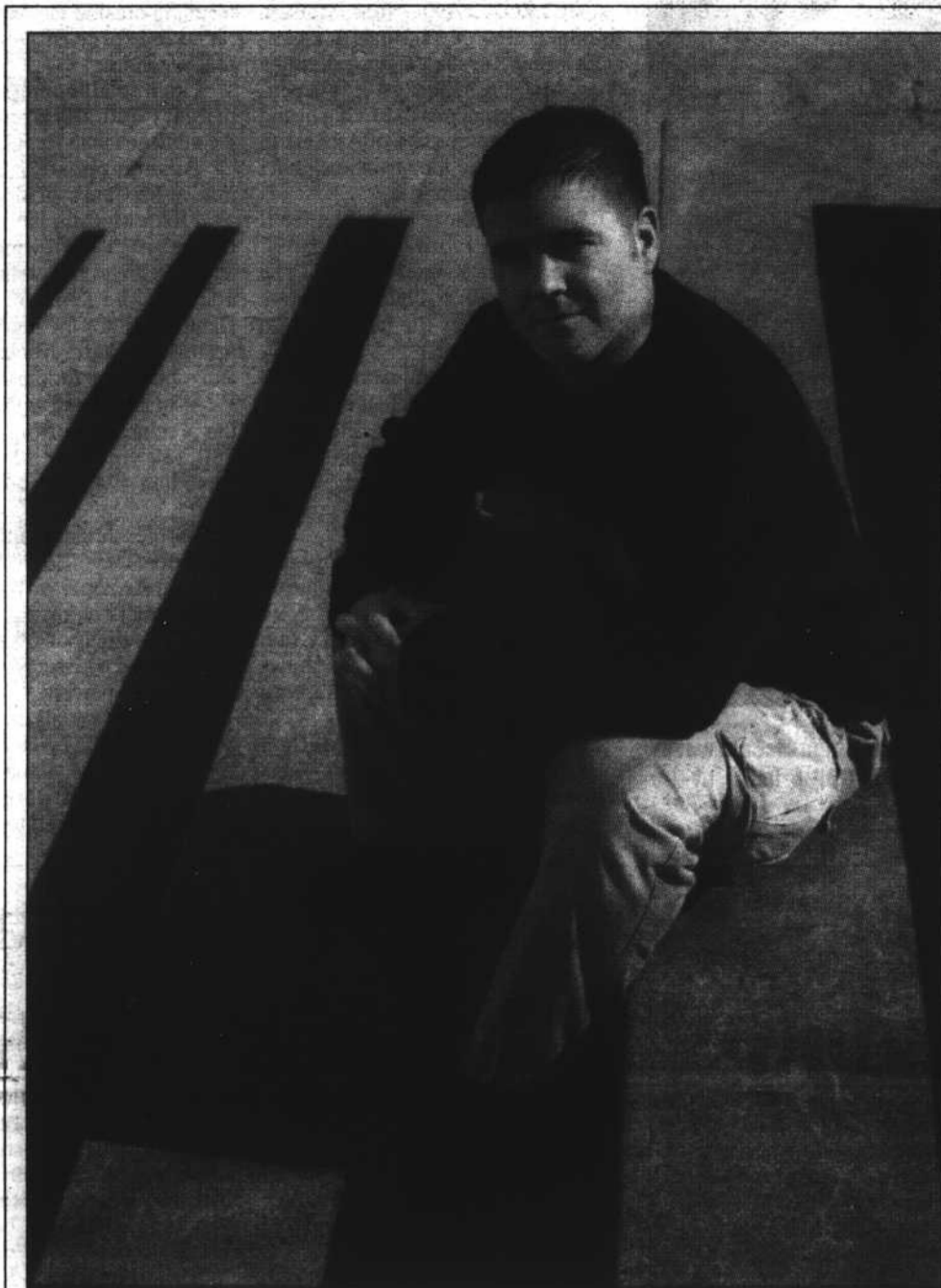
Gov. Mike Johanns said he applauded Riley for urging the federal government to continue to fund special education programs.

Riley said improving schools should be everyone's concern.

Businesses should form partnerships with schools to help prepare students for life after graduation, he said.

The country needs safer schools, smaller classes and more extracurricular activities, he said, and

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## making a connection

Conley committed  
to student unity

JOHN CONLEY, ASUN PRESIDENTIAL candidate for the impact party, says he wants to make ASUN a more visible, active and student-friendly organization. He said he wants to have student fees go to events students want.

*Editor's note: This is the second of four profiles looking at the presidential candidates for the March 1 ASUN elections. Today is Impact candidate John Conley. Tomorrow we will profile Duff candidate Jason Kidd.*

By Katie Muecting

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John Conley would not nominate himself for homecoming king, but if he were chosen, he would accept the honor.

He used this analogy to describe how he came to run for ASUN president.

"I didn't wake up one morning and

decide I wanted to be president of ASUN: 'Go John,'" he said.

Initially, he did not have aspirations to be president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, "but when eight to 12 people ask you, ... you start thinking about it," Conley said.

Conley is running for president with first vice presidential candidate Amy Ellis and second vice presidential candidate Brad Bangs.

If elected ASUN president, Conley said he would listen to students' concerns and express them to administrators.

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## —CITY COUNCIL—

## Sexual contact banned in Lincoln businesses

By Cara Pesek

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Although exotic dancing in Lincoln is still legal, those who frequent clubs featuring exotic dancers are going to have to abide by a look-but-don't-touch rule.

The City Council voted Tuesday to postpone action on an ordinance banning nudity in public places just before unanimously passing an ordinance banning sexual contact in businesses.

Before the council members voted on the

first ordinance, councilman Jeff Fortenberry urged the council to postpone the vote until the Supreme Court reached a decision on a pending court case.

Fortenberry said the constitutionality of a Pennsylvania ordinance banning nudity in public places was debated before the Supreme Court last November.

To avoid making a decision that could later be deemed unconstitutional, Fortenberry said, it would be in the city's best interest to wait.

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## Students 'learn to learn' in long-awaited course

By Cara Pesek

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Every day at UNL, students are taught biology, history, calculus and countless other subjects without first being taught the most effective ways to learn those materials.

Ken Kiewra, an associate professor of educational psychology at UNL, is trying to change that.

For years, Kiewra, an expert in the field of learning studies, has been attempting to convince the university to offer a class that would help students "learn to learn."

And this semester those efforts paid off.

Educational Psychology 209, also known as Strategies for Academic Success, helps students improve their note-taking, time-management, test-preparation, memorization and critical-thinking skills, Kiewra said.

Kiewra said the three-credit-hour class combines typical coursework such as quizzes and discussion of the text with classroom practice of the skills the students are learning.

Students also choose other courses as target courses, Kiewra said. Students make conscious efforts to apply what they are learning in his class to their target classes.

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