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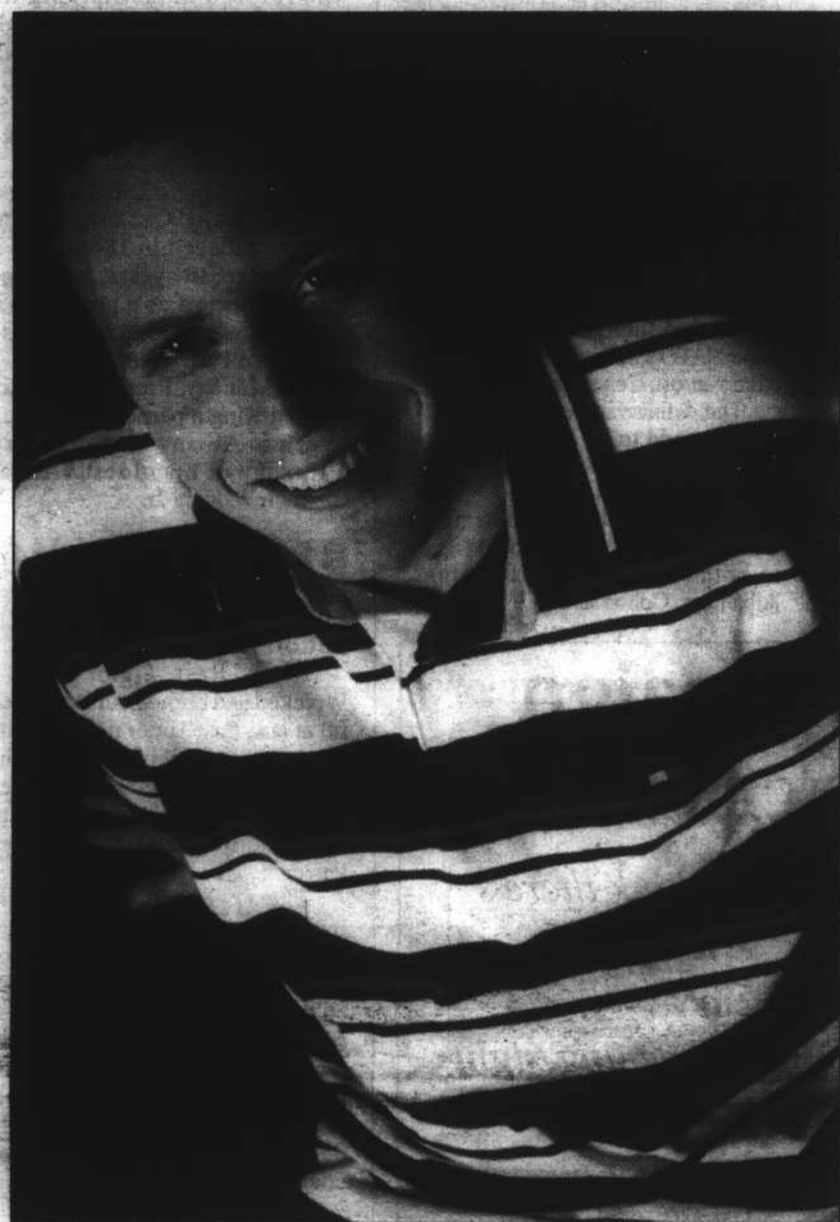
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Nebraska men's basketball lost 8358 to Kansas on Wednesday night.
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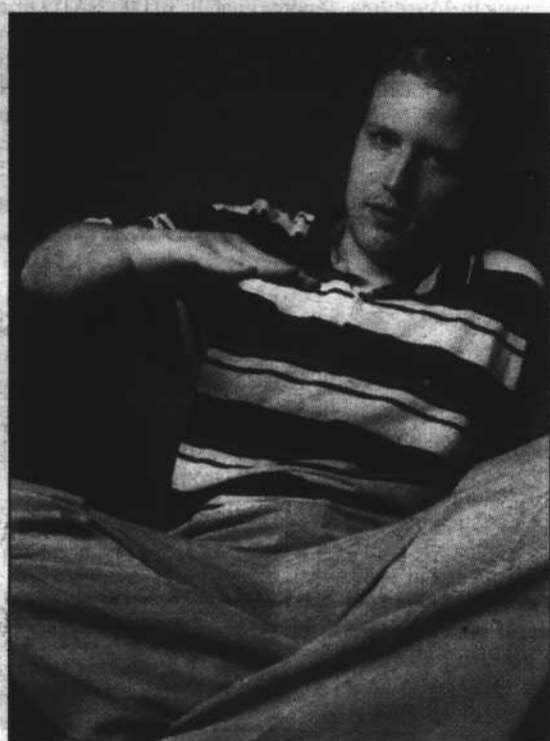


Apple of my Pie

Pastries become performance art in the Rotunda Gallery this week.
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Lydia S. Gonzales/DN
DUFF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE Jason Kidd says he's striving for equality in the university's community, as well as making ASUN more well-known to the student body.



—LEGISLATURE—

Research proposal debated

By Jill Zeman

Staff writer

Members of the Legislature's Judiciary Committee spent almost five hours debating a bill that would make research using aborted fetal tissue illegal.

The committee did not vote whether to advance the bill to the floor for debate.

LB1405 was introduced Jan. 20 by Sen. John Hilgert of Omaha and is co-sponsored by 28 senators.

"Why don't we conduct research so we don't offend Nebraskans with grave concerns about it?" Hilgert said.

Sen. Paul Hartnett of Bellevue made the bill his priority bill.

Julie Schmit-Albin, executive director of Nebraska Right to Life, said the issue has stirred concern among anti-abortion activists after it was announced in November that the University of Nebraska Medical

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—ELECTION 2000—

Nelson announces candidacy

Former governor lost 1996 race to Sen. Hagel

By Veronica Daehn

Staff writer

Former Gov. Ben Nelson is looking to get back into the political arena.

The Democrat announced Wednesday that he has entered the race for the U.S. Senate.

"This decision is not one I had expected to make," Nelson said. "It took longer than I'd have liked, but I'm a person who looks forward rather than backward."

Since his term as governor finished in 1998, Nelson has been practicing law in Omaha and working at a consulting business.

Nelson said he had not considered running for the Senate until Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey announced he would not seek re-election in November.

Once he knew Kerrey was not returning, Nelson said, he had to decide what direction he wanted his life to take. There were two issues, he said.

One was whether he could pay for and organize the campaign. The other was how the campaign and possible election would affect his family.

"It's a monumental lifestyle change from the way we were heading," Nelson said. "But I have the fire; there's no question about it."

Nelson also said he is ready for the financial burden of a campaign.

"It's too much (money)," he said. "But whatever it takes, I intend to raise it."

In organizing the campaign, Nelson said it was essential he find continuity. So he got Paul Johnson, Kerrey's campaign manager, to run his campaign.

"I'm not sure I could have done it without him," Nelson said. "He's absolutely essential."

Nebraska Democratic Party Chairwoman Anne

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an EQUAL opportunity

Students' rights
are Kidd's aim

By Sara Salkeld

Staff writer

Jason Kidd does not want to be treated like a child anymore, at least not by the university.

As the Duff party's presidential candidate for the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska election March 1, Kidd said he wants UNL to stop acting like a parent to the students.

Kidd is running with first vice presidential candidate Kevin Sypal and second vice presidential candidate Betsey Saunders.

"We want to work on eliminating the role of the university as parents and give equality to students as a whole," Kidd said.

He said the university has a double standard for students and alumni when it comes to UNL being a dry campus.

"The alcohol policy is supposed to be a state law, and alumni are not supposed to be drinking on gamedays," Kidd said. "This is unequal to the students."

The main goal of the Duff party is to set a foundation to change UNL's dry campus policy.

"I know a lot of people think we don't have a chance of getting it accomplished, but the students can elect someone who will try to get something done even if it looks impossible, or someone who won't try at all," Kidd said.

Alcohol is not the only policy in which Kidd and Duff are looking for equality.

"There needs to be equal treatment with fraternities, sororities and the residence halls," Kidd said.

He said it is not fair greek houses have a rule that members of the opposite sex must be out of rooms by 2 a.m. when some residence halls can have anyone at anytime if they are not sleeping.

"We want to explore the reasons for this," Kidd said.

He also said Duff cares about issues other parties have addressed.

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Homeless man attacked near campus

By Michelle Starr

Staff writer

A homeless man was attacked Tuesday night while he was sitting on a park bench near City Campus.

Max R. Brown, 44, was at Trago Park, 22nd and U streets, when he was attacked by three men at about 11:51 p.m., University Police Sgt. Mylo Bushing said.

Brown did not get a good look at his attackers and therefore could not provide a detailed description, Bushing said.

No verbal comments between Brown or his attackers were reported, Bushing said.

After the three men had left, Brown walked to 19th and Vine streets, where he signaled for help, and someone stopped to help him, Bushing said.

Brown was taken to Sandoz Residence Hall where paramedics were called; Brown had some bruises on his face, Bushing said.

He was taken to BryanLGH Medical Center West where he was treated and released.

A similar attack occurred about a year and a half ago on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln City Campus.

Both crimes remain unsolved.

In the early hours of Nov. 1, 1998, Brian King, 28, was attacked by two men as he tried to sleep on a steam tunnel grate, Bushing said.

King awoke at 3 a.m. to the men jumping over him and harassing him, he said.

King told the men he didn't want any trouble, Bushing said.

Just as King thought the men had left, they threw bricks at him; the bricks struck King's left foot, right leg and face, which cut his lip,

Bushing said.

King required seven stitches to repair his lip at BryanLGH Medical Center West, Bushing said.

King described his attackers as two white male college students, both about 5 feet, 9 inches tall, Bushing said.

In 1998, to show that all university students don't feel or act violently toward homeless people, John Conley, a junior sociology major, and Natalie Hoover, a junior sociology and Spanish major, put together a chili dinner at the People's City Mission on Nov. 18, 1998, Hoover said.

Hoover and Conley received help from students, UNL Food Services and grant money. Some expenses were paid out of their own pockets, Hoover said.

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