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JOEL SCHAFER, ASUN PRESIDENTIAL candidate for the A-Team party, sees ASUN as a failure. He wants to increase the sense of community on campus, make ASUN more visible and get more students involved in student government.



Another honors hall considered

By Kimberly Sweet

Staff writer

The newest residence hall under consideration by university officials could put some students in the lap of luxury.

University officials are putting a process in motion they hope will result in the construction of a new, suite-style honors residence hall.

The 400-bed hall would be built on the north side of Cather Residence Hall in a space occupied by a small parking lot and basketball courts, said James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs.

The hall would contain suites with a common living space and bathrooms shared by two students, Griesen said.

If approved, the hall would be built with special amenities, including group study spaces, computer rooms and lounges.

It would also turn into the home of the Honors Program, Griesen said.

The construction of the hall, which is in the university's master plan, is necessary to meet students' housing demands, Griesen said.

"We need additional rooms on campus," he said. "We're not turning students away, but we're not giving students what they want."

The hall will also help draw honors students — the population the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is facing the most competition in recruiting.

"If we're going to add more rooms, we want to add them in an area where the competition is most keen," Griesen said. "That is among honors students."

The room-and-board portions of the residence hall will be funded with housing fees, but the extra amenities needed to make it a learning facility will be paid for by donations, Griesen said.

Making all students pay for an enhanced facility for honors students won't happen, he said.

"We will finance a fair percentage with donated funds," Griesen said. "We're not going to tax the average student to pay for amenities for honors students."

Controversy over honors housing arose last year after Neihardt Residence Center turned into an honors-only residence hall.

Students and members of the Residence Hall Association expressed concerns about the exclusivity of the hall.

Mike Butterfield, speaker for the RHA senate, said students probably will have the same con-

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Building a COMMUNITY

Schafer focuses on freshmen

By Katie Mueting

Staff writer

When Joel Schafer came to UNL as a freshman transfer student, he felt like he was a number in a database, not part of a community.

The first day of the semester, he was handed a pin number, a course directory and a telephone and told to "pick out some classes."

This feeling of alienation inspired him to develop a plan for a new freshman orientation program, said Schafer, the A-Team presidential candidate for ASUN.

He said it is essential to reach students when they first arrive at UNL in order to create a greater sense of community.

"You can't build a community after people become disenchanted with it," he said.

Schafer is running with first vice presidential candidate Riley Peterson and Joel Webber, second vice presidential candidate.

Webber said he also felt disillusioned his freshman year.

Students feel like numbers, and they're away from home for the first time, often losing sight of what they're here for, Webber said.

Schafer said ASUN needs to work to increase students' sense of community.

"We see ASUN as basically failing," Schafer said.

To change this, Schafer said he would implement a freshman orientation program that would focus on community building if he were elected.

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Two suspects arrested in death

■ A man says he shot shop clerk during an exchange of gun-fire at Acher Arms.

By Michelle Starr

Staff writer

The family of Gary "Casey" Jones might sleep a little easier knowing two men were arrested Wednesday in connection with Jones' murder.

Jones, 51, of Ceresco, was shot and killed at Acher Arms, 1334 S. 33rd St., Jan. 28 during a robbery.

Jones was a reputable gun salesman with about 27 years in the business, said his former employer, Davis Mosby of Lincoln. Mosby owned the now-defunct Gun Rack, where Jones worked for 25



Pendell



Siddens

years before his employment at Acher Arms.

Lincoln Police, with the help of a Crimestoppers tip, arrested Nathan Pendell and Monte Siddens shortly before 4 p.m. in connection with Jones' death. Both suspects are 21 and live at 1132 N. 55th St.

Lincoln Police Chief Tom Casady would not say when the Crimestoppers tip

was received or what information was included in the tip.

Jones' widow, Carolyn, said she was relieved that the police had made an arrest, and she thought it might help with the healing process.

"All I can say is (Casey) was a good guy," Carolyn Jones said.

"The wheels of justice are turning," she said. "Justice is being served if they caught the men that did it."

The arrests were made without incident, Casady said.

Lancaster County Attorney Gary Lacey said he will file charges against the two men today.

Bond was set at \$1 million cash for each man, court documents said.

According to documents submitted in

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— ASUN ELECTION —

Parties criticize others' platforms

By Sara Salkeld

Staff writer

The four parties vying for spots in ASUN took Thursday's debate as an opportunity to voice their opinions on the platforms of their opponents.

The debate, sponsored by the Golden Key Honor Society, Mortar Board, Innocents Society and Omicron Delta Kappa, was held in Neihardt Residence Center.

The candidates discussed how they would maintain and improve the academic reputation of UNL.

Joel Schafer, A-Team's candidate for president, said the

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