

## RHA talks about elections

■ The new president and residence hall senators will be picked Wednesday.

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Residence Hall Association members on Sunday were given last-minute reminders about Wednesday's senate elections.

Matt Knobbe, the RHA election commissioner, reminded senators that a debate will be held tonight in the Neihardt Residence Center Blue TV Lounge at 9 p.m.

He also said elections will be held Wednesday from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. Only students who live in residence halls can vote in the halls they live in, and absentee ballots can be requested from Knobbe until 4 p.m. tonight.

Jadd Stevens, RHA president, said that the current senators' terms will expire in two weeks, when the newly elected senators take over.

However, the current senators still must meet with their committees until the end of the year.

"This is so the activities planned for April will still be done," Stevens said.

In other business, Melanie Mitzel, a junior English major, was elected as the Hall Orientation Teams coordinator and summer intern.

Rebecca Overgaard, a junior advertising major, said that Abel Residence Hall raised \$700 from Abelpalooza.

The annual Grasshopper Dance will be held Thursday from 8 to 12 p.m. in the basement of Neihardt. Gift certificates to clothing stores and restaurants will be awarded throughout the night. T-shirts can also be purchased there for \$5.

Burr-Fedde's annual Bullfry will be held April 13.

The Great Divide will be performing at the Pla Mor Ballroom on April 15. The concert is sponsored by the Burr-Fedde senate. Tickets are now on sale at the Burr Residence Hall front desk, the Nebraska East Union, The Fort and Gateway Western. The ticket price for the dinner is \$5 and \$15 for the dance.

# Professor: Pornography prevalent in 18th century

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Years ago, if you put a picture of a dog or a baby on the front page of a newspaper, it would sell, a University of Virginia English professor said Friday.

Times have changed, said Patricia Mayer Spacks during a Friday presentation titled, "Exposures: Sex, Privacy and Sensibility."

Today, including the word "sex" in the title of a book, magazine, movie or just about anything else will almost guarantee sales.

This was true even in the 18th century, Spacks said, a time period associated with petticoats, not pornography.

However, pornography was a popular form of entertainment in those days, Spacks said.

During her presentation in Dudley Bailey Library in Andrews Hall, Spacks discussed three popular, mildly pornographic, 18th century books with students and faculty. She then asked her audience whether it was possible for people to violate their own privacy while writing these tell-all, often autobiographical stories.

Spacks began her speech by discussing the 18th century novel, "Fanny Hill."

"This book clearly belongs to the category of pornography," Spacks said.

Fanny, a prostitute and the main character in the novel, divulges every detail of her sex life, Spacks said.

However, although she reports everything she does, Fanny does not tell the reader everything she feels,

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Spacks said. In this way, she maintains her privacy.

The situation is similar in another 18th century text, "London Journal" by James Boswell.

"London Journal" is a factual account of the author's experiences in London, Spacks said.

These experiences, all described in great detail, include encounters with prostitutes and other women.

However, instead of hiding his emotions as Fanny Hill does, James Boswell includes his emotions in his journal to justify his actions, Spacks said.

"(Boswell) may not act as uprightly as God would have him, or his father, or even as he would have himself, but behind his actions, he claims, lie sensitive and subtle emotions," Spacks said.

The final book Spacks discussed, "Memoirs of Laetitia Pilkington," differed from the others in that the main character, Laetitia Pilkington, never actually admits to having sex, although she does have many close calls.

However, Spacks said, Pilkington

is open about her emotions. She maintains her physical privacy but exposes herself emotionally, Spacks said.

In all three of the books, Spacks said, every revelation implies a concealment — something important even for tell-all novels.

"Imagine what it would be like, really, to know everything," Spacks said. "Their revelations of sexuality and their concealment of sensibility productively counterbalances each other."

Spacks' presentation was the first in a series of at least two English Department-sponsored presentations, said Fran Kaye, professor of English at UNL.

Kaye said the series of presentations was planned with the intent to bring speakers addressing unusual and interesting topics to UNL.

"We wanted to bring in speakers that aren't boring to anybody," Kaye said.

The frequent bursts of laughter that accompanied Spacks' speech assured Kaye and other English Department faculty members that they had succeeded.

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cers to fire weapons in order to "protect the police officer or others from what is reasonably believed to be an immediate threat of death or serious bodily harm."

At 11:44 p.m., Truckenbrod and Doyle found Baldwin, naked, trying to jump through a plate glass door of a house. They had already radioed for back up but did not wait for other officers to arrive.

As Truckenbrod and Doyle were trying to handcuff Baldwin, he turned to face them and pushed both of them away.

A struggle ensued on the ground, and Truckenbrod felt Baldwin trying to reach for her gun. His hand was on top of her hand, which was on top of the gun. Truckenbrod told Doyle that

Baldwin had her gun.

Doyle then ordered Baldwin to remove his hand from Truckenbrod's gun, or she would shoot; Baldwin did not respond.

Truckenbrod said, "His hand's on the trigger," and Doyle fired one shot into Baldwin's side; the struggle stopped. At that point, back-up officer Thomas Muller arrived.

The case was sent by the plaintiff for review in the high court after the district court found the city 45 percent negligent for not following standard procedure for mentally ill patients and Baldwin 55 percent responsible because he knew the consequences of not taking his medication.

But Judge John Wright did not completely agree with the percentage of blame, he said.

Wright said the officers did not follow regulations when they apprehended Baldwin.

"The officers who attempted to arrest Baldwin knew of his prior episode and assault in Lincoln," Wright said. "They knew that it had taken numerous Lincoln police officers to subdue Baldwin on that occasion."

"Officers were to refrain from being in a hurry and were to establish a relationship of concern and understanding with the person involved. None of these procedures were followed."

Mumgaard said the officers had to make quick decisions.

"Without a doubt, everyone involved — though the officers feel they did the right thing — feel sympathetic for Mr. Baldwin," Mumgaard said.

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## Gore facing stress of investigations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Missing e-mail. The Buddhist temple. No controlling legal authority. These fund-raising images haunt Vice President Al Gore.

Federal prosecutors and Republicans threaten, for very different reasons, to extend the impact of the 1996 fund-raising missteps well into the fall presidential campaign.

The Justice Department opened an investigation last week into whether e-mails from Gore's office and other parts of the White House were hidden from criminal and congressional investigators who had subpoenaed them.

Republicans are keeping the issue alive with hearings, advertisements and campaign stump attacks. They are motivated by polling that shows the vice president is vulnerable on the issue.