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Inside the campaign



ASUN PRESIDENT Joel Schafer hugs his girlfriend Christina Riesselman, right, and his sister Sarah Morgan, while ASUN first vice president Riley Peterson hugs his sister, Sunny Peterson, at Crane River after they won the run-off March 8.

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A-Team didn't expect victory

Editor's note: This is the final story in a weeklong series taking a closer look at the 2000 ASUN Elections.

By Kimberly Sweet

Staff writer

Some might say Joel Schafer is no politician.

For many students who went to the polls on run-off election day, that was A-Team's draw.

With no senatorial candidates or ASUN experience, Schafer seemed like the candidate for the disenchanted.

He didn't hail from a greek house.

He was unfamiliar with the ASUN and the

administrative power structure.

He didn't have an action plan.

He and running mates Riley Peterson and Joel Webber entered the student government election along with other third-party candidates who were expected to disappear a few weeks into the campaign.

But A-Team didn't disappear. Its popularity soared during the last week of the campaign and the week before the run-off, thanks to two key ingredients: money and media.

For not being the conventional ASUN politicians, the A-Team found success in getting its message out in a politically conventional way.

Schafer admitted that even he and his run-

ning mates didn't think they'd be viable in the election until Super Bowl Sunday, when campaign manager Hal Hansen came on the scene.

It was Hansen, a UNL student who took a year off to work on 1998 Democratic Nebraska gubernatorial candidate Bill Hoppner's campaign, who came up with a strategy that would give the A-Team a chance.

"A lot of what our campaign did was introduce principles commonly accepted in politics and brought them on campus," Hansen said on victory night, when asked how the campaign had realized last-minute success.

"We put a lot of emphasis on raising money

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Johanns concerned by state spending

*Governor vetoes many
university proposals*

By Veronica Daehn

Staff writer

Gov. Mike Johanns on Thursday approved a bill that would give an extra \$1 million to a state minority scholarship program.

But that's about all the help the university will see.

Johanns issued the first round of his budget vetoes Thursday.

A bill introduced by Sen. LaVon Crosby of Lincoln would have given Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery \$3.6 million over the next three years for renovations.

Johanns vetoed the bill saying it didn't fit into the state's budget this year.

"The issue doesn't go away; I understand that," Johanns said. "But I'm emphasizing the need to bring about fiscal stability."

In an attempt to balance the budget, Johanns vetoed \$8.8 million from the current two-year budget.

Projected state spending is now down \$18.7 million over the next four years.

This action reduced a projected budget deficit from \$50 million at the end of the next biennium to \$32 million.

Johanns said he was concerned the state was spending too much.

"It's time to stop," he said. "I strongly believe that the state should not have to start building its next budget digging out of a \$50 million hole or even a \$32 million hole."

Crosby said she was "disturbed" with the governor's veto of her bill that would have given money to the Sheldon.

The senator said she will make a motion for an override Monday.

Crosby's bill will need 30 votes from the floor to override Johanns' veto.

"We'll have to start over again next year," Crosby said, if Johanns' veto stands. "I'm hoping we get the

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Passion, skills lead to professor's award

Editor's Note: This is the second in a weekly series of question-and-answer sessions with the recipients of the universitywide awards for teaching, research and creative activity. Today, we visit with Ross Thompson, winner of the Outstanding Research and Creativity Award.

By John Hejkal

Staff writer

Ross Thompson, professor of psychology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, takes an unusual approach to his research.

He tries to look through the eyes of those he studies — and he's excited about what he sees.

His enthusiasm for research and teaching has made him winner of the Outstanding Research and Creativity Award for the University of Nebraska system.

Q. What are your main research interests?

A. I'm a developmental psychologist. Developmental psychologists study development throughout life.

I'm particularly interested in how children form close relationships with

adults and the influence of those relationships on children's personality and how they learn to think about themselves.

I try to take the research that I and others do on close relationships of children and try to

communicate to policy makers what this means.

The policy makers I try to com-

municate with are ones who are concerned about divorce and child custody, what happens when parents divorce and policy makers who are concerned about abuse and neglect, and even things like grandparent visitation rights.

Each of these are areas that are relevant to the relationships that children are forming with the people that are close to them.

Q. This is a research and creative activity award. How do you incorporate creativity into your research?

A. It has to do with the topics that I study. I try to imagine what it's like to be a 3-year-old, a 3-year-old trying to understand who they are and beginning to understand what other people are like, and really, really wanting to

understand the world.

That's a typical 3-year-old, and, boy, that's hard, because you and I and other adults are so accustomed to our ways of thinking.

But that's where a lot of the creativity comes from because that's what I'm trying to understand.

Q. How do you implement your research into your teaching?

A. In at least two ways. I talk about the research I do in class, and that's kind of the specific way. Students often hear about this work in the course of a lecture on child development.

I think that the other way I try to include it in my teaching is that I hope

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Sex offender list released by Patrol

By Michelle Starr

Staff writer

Simply type in a zip code and up pops a list of sex offenders in that area.

The Nebraska State Patrol released a list available on the World Wide Web on Thursday of what they have determined are the most dangerous sex offenders in the state.

Sex offenders are split into three categories, Level III being the most dangerous and possible re-offenders.

Of the 900 registered sex offenders in the state, 125 have been classified, and 10

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