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Spring Fling

Nebraska spring practice ended in a 21-21 tie in the Red-White Spring Game. SPORTS, PAGE 16

Marz Attack

Newest O Street bar presents intergalactic approach to martinis and shrimp. A&E, PAGE 9

Day aims to recruit Latinos

By Margaret Behm

Staff writer

Miguel Carranza asked a group of Latino high school students Friday how many of them were going to be the first in their families to go to college.

Out of a room of 65 students, only a few hands remained down.

Carranza said he wasn't surprised at the response.

"We are frequently, out of our families, the one, the first and the only in our families to go to college," said Carranza, associate professor of sociology and ethnic studies.

Carranza was one of the speakers at the annual Recruitment Day for Latino high school students, who came from all over Nebraska to take part in the activities.

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Miguel Carranza
associate professor

The students participated in activities, such as learning about available financial aid, touring the campus and talking with minority college students.

Young Latino students need to start making plans, Carranza said.

"As Latinos, we don't plan for careers or higher education," he said. "That was my experience, and I don't want it to be yours."

The day was put on by the Mexican American Student Association as part of the celebration of Chicano Awareness Week.

The event's goal was to make the college atmosphere more welcoming to the students, so they would want to attend college, said Casimira Ramirez, a freshman with an undeclared major.

Ramirez, a MASA member, said she often is the only minority in most of her classes.

"So in race discussions, I'm usually the only one giving my point of view," she said. "I'd rather have a more diverse classroom to get all points of view."

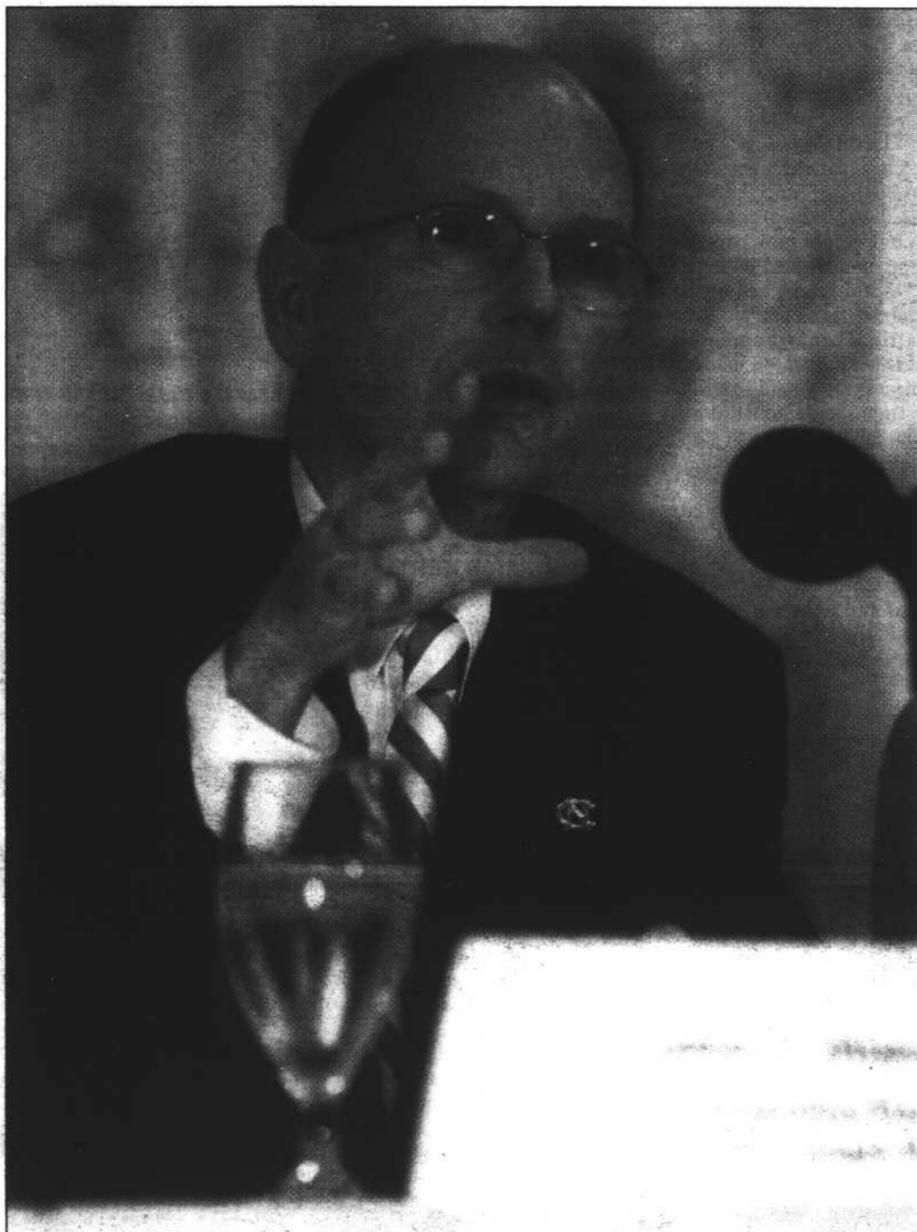
According to the online UNL fact book, 379 Hispanic students were enrolled during the fall of 1999. That was about 1.7 percent of the total student population.

Steve Reyes, MASA member and a junior construction management major, said he also noticed the lack of minorities on campus.

"My first class was over 100 students; there might have been three other students of color,"

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Carolina in Moeser's mind



CHANCELLOR JAMES MOESER addresses the press after the Board of Governors announced Friday in Chapel Hill that he would be the new chancellor for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Photo by The Daily Tar Heel

Chancellor lauds UNC's reputation

By Kimberly Sweet

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UNL Chancellor James Moeser made it official Friday — he's leaving the Cornhuskers for Tar Heel land.

Sporting a Carolina blue tie, Moeser was at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill after the UNC Board of Governors voted to appoint him the school's ninth chancellor.

Moeser said he wasn't looking to leave Nebraska but was inspired by UNC's "audacious vision of desiring to reach the pinnacle of higher education."

His last day at UNL will be July 15, and his first day at UNC will be Aug. 15.

He will make \$255,000, compared with his \$180,000 salary at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

After the announcement, Moeser got on the phone with Nebraska's media and assured them UNL would lure the best candidates.

"Is this an attractive position?" Moeser said, referring to his soon-to-be vacant spot. "Absolutely."

Moeser said his reason for taking the UNC position was the opportunity to work at one of the three best public universities in the nation.

"I only did it after serious reflection," Moeser said. "The University of North Carolina presents a great opportunity and challenges."

Along with UNC's being a prestigious public university, Moeser said, the launching of a billion-dollar capital campaign and the school's focus on liberal arts and the humanities drew him to the job.

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"This seemed to be a university whose agenda fits my ability."

James Moeser
chancellor

Defining Moments

Chancellor Moeser's career at Nebraska

December James Moeser, provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of South Carolina, is named chancellor by NU President Dennis Smith.	January Campus and community react to Sigma Chi fraternity burning a cross in fraternity ritual; Moeser asks for "not just a tolerance of diversity, but a real celebration of the differences in culture, national origin and gender that make up our world."	March Moeser helps hire Marsha Tier to UNL as the new vice chancellor for research. He charges her to improve external funding for research and propel the university's ranking among research institutions.	July Moeser tries to guide the university through a \$4 million reallocation plan, after UNL has to find money to pay for initiatives unfunded by the state Legislature because of faculty salary increases.	July Moeser watches as UNL breaks ground on a new residence hall to house students in the J.D. Edwards Honors program, saying it will aid retention and recruitment efforts.
September Moeser says raising admission standards, improving academic rigor and reinventing honors program are the keys to improving UNL's academic reputation.	October Nebraska's alma mater, co-written by Moeser, musician Chip Davis and historian Robert Knoll, makes its debut at the Homecoming game.	August UNL receives largest single donation ever from Mildred Topp Othmer. Moeser designates a portion of it to go to distinguished professorships and graduate teaching positions.	September Moeser formally apologizes for the mistreatment of American-Indian remains housed in the university and signs an agreement with tribes to return remains.	April 14 Moeser is announced as a finalist for the presidency of the University of Florida at Gainesville.

Communities improved by 'Students in the Streets'

By Jacob Kruger

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Painting at the YWCA, installing new playground equipment and sprucing up a school's outdoor basketball court were just a few of the many volunteer activities going on this past weekend.

From Thursday to Saturday, more than 150 UNL students participated in the greek system-sponsored "Students in the Streets" vol-

unteer weekend.

"It was a success, and there are some people talking about doing it against next year," said Eric Hartman, who worked as a facilitator between the greek system and community organizations to help plan the event.

Other groups helping with the project included S.W.A.T., Ecology Now and Habitat for Humanity as part of its annual Hand and Heart service project.

Students restored the Historic

Summer Kitchen in the North Bottoms Neighborhood, installed a playground at South Salt Creek and planted flowers at McWilliams Park.

On Friday and Saturday several students went to McPhee Elementary School to help its students repaint their playground.

Activities included taping off and painting several hopscotch and four-square boxes, repainting the basketball court, including a new mascot at center court, and painting a welcome mat for the school's

entrance.

The crown jewel of the project was working with AmeriCorps to paint a map of the United States on the playground.

Erahn Bower, volunteer and sophomore nursing major from Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority, said she enjoyed being around the kids.

"Volunteering is important because it gets people involved with their community and gives everyone a chance to help out," she said. "Besides, it is a fun experience."

Carmen Summers, a 1999 graduate with a degree in criminal justice, said the rewards from working with children were better than any amount of money.

"I decided it was going to be my life's work to give to others because in life you get what you give," she said.

Summers said the impact goes beyond new paint.

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