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Ward Lewis and Kelly Sheridan perform during the "America Revealed: Abolishing Stereotypes of All Kinds" fashion show, which was held in Nebraska Union Auditorium on Thursday night. The show was sponsored by the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered Student Association.

## Show undresses stereotypes

Students and community members hit the runway to benefit efforts to defeat 416.

BY LINDSEY BAKER

The runways of Milan have been busy these past few weeks.

Yesterday, a little bit of that fashion fever was brought to UNL's campus—just not by your typical models.

"America Revealed: Abolishing Stereotypes of All Kinds," sponsored by the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Student Association,

featured volunteer models—students and non-students—in a series of vignettes intended to dispel stereotypes drawn from manners of dressing.

"I think we're trying to deal with how people stereotype based on appearance," said Deanna Zaffke, event coordinator for the GLBT Student Association. "If you judge people based on what they wear, how can you judge on the quality of character?"

Zaffke said the stereotypes the show targeted were those put on all people, not just homosexuals.

"As a lesbian, I get up in the morning and

know how to dress in a heterosexual world," she said. "A lot of people don't question why they dress the way they do. We're making conscious decisions about how we want to be perceived."

The fashion show, directed by Lincoln Benefit Life data processor Stephanie Barth, consisted of six scenes, each depicting a "story" of stereotyping by dress and the effects of those judgments.

"I wanted to pull people's emotions," Barth said, who has a background in retail and exper-

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## College fills dean spot

BY VERONICA DAEHN

Come February, Nebraska will have a new face on its UNL campus.

Richard Hoffman, dean of arts and sciences at the State University of New York at Albany, will be the new dean of arts and sciences at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The position opened when Brian Foster left for the University of New Mexico last spring.

Hoffman, who worked at Iowa State University for 18 years before going to New York, said he was looking forward to working with the College of Arts and Sciences at UNL.

Hoffman, a biologist, said the quality of academic programs at UNL was broad and deep, and the interdisciplinary research was appealing.

He's interested in learning more about and dealing with the life sciences in Nebraska, too, he said.

It was too early to say what strategies Hoffman may implement when he starts at UNL, he said.

He wants to help the college reach its objectives, but he said things at UNL were in good shape.

"It's a very good place," he said.

Interim Chancellor Harvey Perlman said the people he's talked to in arts and sciences all seem comfortable with Hoffman's views.

"He's going to be great," Perlman said. "He will be a strong leader but one who

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Steven Hilliard, English department chairman, said he looked forward to working with Hoffman.

"He seems experienced," Hilliard said. "He's a good listener, and he has a good vision of what a college of arts and sciences can do."

Hilliard said he had talked to Hoffman twice during the interview process and left with a positive feeling each time.

Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Evelyn Jacobson, chairwoman of the search committee, agreed that Hoffman was a good choice.

"He was the best candidate," Jacobson said. "He's a very dynamic person, and he has an excellent academic and leadership record."

Hoffman understands the missions and the various disciplines of an arts and sciences college, she said.

The search committee that helped choose the dean was made up of faculty from the college, a student, a staff member and a member of the community.

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## McCain to rally for Stenberg

BY BRIAN CARLSON

Sen. John McCain, the political maverick and former presidential candidate, will visit Nebraska today to campaign for Don Stenberg.

Originally, the Stenberg campaign hoped McCain could include the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in his visit, Stenberg campaign chairwoman Christine Vanderford said.

But McCain, who discovered he had skin cancer during this year's Republican National Convention, has had to pare back his travel schedule because of his

health.

McCain, who unsuccessfully challenged Texas Gov. George W. Bush for the Republican presidential nomination earlier this year, instead plans to make one appearance in Lincoln and two in Omaha.

McCain, a strong advocate of campaign-finance reform, will speak at a \$1,000-per-couple fund-raising dinner for Stenberg, the GOP Senate candidate, at the Cornhusker Hotel, 333 S. 13th St.

Sen. Chuck Hagel invited McCain, a close personal friend, to Nebraska. McCain is the fourth U.S. senator since late August to

campaign for Stenberg in Nebraska, following Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla. and Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa.

McCain, R-Ariz., failed to defeat Bush in this year's presidential primaries, but he brought considerable excitement to the race.

A former Vietnam War fighter pilot who was shot down by the North Vietnamese and imprisoned for more than five years in Hanoi, McCain called for politicians to restore the public's trust in

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Steven Bender/DN

**A GHOSTLY GAZE:** Cody Bolte, 11, makes his way through a haunted house Thursday at the Roca Berry Farm. The farm is at 16405 S. 38th St. in Roca, south of Lincoln. It has a number of outdoor activities for children, including a pumpkin patch and hayrack ride, and is open from 9 a.m. to sunset every day.

## ISSUES WATCH

### Gore, Bush at odds on proposals

BY BRIAN CARLSON

Both of this year's presidential candidates have made extensive higher-education proposals, but they disagree about how and whether each other's programs would be implemented.

Vice President Al Gore, the Democratic nominee, supports the College Opportunity Tax Cut proposed by the Clinton administration.

"While higher education has become ever more important for employability, salary level and job satisfaction, it has also become more and more expensive," Gore's Web site reported.

The tax cut would allow families to choose between a federal income tax deduction or a 28 percent tax credit on up to \$10,000 in tuition. Gore said the plan would make college, graduate school and courses taken to improve one's job performance more afford-

able.

"I believe college tuition up to \$10,000 per year ought to be tax deductible so middle-class families can choose to send their children to college," Gore said in the first presidential debate on Oct. 3.

Critics said the proposal would only help the middle class, not the poor.

Victory 2000, a Republican National Committee coalition, said Republican nominee George W. Bush's plan to provide \$7 billion in funding for needy college students would provide more assistance to those who need it most.

"Al Gore's plan, on the other hand, only applies to those paying federal income taxes, thereby denying relief to 29 million low- and moderate-income families," the coalition said in a press release.

But Gore also proposes tax-free

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savings accounts for higher education. Individuals and their employers would be able to save money in tax-free 401(j) accounts for job training, education and lifetime learning for themselves and their families.

"Education must become not just a period in our lives but a way of life in the 21st Century," Gore said.

Gore said he would work to keep college costs down through a national savings tuition plan. The program

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### Nelson, Stenberg push education, differ on plans

BY GEORGE GREEN

With university tuition hikes and increases in public school teacher pay on the political horizon, education has become an important election issue.

Nebraska's senatorial candidates agree that education should be a priority for government, and both tout their own educational plans.

But each candidate focuses on different parts of the educational dilemma.

Former Gov. and Democratic Senatorial candidate Ben Nelson wants to increase tax incentives for parents with children in college.

Nelson wants parents to be able to afford to send their children to college, said Marcia Cady, a Nelson spokeswoman.

He also thinks it's important to increase money for federal Pell grants and

low-interest Stafford loans for college education, she said.

Pell grants give money, which doesn't need to be repaid, to students who can prove financial need.

Attorney General Don Stenberg, the Republican Senatorial candidate, supports higher education, said John Soukup, Stenberg's spokesman.

But Stenberg's campaign didn't provide details to the Daily Nebraskan about any plans he has dealing with higher education.

Stenberg, though, supports local control of public education to maximize taxpayer dollars.

According to his Web site, Stenberg believes that funneling money through the federal government for grants wastes

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