

# Regent: Don't consider Perlman for job

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Blank told the Daily Nebraskan. "He is so overwhelmingly in the minority," Blank said. "If Perlman's selected, the university will be in good hands." Blank defended Perlman's speaking out against Initiative 416. "He responded to a question," Blank said. "That's his responsibility to answer it. It would have been totally wrong had he not responded to the question." Waterloo Regent Nancy O'Brien would not comment on whether it was right for Allen to write such a letter. But she did tell the Daily Nebraskan it was common for Allen to voice his opinion on things he was unhappy about. "Bob Allen has made a practice of speaking his opinion on chancellors and what he thinks

is proper and improper behavior," O'Brien said. "It needs to be clear Bob Allen is speaking only for himself." Lyons Regent Chuck Hassebrook said Allen's letter wouldn't change his mind that Perlman is a strong candidate for permanent chancellor. As for Perlman's speaking out against Initiative 416, Hassebrook said the interim chancellor had a right to his opinion, as does any university employee. Perlman could have been more clear, though, in stating that his stance against Initiative 416 was personal and not university policy, he said. Richard Wood, university general counsel, said Allen's letter did not violate the university's anti-discrimination policy, which said the university would not discriminate "because of an individual's race, color, sex, religion, national

origin, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation or political affiliation." Before reading the letter, Wood said it would be in violation of university policy if it concerned someone being hired or not hired based on his or her characteristics. After the Daily Nebraskan provided a copy of the letter to Wood, he said it was merely a statement of opinion. "I'm mystified (someone could) think this is a violation of university policy," Wood said. "The board of regents is a group of eight men, not just one man." Linda Crump, assistant to the chancellor for equity, access and diversity programs, agreed with Wood. "I don't see how someone expressing individual views violates any policy," she said. Bradley Davis contributed to this report.

# Green Party takes mop to corporations

BY GEORGE GREEN

Amy Marschak plans to wipe corporate influence right out of the elections. Marschak and a Green Party partner made a stop at UNL on Thursday. They are scouring the South and Midwest armed with bars of soap, brooms and mops to educate voters about Ralph Nader, the Green Party's presidential candidate. Nader is the only candidate who doesn't accept corporate donations, which have no place in elections, she said. "Too much corporate influence is seeping into the election," Marschak said. Marschak said she stops at universities, newspaper offices, television stations and party offices to "clean" the area while

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talking about corporate influence and Ralph Nader. She said corporations that give money to candidates expect unjust favors in return for their dollars. By meeting local Green Party supporters and discussing issues, she said, she hopes to bolster support for Nader and keep corporate money out of campaigns. Marschak was joined by Len Schropfer, a farmer who lives near Milligan, who supports Nader. Nader is the only candidate who truly cares about family farmers, he said. Schropfer said most politicians cater to corporate interests and ignore family farmers.

# Nelson, Stenberg agree on some social, crime issues

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Sept. 21 debate. Stenberg agreed. "I'll base my decision on whether I think they're going to limit themselves to following the Constitution as intended by the Founding Fathers or whether they'll use the Constitution to impose their own social views," he said in the same debate. Both candidates also support Initiative 416, which would ban same-sex marriages or other same-sex arrangements such as civil unions or domestic partnerships. Stenberg said marriage should

be reserved for unions between a man and a woman. "I think homosexuality is immoral and not something that should be encouraged by our society," he said. "I don't think we should take action against homosexuality in any way, but I don't think we should support it in any way with our policies." In contrast to the Nebraska Democratic Party, which opposes Initiative 416, Nelson said he would vote for it. But he said the 416 campaign should be conducted in a way that is not divisive. "I think homosexuality is not a moral act," he said. "But I think we

have to be very careful that in our effort to protect traditional marriages, we don't turn society against a group because we don't believe in the morality of its actions." Both candidates also support the death penalty. Under Nelson, Nebraska carried out three executions, its first since Charles Starkweather in 1959. He said allowing the executions to go forward was difficult, but he said he was upholding state law. Nelson said he opposed a proposed moratorium on the death penalty. In 1999, the Legislature passed a moratorium, but Gov. Mike Johanns vetoed it.

He supports federal legislation requiring DNA evidence be used in cases when available. Stenberg supports the death penalty, and during his time as attorney general has argued in favor of shortening the appeals process for death-row inmates. On the issue of guns, Nelson said he supports background checks and a 24-hour waiting period. Stenberg said he supported instant background checks but not waiting periods. "I oppose a waiting period," he said. "If a background check shows the person is not a convicted felon, there's no reason for the delay."

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**17-year-old boy killed in five-car crash; 3 hurt**  
BY JOSH FUNK  
A five-car accident killed one Lincoln teen-ager and injured three other people Wednesday night after one car ran a red light at 70th and O Streets, police said. The 17-year-old boy died after his car hit a utility pole and flipped, police said. A 19-year-old passenger in that car was in critical condition after the accident, Lincoln Police Ofc. Katherine Finnell said. Two other men were also injured, though not critically, in the accident, Finnell said. Lincoln Police Capt. Kent Woodhead said Thursday night police would not release the names of any of the accident victims, pending notification of a close family member of the boy who died, Lincoln Police Capt. Kent Woodhead said. The victims, including one in critical condition, and the deceased were taken to

**Force behind Initiative 416 to move after Nov. 7 election**  
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dance - in an interview afterward she said she was "ambushed" - but she also received positive feedback from the students afterward. Mills stressed her campaign is not about taking away the individual rights of gay and lesbian Nebraskans. "My motivation wasn't fear, wasn't bigotry or hate - but love," she said. Bond vehemently disagreed and said the initiative does not act

# One reporter's view: An ode to NU vs. OU

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giving, humorless place, where good rarely triumphs over evil and pessimism is the only sustainable outlook on the world. \* These losses left scars that no amount of later success could alleviate. As the country focuses on the Subway Series between the New York Yankees and New York Mets, it's comforting to remember there are great rivalries west of the Hudson. Which leads to another point. Nebraskans, and perhaps Midwesterners in general, have a natural sense of inferiority. The best way I can explain it is this: Ask yourself where you can find something important, and the answer always seemed to be, "Not here." Monuments? Not here. Beaches? Not here. Mountains? Not here. Wall Street? Not here. Professional sports teams? Not here. The losses to Oklahoma only fueled this sense of inferiority. We were best known for our football team, and that team couldn't win the Big One - which often meant OU. Barry Switzer. The Boz. Jamelle Holiwey. Keith Jackson. Boomer Sooner. The horror! The horror! Arnie Robinson, a senior communications studies major, knows the feeling. He attended the 1987 game and remembers the carnage. "I just remember it was a cold day, and it was terrible because we lost, and we were No. 1," Robinson said. Tomorrow, Robinson will go to Norman to see the rivalry return. "I don't know if I ever thought I'd see it again," he said. "But I'm excited to see it again. It's good for Nebraska to have a rival. "I think it deserves all the hype it's getting, and more." Even Husker fans who grew up outside Nebraska absorbed

the rivalry's meaning. Peter McClellan, a senior mechanical engineering major who grew up near Sacramento, Calif., was and is a Husker fan. "It's the sort of thing you heard about growing up, and you saw Nebraska and Oklahoma every year on the day after Thanksgiving, but you never thought you'd get to experience it again," he said. "I hope it lives up to its hype. I honestly can't think of a better college football regular-season game. This puts Florida-Florida State, Florida State-Miami and Auburn-Alabama to shame." This week, McClellan has been watching his tape of the 1971 Game of the Century. "I'm hoping Bobby's going to be Johnny the Jet, and it's going to be 35-31," he said. Some UNL students, such as sophomore architecture major Wayne Mortensen, are too young to remember the catastrophes of the mid-80s well. "The only thing I remember is my grandpa hoping Barry Switzer would drop off the face of the earth before he steamrolled Nebraska again," he said. Although he doesn't remember those games, he, too absorbed the rivalry's significance. "Yeah, I don't think Nebraska ever got away from the view that Oklahoma is its rival," he said. Not too long ago, the thought of an NU-OU renaissance seemed impossible. Now, thanks to Bob Stoops and Josh Heupel, it may be here again. Perhaps the game will live up to its hype, and be a barn-burner. Or perhaps the two teams are destined for a rematch in the Big 12 championship game. Or perhaps it won't be close, merely proving Marx was right when he said history repeats itself, the first time as tragedy, the second time as farce. The important thing is, in the polls at least, the rivalry's back. Which is wonderful, because life is too short to get fired up for Colorado or Kansas State.

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