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## Priorities include outreach categories

UNL's academic mission includes eight programs that would benefit students as well as Nebraskans.

BY JILL ZEMAN

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's academic mission is about more than just professors lecturing, administering tests and students sitting in class.

And the academic priorities list strongly reinforced this with its inclusion of eight programs as outreach priorities.

The report states that UNL needs to

reach out and provide for the citizens of Nebraska as well as for UNL students.

The 102 priorities are divided into four categories: graduate and professional education and research and creative activity; life sciences, health and natural resources; undergraduate education; and outreach.

Academic priorities comprise the top 25 percent of UNL's programs and are those that, through additional funding, can become nationally recognized.

Included under the outreach category of priorities are:

- The Agricultural and Community Development Program
- The Center for the Study of

Financial Services

■ Community and Regional Development

■ Distance Learning Expansion and Support

■ Entrepreneurship Program

■ Marriage and Family Therapy Outreach and Research Programs

■ Public Policy Studies

■ Touring Component of Arts Outreach Program

Some of the programs included on the list will receive additional money, while others will benefit simply from being recognized as a UNL priority.

Being included on the priorities list allows the touring component of the

arts outreach program to take flight.

The program would send music ensembles, art shows and theater to areas around the state, said Lawrence Mallett, interim dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts.

Students will tour the state displaying their art or as performers, he said.

Because of its inclusion on the list, the program will receive the money necessary to begin tours.

"Funding is a real issue," Mallett said.

Mallett said the program was a win-win situation for the citizens and the students.

"I think it's advantageous for every-

one," he said.

Another program that will be strengthened with more money is the entrepreneurship program.

The primary mission of the program is to inspire and enable students to launch and operate their own businesses, said Terry Sebor, director of the Nebraska Center for Entrepreneurship.

The program offers about 10 undergraduate courses and six or seven graduate courses, Sebor said.

"What we're about is helping people make jobs, not take jobs," Sebor said.

If the center receives any additional

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Score! presidential candidate Nathan Fuerst vows to install a grandfather clause that would keep tuition costs the same for upper-classmen throughout their college careers.



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## Putting students first

### Work ethic, integrity aid Fuerst's attitude, approachability

BY LINDSEY BAKER

ASUN presidential hopeful Nathan Fuerst said he wanted to take a long backpacking trip this summer — after reaching the peak of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

Fuerst, a senior communications major and agronomy minor from Hildreth, said his approachability, open-mindedness and progressive attitude made him the best candidate for ASUN president.

"I can bring people together and make people feel comfortable," Fuerst said.

He said his small south-central Nebraska hometown community had an ingrained work ethic enforced by his family of six, whom he said he valued as a constant source of support.

"The hard work ethic has definitely affected me," he said. "Family means a lot to me, and I value others and others' ideas."

Through sharing ideas, Fuerst

said he and his Score! Running mates, first vice presidential candidate Jessica Lopez and second vice presidential candidate Nick Fitch, wanted to improve the reputation of ASUN.

"I think the perception is that the only reason people are on ASUN is to pad their resume," Fuerst said.

He said that possible senators should see ASUN as something deeper than a way to get involved.

They should see it, he said, as a way to make a difference.

"It is a growing experience, but a candidate must look beyond getting elected at what happens after the election," he said.

One of the first things Fuerst would do in office, he said, would be to meet with each senator and establish personal goals.

He said he would make sure every senator understood the commitment ASUN demands.

"We need to focus inward on our-

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## Score!'s Fitch keeps mind, door open

BY MARGARET BEHM

In Nick Fitch's world, people rule. Fitch, second vice presidential candidate for the Score! Party, shows his dedication to people and his job as a Schramm Hall resident assistant.

During his interview with the Daily Nebraskan, Fitch kept his eighth floor residence hall room door open and said hi to each person who walked by.

"I enjoy my floor," he said. "Some of my best friends are on the floor. I like having my door open 24 hours a day and to have people come into my room."

Nathan Fuerst, presidential candidate for Score!, said Fitch's ability to relate to people was one of the main reasons he chose him to run on the party ticket.

"Nick has never let me down," he said. "He really cares about people. He's very genuine."

Fitch is proud of the fact that he is a member of the National Residence Hall Honorary and the Order of Omega, a greek honor society. He also is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

"The reason why I think that's really cool is that I'm the first person ever at this university to be in a greek honorary and the residence hall honorary."

Not only has he been a part of a fraternity and a residence hall, but he has also lived off-campus. As an RA, Fitch said he worked hard to bring the greek system and residence halls together.

He sponsored events such as movie nights, where several greek houses and residence hall floors have watched a movie together in a lecture hall.

Fitch said he would be working as an Assistant Residence Director in Selleck Residence Hall next year. This position will give him the opportunity to get international students involved in student government, he said.

"I'm really excited to be living in a diversified area like Selleck and living with a lot of international students and bringing that voice to ASUN," he said.

A part of the Score! Party's platform is to take greater advantage of international students, who often bring new perspectives to the table.

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## Identity theft may be felony

BY GWEN TIETGEN

One Lincoln woman lost two years of her life investigating how someone, under a different name, was using her Social Security number.

Another Lincoln woman lives in constant paranoia because someone she knows stole all of her identification information, including her social security number and mother's maiden name information, and used it against her to charge \$24,000 on more than six different credit cards under her name.

And these women aren't alone.

Between 500,000 and 700,000 people will have their identities stolen this year, according to a May 2000 survey by the California Public Interest Research Group and the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse.

But, as Sen. Pam Redfield of Omaha has discovered through more than a year's worth of research, victims of identity theft are helpless against those who have stolen their identities.

In fact, in the eyes of Nebraska law, those who fall prey to someone stealing their identity aren't

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## Candidates debate issues for last time

ASUN presidential nominees met for a final forum sponsored by the Daily Nebraskan.

BY SHARON KOLBET

In a round table forum that lasted nearly 90 minutes, the five ASUN presidential candidates addressed a host of controversial subjects in their last chance to appeal to the student population.

In the third and final debate before the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska election, the candidates debated issues including the impending tuition increase, academic prioritization, ASUN accountability and online teacher evaluations.

In a forum moderated by the Daily Nebraskan, the candidates answered questions and also addressed their opponents.

The debate was simulcast on 90.3 KRNU, the campus radio station.

The first issue put forth by Daily Nebraskan managing edi-

tor Bradley Davis was regarding tuition increases.

Score! presidential candidate Nathan Fuerst began the conversation, saying a tuition grandfather clause was a major part of his platform.

"We want students to know they'll be able to pay the same rate every year," Fuerst said.

NUForce presidential candidate Angela Clements disagreed with Fuerst's position.

"But what you don't understand is, that as (One Party presidential candidate) Jaron Luttich said, a grandfather clause will effect recruitment," Clements said in addressing Fuerst.

Luttich pointed out in last week's debate that incoming freshman would be the ones to shoulder the financial burden because the needed revenue would have to be made up somewhere.

Clements said Fuerst was changing his platform after researching the feasibility of a grandfather clause.

In previous debates,

Clements said Fuerst stood behind freezing tuition at the same level all four years. In Thursday's debate, Fuerst said that might not be feasible and proposed a clause that would mandate a set increase every year.

No Bull presidential candidate Andy Mixan said he researched the tuition issue and found that a 20 percent tuition increase was likely. Mixan said he did not agree with Fuerst's idea of a grandfather clause.

Instead, he said, he supported having the tuition increase spread out over a number of years as well as looking to other avenues of funding.

"We are 90 percent below the mean of our peer institutions in financial aid," Mixan said.

Luttich said ASUN did not have direct control of tuition rates and said he wanted to see ASUN foundation money used to supplement student fees.

The foundation would can-

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Independent candidate John Matzen listens to candidates' comments dressed in Scottish attire reminiscent of the movie, "Braveheart." Matzen also gave his comments in a Scottish accent.