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UNL bids farewell to ASUN president

Joel Schafer saw his last day
in office Wednesday but plans to
stay involved in campus issues.

BY MARGARET BEHM

As Joel Schafer bids good-
bye to his year as student gov-
ernment president, he will
return to living the life of the
average college student.

Now that his term is up,
Schafer said he planned on
studying a lot.

"I'm just going to enjoy
being a normal student," he
said.

But, he said he would still be
involved in campus issues.

He will continue to work for
online student government vot-
ing as a member of an organiza-
tion he started called Students
For Online Voting.

Schafer said he wanted to
help Nathan Fuerst, newly
inducted ASUN president, but
said he didn't want to step on
anyone's toes.

"I'm going to help out where
Nathan wants me to and try to
stay out of his hair," he said.

Schafer, the long-haired guy
with no previous student gov-
ernment experience, said his
presidency proved anyone
could get involved in student
government.

"ASUN can be an elite
organization of a select group of

people, but only if you let it," he
said.

Many people recommended
Schafer should cut his hair if he
wanted people to take him seri-
ously, he said.

Schafer kept his shoulder-
length hair until his last day -
Wednesday - as president of the
Association of the Students of
Nebraska.

"I thought it was a fun little
jab to cut my hair while I was
still president but on the last
day," he said.

Schafer transferred to UNL
in 1998 after the first semester of
his freshman year. He started

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Joel Schafer's
ASUN presiden-
tial term ended
Wednesday
when he passed
the gavel to
Nathan Fuerst.
Schafer's last
article of legisla-
tion was to give
an official name
to Nasa the
Moose, the
stuffed moose
head mounted
over the ASUN
president's desk.

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ROTC students learn from mock rescue

BY CHARLIE KAUFFMAN

UNL students Cody Trindle
and Ed Iwan walked down a
gravel road, waiting for the
coming ambush. As they
reached an intersection, they
were cut down by bursts of
M16 fire from troops con-
cealed in the woods.

Trindle and Iwan were only
playing the role of "enemies"
in an exercise performed
Thursday by the UNL Army
ROTC at Camp Ashland, the
Nebraska National Guard

base.

The guns that shot at them
were only shooting blanks,
and the participants were in
full military gear, complete
with face paint and helmets.

The ROTC cadets were
transported to Ashland in
Army UH60 Blackhawk heli-
copters, which were recently
used as medical evacuation
helicopters in Bosnia.

Their main mission was to
rescue a downed pilot with a
"broken" leg, but they first had
to clear the area with recon-

naissance and ambush mis-
sions, like the one that "killed"
Trindle and Iwan.

"We're supposed to put up
a little bit of a fight," Trindle
said.

Trindle and Iwan's corpses
were searched by the ROTC
cadets for ammunition, intel-
ligence and weapons in what
is called an EPW, or Enemy
Prisoner of War, search.

"The whole purpose is to
hit the objective quickly," Sgt.

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TOP: Tony Timanus, senior, is carried on a stretcher to safety by
six men Thursday at Ashland National Guard Park. Timanus
was playing the role of a pilot who had been shot down and
had a broken leg.

BELOW: ROTC students jump into a UH60 Blackhawk helicopter
Thursday for a ride back to campus from the National Guard
base near Ashland. The students were picked up on campus
and flown to the exercises.

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Bill would put students to the test

A bill proposed Thursday to the Legislature
would allot funds for tests that would increase
students' capabilities in the working world.

BY GEORGE GREEN

Sen. Elaine Stuhr of Bradshaw aims to boot
Nebraska schools into the 21st Century.

She introduced a proposal to the Legislature on
Thursday that would create a new educational fund
school districts could use to test students on their
abilities to master new technology and employment
skills.

"We are looking at a new curricular framework,"
she said.

Districts across the state could apply for state
funds they would use to evaluate student capabilities.
Stuhr said the test would help students build on
their abilities to be successful in the working world.

This type of training and evaluation is particularly
valuable, she said, because the modern workplace
becomes increasingly technological and career-orien-
ted with each passing day.

As nice as it sounds to beef up student capabili-
ties, Sen. Pam Brown of Omaha said she wasn't sure
the state bucks would do much good for students.

"This is feel good legislation," she said.

Sen. Ron Raikes of Lincoln also wasn't sure the
state should shell out money for a program geared
toward only one part of education curriculum.

In the past, he said, the state generally allocates
money to districts and allows them to decide how
to spend it.

More importantly, he said, the test might divide
students when they get back results pointing each

Recruiters seek Teachers College grads

BY JILL ZEMAN

Senior social sciences major Eric Wicherski
would like to stay in Nebraska to teach.

But Wicherski said he would try to work in
Southern California because there
was just no money for teachers in
Nebraska.

Wicherski was one of a crowd
of students who attended the
Education Recruitment Day, held
Thursday in the Nebraska Union
Centennial Ballroom.

More than 100 recruiters from
across the country shared one
thing in common: they wanted
UNL's Teachers College graduates.

But even though the demand is
high, most recruiters can't afford to
offer future teachers big bucks for
their work.

And while low salaries are the
norm for many new teachers, stu-
dents were still lined up to talk to
potential employers.

Wicherski, who would like to teach history and
geography as well as coach, said he interviewed

*"I like the
people,
and I like
the
Midwest.
But the
pay is
just too
low."*

Eric
Wicherski
senior

Disease could cripple Nebraska beef industry

The contagious foot-and-mouth
disease, if contracted in Nebraska
cattle, could cost billions.

BY GEORGE GREEN

Newspaper stories detailing foot-
and-mouth disease's rampage across
rural Europe have given J.D.
Alexander reason to pause.

A touch of the disease in his feed-
lot could rob the feeder of millions of
dollars almost overnight.

"It'd be a huge financial burden,"
the Pilger feeder said.

Alexander's feedlot houses 5,000
cattle worth millions of dollars.

One case of the nefarious disease
could force him to execute hundreds
of animals because the disease is so
contagious.

Ironically, the disease poses no
threat to humans and runs its course
in infected animals in a period of
months. Few animals actually die
from it.

But the disease is nearly 100 per-
cent contagious, forcing owners to
cull massive herds if they want to put
a lid on outbreaks.

Mike Fitzgerald, Nebraska
Cattlemen spokesman, said the
infectious disease could cripple
Nebraska.

"Cattle production means more
to this state economically than any

other," he said.

Nebraska feeds for slaughter as
many cattle as Texas does, he said.

But Texas supports several other
industries, including the profit-rich
energy production sector, he said.

On the other hand, he said,
Nebraska leans heavily on the beef
industry.

Therefore, Fitzgerald said, the
disease would damage the entire
state.

Nebraskans directly tied to cattle
production are acutely aware of how
vulnerable they are, he said.

"They want to make sure every-
thing that can be done is being
done," he said.

The Nebraska Cattlemen office in

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Lincoln has fielded several calls from
livestock owners who want to know
what the state is doing to protect
livestock, he said.

Sen. Ben Nelson also wanted to

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