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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.

Derek Lippincott/DN



## MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

### 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 Ewan'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.

STORY BY  
**CHARLIE KAUFFMAN**  
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## 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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## 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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  
spend it.

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

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## 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

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