1048-05-187 Benjamin J Braun* (braun@ms.uky.edu), Dept of Mathematics, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506, and Richard Ehrenborg (jrge@ms.uky.edu), Dept of Mathematics, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506. The Complex of Non-Crossing Diagonals of a Polygon.
Given a convex polygon P with n vertices, it is well known that there is an associated simplicial complex $\mathrm{T}(\mathrm{P})$ with vertices given by diagonals in P and facets given by triangulations of P . A theorem of C . Lee states that $\mathrm{T}(\mathrm{P})$ can be realized as the boundary complex of a polytope called the associahedron. We will investigate the topology of $\mathrm{T}(\mathrm{P})$ for non-convex polygons using tools from discrete Morse theory. This work is joint with Richard Ehrenborg. (Received February 06, 2009)

