



Nelson, left, and her daughter, Meri, work together at the computers.
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Student parents...

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up her son, gets everybody dressed and to day care in time to make it to her 7:30 a.m. class.

All of her studying must be done between classes because she needs the evenings to spend with her children.

"I feel overloaded a lot of times — like I've spread myself too thin, but then I ask myself, 'Where will I be if I don't go to school?'" ...

Two women. Two students. Friends. Mother and daughter.

Nette Nelson and her daughter, Meri Blaylock, started at UNL in the fall of 1980 and graduated in the summer of 1983 — together. Nette went on to Harvard for a master's in public administration. Meri began work on her master's at UNL in cartography.

"Two people either grow together or they grow apart," Nette said.

Nette and Meri shared the experience of college, something few mothers and daughters do. "I learned to walk in her

moccasins for awhile, and she had to put up with me succeeding in her world for awhile."

We moved from a parent/child relationship to a peer relationship...and became best friends, Nette said.

In the beginning, however, there were doubts. Anxiety. Insecurity. She wondered about fitting in, being herself, revealing herself, succeeding. She worried about what her fellow students might be thinking.

Nettie soon developed a partnership with her fellow students. They asked her for advice, and helped her lose her "formal approach to living."

"It took them a year to get me into jeans." It was difficult to go from a structured 8-to-5 job with a regular paycheck to no foreseeable income for four years.

Nettie said she was happy to tell her story because "if we're succeeding, it's going to touch persons with the same apprehensions."

Kerrey budget...

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- \$7.6 million for economic development, an increase of \$5.3 million or 234.5 percent.
- \$211.1 million for elementary and secondary education, an increase of \$18 million or 9.3 percent.

Kerrey said he had to cut agency requests by about \$100 million to arrive at his recommended budget. He said since Nebraska currently has a deficit of about \$36 million, he personally would like to see the state's tax base broaden to raise revenue more. He said he does not think he will cut spending further.

Kerrey said the deficit would be erased by the time the fiscal 1985-86 budget goes into effect. He will announce how the state will finance the proposed budget after the State Economic Forecasting Advisory Board meets Dec. 20 to predict revenue for that year.

Three of Kerrey's four main priority areas — NU's student contracts and scholarships, economic development and water — may receive an extra \$3.3 million each through the proposed Nebraska Future Fund. The \$9.9 million for this fund would come

from the 8-cent cigarette tax currently collected by the federal government.

must decide whether it will repeal that tax. If it does, Kerrey said he wants it to become a state tax and use it for his proposed priority areas.

The budget process will continue after the Legislature reconvenes Jan. 9, 1985, and the Appropriations Committee proposes its own budget. Any group that receives state money may appear before the committee to "state its case" as NU will, Raglin said.

"Their's seldom mirrors the governor's," he said.

The Legislature then votes on the committee's proposed budget. A vote of 25 senators passes the budget.

"Obviously the university will try to narrow the discrepancy," Raglin said. University officials might achieve that through the Appropriations Committee or by talking to Kerrey himself, he said.

At the press conference, Kerrey said he proposed the budget in December so he could "take it to the people" and encourage debate.

Usually, the budget proposal is not announced until January.

Teen suicides...

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things that seem important, we often look into the faces of children and see a false maturity masking what in reality is fatigue, confusion and aloneness. We sometimes share too much of our adult world with those who will grow into it fast enough.

Our children must know that they can come to us for love and warmth and friendship and com-

fort. For understanding. For order. For the best possible answers we can give to the things that concern them most. The crisis of the American family is the real issue we must deal with, and it is in times such as these that we must realize, if nothing else, we need each other.

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Douglas...

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Douglas is charged with lying to that committee when he received \$32,500 instead of \$40,000, and with obstruction of government operations when he discussed an FBI letter concerning that agency's Commonwealth probe with Copple.

Copple testified Wednesday that he paid Douglas only when Douglas came to him and asked for money. Morrow noted that Douglas told Domina he did not like that payment scheme, and that

Douglas wanted to establish a specific pay schedule before working on the Timber Ridge lots. That property was not developed before the investigation, Morrow said.

Douglas' statements in the Domina/Miller report show that he said he also worked on some motels for Copple.

"There was always something coming up," Morrow quoted Douglas' testimony, "and periodically I would remind him (Copple) of it and he would pay me."

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