

**WEATHER:** Monday, partly cloudy and breezy. High in the 60s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows into the 30s. Tuesday, partly cloudy and cooler. Highs in the 50s.

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## Yost: Firm's choice underscores NU

By Amy Edwards  
Senior Reporter

John Yost, vice chancellor for research and dean of graduate studies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said Sunday that U.S. West's decision to locate its \$50 million research base in Colorado helped NU underline the research programs that need to be strengthened.

U.S. West Inc. chose Colorado as the site for its research center Friday afternoon.

Don Johnson, director of corporate information for U.S. West, said Friday that Colorado was the best choice for the company's need for a strong telecommunications program.

Yost said strengthening research areas will give the university the chance to help rebuild the state economy while "producing jobs to keep talented graduates here, and attract

and retain the high quality of faculty that are necessary to retain a high-quality university.

"The whole attempt gave us the opportunity to realize that we have entered an era where universities have to be externally oriented," Yost said.

Johnson said Colorado's strong compatibility between companies and university computer and telecommunications programs "turned out to be the best choice for this particular deal."

"However," Johnson said, "we have other fish to fry. Just because the other states weren't selected doesn't mean they are out of the running for other projects."

U.S. West decided not to discuss shortcomings of the other states or the ranking each state received in the selection process, Johnson said.

Johnson said U.S. West was impressed with all of the 14 states that

submitted bids for the research center, and will be "looking closely" at the other states for additional market bases.

U.S. West has not yet selected the site in Colorado for the research center, but Johnson said it probably will be placed between Boulder and Fort Collins to allow equal access to the University of Colorado and Colorado State University.

Don Hearth, associate vice president of research for the University of Colorado, said the Boulder campus's large telecommunications program and extensive master's program in telecommunications helped Colorado attract U.S. West.

Hearth said that Jack MacAllister, U.S. West chairman and chief executive officer, said there is a close similarity between research that will be conducted at the facility and programs

that are already going on at Colorado

universities.

"But MacAllister went out of his way to speak favorably of the other 13 states," Hearth said. "The thing that jolted the balance was the two universities and their education and research facilities in connection with what U.S. West is looking for."

Jim Bolick, media manager for Colorado State University, said the university worked with Fort Collins to emphasize the tie between research and the community to entice U.S. West.

In a press conference Friday, Gov. Kay Orr said U.S. West's decision only increases the point that NU must be boosted to the level of a first-rate research institution, the Associated Press reported.

Orr told AP the announcement underscores Nebraska's need to build our university system into a first-rate research university. Our

previously announced five-year research program of infusing \$4 million each year will allow us to move forward."

When U.S. West officials toured the state in August, Orr said she would increase research funds for the university. The Peter Kiewit Foundation of Omaha said it would provide a \$7.5 million grant for a link between NU and Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H.

The state spent about \$93,000 to try to persuade U.S. West to build the research center in Nebraska, AP reported. That included the cost of producing videos used to impress visiting U.S. West officials during their August visit.

"This was a highly competitive process, and, although Nebraska was not chosen, I am very proud of the efforts of the task force and all Nebraskans," Orr said.

## Sorority's display hit by vandals

By Amy Edwards  
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A Herbie Husker Homecoming display at the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority house, 1541 S St., was demolished early Friday morning.

Officer Larry Chamberlain of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police Department said a witness saw two men in a maroon, late-model Monte Carlo get out of the car, tie a rope around the display and pull it down.

Chamberlain said the witness gave UNL police a license number from the car.

"The license is our one real lead," Chamberlain said. "But just because someone gives us a license number doesn't mean we'll find out who did it. Witnesses sometimes change their minds about what they think they saw."

Shelly Wahl, Alpha Omicron Pi Homecoming chairman, said members have heard rumors about what happened, but will let the police take care of the vandalism.

The Herbie Husker figure was being built by Alpha Omicron Pi and the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

Wahl said the sorority has not yet decided whether to press charges. Wahl estimated the dis-



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Vandals destroyed a Homecoming display at the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority house Thursday night. Shelly Wahl and John Ehlers put up a sign in Herbie's memory.

play cost about \$150.

"It's not a lot of money," Wahl said. "It's just more discouraging than anything. A lot of time and effort was wasted in just one night."

Larry O'Donnell, president of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, said he didn't think pressing charges would be a big issue.

"Just finding out who did it would be enough for us," O'Donnell said.

Wahl said people asked her why no one was guarding the display when it was torn down.

"The thought never crossed my mind. We had never had a guard before and basically never felt like we needed one," she said.

## Student nuclear freeze group marches for peace

By Anne Mohri  
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While Nebraska football fans made their traditional trek to Memorial Stadium Saturday, a group of high school students gathered outside the stadium to encourage world peace.

"We're youths for a nuclear freeze, they're adults for football," said Michelle "Emo" Sybert, a member of Youth for a Nuclear Freeze and Lincoln High School student.

Sixteen members of Youth for a Nuclear Freeze marched Saturday morning from Broyhill Fountain to Memorial Stadium singing "This Land is Your Land," carrying signs and passing out fliers to demonstrate Seven Minutes of World Peace. At noon, the group stood in a circle and held hands in silence.

This event was celebrated simultaneously by organizations worldwide, said Charlie Hammer, president of the organization and a senior at Lincoln High.

Hammer said he didn't know why seven minutes was chosen.

"We use this as a reason to demonstrate," he said.

Ruth Fink Winter, a Lincoln East High School senior and secretary of Youth for a Nuclear Freeze, said she got involved in the organization because she is concerned with the world's future and how her generation will be affected.

"I just believe in peace, and it was something I could do," Fink Winter said.

Jeff Beaty, a senior at Lincoln Southeast High School, said spreading the event's message is important.

"Our goal is to inform people," Beaty said.

Youth for a Nuclear Freeze was founded five years ago by Andrew Broman while he was a student at Lincoln High.

The group has more than 150 members from local high schools. It meets weekly at the Unitarian Church.

The group at first was concerned with issues concerning nuclear weapons and nuclear-freeze promotion.

But the group has branched out to cover issues concerning the environment and Latin America, Hammer said.

"We don't have an official position on Nicaragua," Fink Winter said. But she said the group, for the most part, is against the United States giving aid to the Contras.

She said the group consists of many debaters who are researching Latin American issues

because many people do not know what is going on in that area.

The Verity, the newsletter Sybert puts out, is distributed by the members in their respective high schools.

The newsletter articles are about current events relating to the organization's main issues and other peace issues, Sybert said.

Sybert said the group would like to increase the newsletter's distribution area, but can't afford to.

Sybert said a friend gave the newsletter's staff access to a computer for the newsletter, but the group must pay for the computer paper and copies.

The members do not want money from sponsors, Sybert said, because they do not want to be affiliated with anyone.

"We want to be independent," she said.