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**MONDAY**

63/40  
 Partly cloudy and cooler today. Highs in the lower 60's. Tonight partly cloudy. Tuesday more of the same.

## Students analyze candidates' performances

### College Republicans take 8-hour trek to vocalize support for Bush ticket

By Alan Phelps and Dionne Searcey  
 Senior Editors

Trent Steele, born Dec. 16, 1971, groaned when he read his horoscope Sunday: "Avoid political discussions today, no matter what candidate you back."  
 "It's ironic," said Steele, president of the UNL College Republicans. "I hope Bill Clinton is a Sagittarius."  
 Steele and 56 other College Republicans from Lincoln, Kearney and Crete traveled to the presidential debate Sunday in St. Louis. Before the crack of dawn, the Republicans armed themselves with Bush/Quayle stickers,

posters and ideology and climbed aboard two chartered buses.

The trip, paid for by the national Bush/Quayle campaign, took the Republicans eight hours away from Lincoln. Students passed the time playing cards, sleeping and trying to persuade the bus driver to vote for Bush.

Despite the monotonous bus ride and astrological warning, Steele said the trip was worth it.

"Usually young people are asked to stuff envelopes and make phone calls, but it's really nice to cut loose once in a while and

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### Clinton, Perot supporters say Bush non-threatening in presidential debate

By Shelley Biggs  
 Senior Reporter

With hopes of their favorite candidates taking the winning ticket Nov. 3, students supporting Bill Clinton and Ross Perot watched them square off against President Bush Sunday night in the first presidential debate.

J.P. Caruso, national vice president of the Young Democrats of America, said he thought Bush was trying to defend himself and his administration throughout most of the debate.

"Bush is in denial," Caruso, a junior political science and history major at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said. "He is acknowledging that there are no problems out there."

John Hiffenan, a student volunteer for the Perot campaign, said he saw Bush as "timid" next to the other two candidates.

"I think it went about as I expected," Hiffenan, a junior history major at UNL, said. "Clinton did a good job, Bush was timid, and Perot was straightforward."

Both Hiffenan and Caruso agreed that Bush appeared non-threatening during the debate.

Caruso described Perot as a "nonentity" in the debate and as an "unknown quantity" in the race for president. He said he

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Michelle Paulman/DN

Protesters march from Broyhill Plaza to the State Capitol Friday in an effort to make people aware of the plight of Native Americans since Christopher Columbus came to America. Today marks the 500-year anniversary of his landing in the New World.

## Columbus Day legacy goes on trial

### Native American students protest traditional holiday

By Jeff Zeleny  
 Staff Reporter

Native American students marched to the State Capitol Friday to educate people about the 500-year lie centering on Christopher Columbus, a student leader said.  
 Marcella Gilbert, vice president of the University of Nebraska Inter-Tribal Exchange group, said the rally, which started at Broyhill Plaza, was organized to make people aware of the plight of Native Americans since Columbus landed in America.  
 "The focus (of the rally) is on education," said Gilbert, a sophomore education major. "We need to start telling the truth. We need to be recognized for our contributions."  
 Today marks the 500-year anniversary of Columbus' landing in America. Many histori-

ans credit him for discovering America, but Native Americans disagree.

Helen Long Soldier, a multicultural affairs counselor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said Native Americans discovered America.

And Columbus wasn't a great person; he was looking for gold, not a country, she said.

"History is based on untruths," she said. "People need to be told that."

About 40 people, some carrying signs saying "Ban Columbus Day" and "Put the Columbus Legacy on Trial," listened to speakers from the Sioux Falls Reservation and UNL officials before marching to the Capitol.

"There has been much hatred and guilt that has made up the last 500 years," said Vince Two Eagles, a member of the Sioux Falls Reservation.

"Today we are struggling with the results of a good idea gone bad," he said. "The Europeans came, maybe with good intentions. Now it is up to us brothers and sisters to practice teachings; we can't just talk about them."

Native American students are angry about Columbus Day celebrations, Long Soldier said, and should not be expected to participate in them.

"Asking Indian people to celebrate Columbus Day is like asking Jewish people to celebrate the Holocaust," she said.

Eric Jolly, assistant to the chancellor and director of diversity and affirmative action at UNL, said a lack of education existed about what Native Americans represented.

"Our culture hasn't stood still the way it has been portrayed," said Jolly, a member of the Cherokee Nation.

Efforts are being made to better educate UNL students on Native American history, he said.

For example, Jolly said, the College of Arts and Sciences is considering a proposal to create classes focusing on Native Americans as well as other minority groups. Discussion on the proposal will begin Nov. 2, he said.

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## Regents approve purchase of UNL computer system

By Andy Raun  
 Staff Reporter

The NU Board of Regents gave UNL the go-ahead Friday to purchase a computer student information system selected by central administration.

The regents voted 7-1 to authorize James Van Horn, NU interim vice president for busi-

ness and finance, and Jack Goebel, UNL vice chancellor for business and finance, to negotiate a contract with Systems and Computer Technology Corp. of Malvern, Penn., for the purchase of the IA/SIS Plus system.

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and chairman of a campus task force set up more than two years ago to select a student information system, told the regents they should choose a different system.

Griesen's group had recommended the purchase of a system manufactured by American Management Systems of Arlington, Va. UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier had endorsed that committee's recommendation.

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## Regents accept proposed KFAB radio contract

By Andy Raun  
 Staff Reporter

Live radio broadcasts of Nebraska football and men's basketball games will likely continue originating from KFAB-AM radio in Omaha after a Friday vote of the NU Board of Regents.

The regents voted to approve a proposal from Henry Broadcasting Co., KFAB's parent company, for a new three-year contract. KFAB has been the flagship of the Nebraska Football and Nebraska Basketball networks since 1983.

The San Francisco-based company's proposal calls for the company to pay the University of Nebraska-Lincoln \$825,000, plus 10 percent of its gross receipts in excess of about \$2 million, for next year's broadcasting rights. The amount of the rights fee and revenue-sharing percentages will be adjusted in the other two years according to the Consumer Price Index.

UNL will have the option to renew the

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