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*Les Exodus, Bigga and 311 took the stage at a sold out Nebraska Union show.*



**Monday**

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Today, partly sunny with a chance of thunderstorms. Tuesday, mostly sunny and dry.

## Weekend rallies give Capitol steps a workout

### 100 gather to recall march led by King

By Ann Stack  
Staff Reporter

On Aug. 28, 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. led a historic civil rights march to the nation's Capitol.

On Saturday, almost 100 people came together at the Nebraska Capitol to show that his dream was still alive — but had not yet been realized.

"It's 30 years later, and we're examining some of the same problems today, such as jobs, justice, peace, health care, education and family," said John Ways Sr., president of the Lincoln branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"It's not just a civil rights march; it's about turning our priorities around," he said.

Ways said people needed to take an active interest in civil rights in order to show politicians the concerns weren't limited to one racial group.

"It's a national issue, not young or old, black or white," he said. "We are all part of one body, and if one part of that body isn't functioning, then the whole system is thrown."

Lincoln resident Gerald Henderson has been part of the civil rights body since 1957, when he joined the NAACP.

Henderson marched to Washington for civil rights in 1963 and again in 1983. He said the marches were unified, with everyone on the same quest for equality. "There was a feeling of camaraderie you can't explain; we were all there for the same reason," he said.

Henderson said the same sense of unity could be felt at Saturday's rally. The local march was important, he said, because it brought together people of many ethnic backgrounds.

"We have been placing too much emphasis on the differences between people," he said.

"People should be able to feel they can go up to anyone and start talking and the friendships shouldn't end here." Janis Walker, president of the YWCA's board of directors, agreed the goal of racial and ethnic equality was one to keep striving for.

"In the 1960s we were energized by a dream. Now it's the '90s and we're tired of the work, but we have a vision of peace, justice and unity for all," she said.

Linda Morgan, president of the Afrikan People's Union at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said, "One man's dream made it possible for people to judge me on the intellect I speak, not the color I wear."

Charles McClendon, APU's first vice president, gave a passionate rendition of King's "I Have a Dream" speech, reminding the crowd of the message they were there to celebrate.

Not everyone at the march was making a statement. Some were there to hear a message.

UNL sophomore Jason Reitmeier said he

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Charles McClendon, a junior finance major at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, recites part of Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous speech, "I Have a Dream" Saturday morning at the State Capitol Building.



Dan Williams (right) and Henry McWilliams Sr. join hands and sing together on the steps of the Capitol during the NAACP "I Have a Dream" rally Saturday morning.

### Motorcyclists rev up to oppose helmet law

By Jan Calinger  
Staff Reporter

About 150 motorcyclists rolled into Lincoln at 2:45 p.m. Saturday, and none were wearing state-law-required motorcycle helmets.

The motorcyclists joined about 25 others at the steps of the State Capitol to protest Nebraska's mandatory motorcycle helmet law.

John F. Aman, attorney for the motorcycle rights group ABATE, the American Bikers Association for Teaching and Education, said the motorcyclists started at Waco and rode to Lincoln.

The motorcyclists obtained a parade permit that took effect at the Highway 77 bypass. Once there, cyclists were allowed to remove their helmets until they reached the Capitol.

Terry Schulz, head of the Nebraska Motorcycle Coalition, said the rally was not intended to debate the protective value of helmets but to debate whether or not the government should be able to force motorcyclists to wear them.

"This is not an issue of whether helmets are good or bad," she said. "It's an issue of whether government has a right to intrude in your personal life."

Even so, she said, helmets weren't always as effective as the general public believed them to be. Schulz said a brochure distributed by ABATE of Nebraska says the Department of Transportation found no evidence that helmets reduced injuries in accidents where the motorcyclists were driving more than 13 miles per hour.

The rally started at 2 p.m. with voter registration and a petition drive to repeal state helmet and seat belt laws. Supporters could also sign a "petition protection" petition that would prohibit the Nebraska Legislature from reinstating laws repealed by other petitions.

Nebraska's mandatory seat belt law, which was repealed by petition in 1986, was reinstated by the Legislature this year.

In a show of support to repeal the helmet law, some cyclists rode all the way from Waco without helmets. Tony Tipitilli, 35, of Waco said he was pulled over by a state trooper outside of Seward for riding without a helmet.

"There were others without helmets," he said. "They picked me out of a crowd."

Aman said he would use Tipitilli's ticket as a "test case" to determine whether it was constitutional to stop a rider without a helmet if the rider was not violating any other laws.

Nebraska law enforcement officials cannot stop an automobile driver for not wearing a seat belt, but they can stop a motorcyclist for not wearing a helmet.

Warren Sheehey of Freedom First of Nebraska said he thought helmet laws didn't fit the image of American freedom.

"The fact that (legislators) pass laws like

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## Massengale temporarily halts new consulting position

By Steve Smith  
Senior Reporter

UN President Martin Massengale put the brakes on William Nester's new consulting assignment Friday, amid controversy about the former UNK chancellor's role in the system.

Joe Rowson, a University of Nebraska spokesman, said Massengale would present an alternative proposal regarding Nester at the NU Board of Regents' meeting Sept. 10.

Rowson said Massengale decided Friday to stick to the proposals of Regent Don Blank, of McCook. Blank raised questions last week in a letter to

Massengale about Nester's agreement with the NU president.

The regents wanted a more specific description for Nester's new position, including, if necessary, an assignment-by-assignment synopsis of Nester's next six months, Rowson said.

Nester, who now lives in Cincinnati, retired from the University of Nebraska at Kearney's top post Aug. 15. He began working full time out of Cincinnati about two weeks ago as Massengale's special assistant.

Nester's consultant job evoked an outcry from several regents who wondered whether his duties already were being performed by central staff em-

ployees.

Blank said last week that Massengale should reconsider the agreement and give the regents a more specific job proposal.

"Blank's suggestions are clearly reasonable, and we plan to follow his approach," Massengale said in a written statement. "There has never been any question that board of regent's approval would be sought and that I would make a recommendation regarding this proposal."

Some members of the Board of Regents have said they were upset by aspects of the agreement, including the amount of Nester's salary.

In a letter to Massengale Thurs-

day, Nester said he expected the NU president to stick to the original agreement, in which Massengale had requested Nester act as a NU system consultant for six months.

Nester would have been paid \$56,900 for the six-month job. The salary was equivalent to that he received in half a year as UNK's chancellor.

Regent Rosemary Skrupa, of Omaha, said she hoped the board could reach a compromise with Nester.

"What kind (of compromise), I don't know," Skrupa said. "But I think that's probably going to be in order."

Skrupa said Nester was "a brilliant man" who had "dedicated much of his

life to UNK and the NU system."

She said Nester's letter to Massengale gave strong indications that the former UNK chancellor still had a desire to work within the NU system.

"Judging from what I've seen (of the letter), it sounds like he still has the good will of NU on his mind," Skrupa said. "I think he still wants to be involved."

In a press release Friday, Massengale said he probably didn't provide the regents with enough information about Nester's job duties the first time around.

Nester could not be reached for comment.