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NU president-elect Dennis Smith talks with Nebraska Sen. Bud Robinson of Blair Tuesday morning inside the senate chamber at the Capitol building.

# President-elect continues visit Smith prepares for future here

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NU President-elect Dennis Smith continued his four-day Lincoln visit Tuesday, meeting with members of the Nebraska Legislature and various NU administrators.

The main goals of this week's visit — Smith's third to Nebraska — are to get familiar with the Office of the President and meet with senior University of Nebraska administrators and staff members.

Smith spent about 20 minutes in the legislative chamber Tuesday morning, visiting informally with

Sens. Chris Beutler of Lincoln, Bob Wickersham of Harrison, Janis McKenzie of Harvard, Don Preister of Omaha and C.N. "Bud" Robinson of Blair.

Smith was chosen as the fifth NU president in November and will take over for outgoing president Martin Massengale on March 1. Smith has served as executive vice chancellor of the University of California-Irvine since 1987.

He had an informal meeting Monday with Massengale. The talk was low-key, Smith said. "Some of it had to do ... with living in the president's house," he said.

Smith said he was excited about being president.

"I'm looking forward to interacting with lots of different people and moving the university forward,"

he said. "We're all on the same team."

When he arrives in March, Smith said, he will spend a lot of time with the chancellors of the four NU campuses, listening to their problems and concerns.

Smith also plans to prepare next year's budget and visit with each member of the NU Board of Regents.

"My goal is to make the University of Nebraska the best university it can be," he said.

Smith also met with Computing Services Network staff members Tuesday.

He is scheduled to meet today with the news media, Gov. Ben Nelson, the Ag Builders organization and representatives of the campus commissions on gender equity.

# Worlds of Fun to visit university seeking singers and dancers

Worlds of Fun will stop at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln searching for singers and dancers to perform during the 1994 season.

Representatives of the entertainment park will conduct auditions at 3 p.m. Feb. 1 at UNL's Nebraska Union.

Worlds of Fun is seeking players for a new country-music show and the rock 'n' roll of "Stax of Wax."

Singers must prepare and perform two songs of contrasting style, auditioning with one verse and one chorus from each song.

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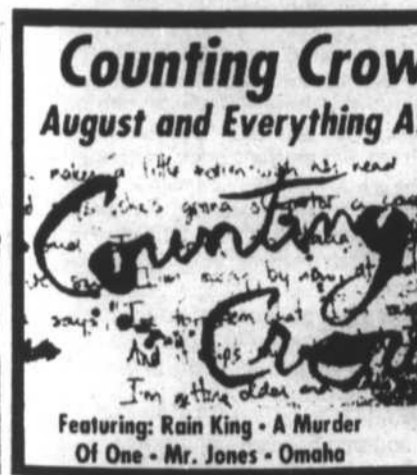
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