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WEATHER:

Today - Morning fog.
Cloudy. North wind 5
to 10 mph.

Tonight - Clearing. Low
in the upper 20s.



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Where they stand

Candidates offer insight on key issues

By Paula Lavigne
Senior Reporter

Two are musical, one is chemical. All have worked at land-grant institutions. Two have children, one has cats. All have a passion for college football.

And all candidates for the chancellor position at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln have confronted similar issues during their administrative tenure.

Thomas George, provost and academic vice president at Washington State University; James Moeser, provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of South Carolina; and John Kozak, provost at Iowa State University are all vying for the top spot at UNL.

They all have views on diversity, budget cuts, athletics, admission stan-

dards, technology, involvement and the three-pronged role of a land-grant institution.

On some issues they agree, on others their views are split.

George faced the issue of diversity head-on when a group of students stormed the offices at WSU and demanded he hire more minority faculty. That summer he hired 10 and plans to hire more.

Diversity is also a big issue at USC. "Almost 40 percent of our high school graduates are African American," Moeser said. "As one of the previously segregated universities of the South, we've led the way by working hard to recruit minority faculty."

Kozak said it was important to have a diverse curriculum that would expose students with isolated backgrounds to the world.

"Universities like Iowa and Ne-

braska are not like sitting in the middle of Manhattan," he said. "It is our obligation to provide students who come in a view of what the outside world looks like."

When it comes to admission standards, the candidates take three very different stances.

Moeser believes in raising standards and has done so twice in the past. George believes in high standards, but also wants access for students who show potential but don't meet the standards.

Access is most important for Kozak, he said, because it is the university's job to be an equalizer and educate students.

"You have to find a way where, in four or five years, you can take a student that has come from a back-

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Chancellor Watch



Here they come

Students, administrators, faculty and staff will have a chance this month to meet the three candidates for the chancellor position at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The candidates - James Moeser, provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of South Carolina; John Kozak, provost at Iowa State University; and Thomas George, provost and academic vice president at Washington State University - will visit campus in the next two weeks.

A open reception is scheduled for each candidate at 4:15 p.m. at the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery on these days: Kozak on Friday; Moeser on Nov. 21; and George on Nov. 22.

Each candidate will visit the campus for two days. During their visits, they will meet with NU President Dennis Smith and representatives from the Association of Students at the University of Nebraska and the Academic Senate.

They also will meet with community, business and agricultural leaders.

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SELLOUT SENSATION



Travis Heying/DN

Harry Connick Jr. performs before a sellout crowd Tuesday night at the Lied Center for Performing Arts.

Partnership will develop city economy

By Rebecca Oltmans
Staff Reporter

Lincoln has its fair share of one-stop services and convenience stores.

Now it has a "one-stop center for economic development," said Mayor Mike Johanns.

But this one-stop center, the Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development, isn't designed just for convenience.

It is designed to bring public and private sectors together for the economic development of Lincoln, said Paul McCue, chief executive officer of the partnership and president of the Lincoln Chamber Industrial Development Corporation.

The partnership brings together the unlikely partners of government and the private sector. It is made up of local business leaders, representatives from the Lincoln Chamber Industrial Development Corporation and city departments, including the mayor.

Part of its responsibility will be attracting new businesses and expanding existing ones. Both sides of the partnership can offer assistance.

McCue said the government side was important because it held the permits and land issues and knew all the rules.

"We need the government," McCue said.

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Workers sent home as shutdown continues

Local employees feel effects of disagreement

By Ted Taylor
Staff Reporter

Employees filed out of the Robert V. Denney Federal Building in Lincoln Tuesday after receiving temporary furloughs from their jobs.

At 11 a.m., nearly 800,000 workers nationwide were asked to leave their desks because President Clinton and Congress could not agree on a budget plan.

Robert Nickel, a federal archaeologist who has been employed in Lincoln since 1975, was one of the first people out the door.

"The exact reason for the shutdown has not been explained to me," he said. "And the reason to have people report to work just to be sent home is still unclear."

Federal employees came to work as usual Tuesday morning with the hope that an agreement would be reached.

Three hours later, Nickel said, supervisors gave him verbal notice of the shutdown, and employees were told they could go home.

"So we just got up and left," he said.

Mike Rowan, who works for the U.S. Department of Interior, said he was unsure why some federal employees came to work in the first place.

"I don't know why they had us come in and only work three hours," he said.

"There is nothing we can do," he said, shaking his head. "Politics are getting worse. We've got to balance the budget."

A television crew set up outside the east entrance of the building captured the expres-

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Lawmakers trade attacks, fail to reach agreement

WASHINGTON—With the Smithsonian's museums shuttered and federal workers sent home in droves, the Clinton administration and Republican leaders failed to reach accord on the budget Tuesday and sharply attacked each other over a partial government shutdown.

"At this time, I have to tell you we are at an impasse," White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta said after several hours of talks with GOP leaders ended without agreement.

With the shutdown less than one day old, however, Republicans moved to shelter certain politically popular programs from disruption.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich said legislation would likely begin moving "in the next day or two" to reopen facilities such as Social Secu-

rity offices, veterans' offices, passport facilities and possibly national parks.

Both sides seemed to be digging in, though, on the overall issue of getting the entire government back into operation.

"Let's say 'Yes' to balancing the budget, but let us together say 'No' to these deep and unwise cuts in education, technology, the environment, Medicare and Medicaid," Clinton said in an assault on the GOP budget priorities.

Gingrich quickly retaliated, saying Clinton was accusing the GOP of "phony cuts that do not exist." He said the president's own balanced-budget proposal would perpetuate deficits forever, and he challenged Clinton to help negotiate a seven-year plan to erase deficits "without baloney."

The first effects of the shutdown were felt as

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