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**WEATHER:**

**Today - Partly sunny & warmer. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.**

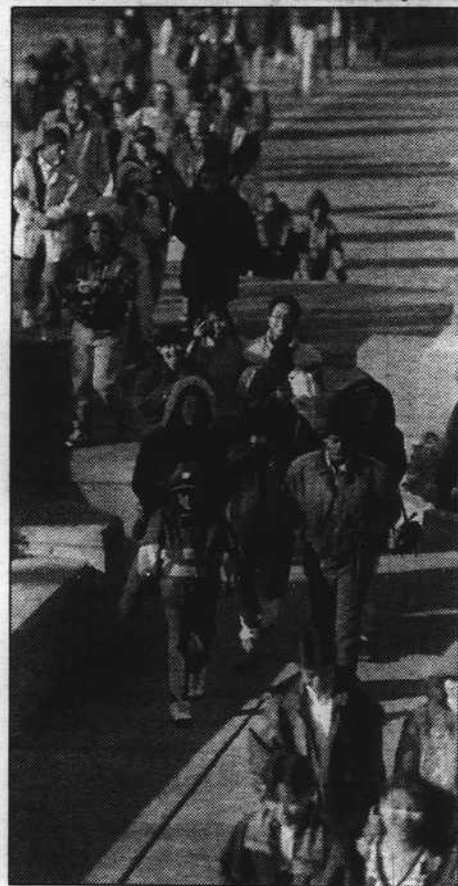
**Tonight - Partly cloudy. Low near 25.**

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Yohance Christie, a seventh grader at Irving Junior High, makes the "I Have a Dream" speech of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., as part of the Federal Holiday Commission's march and presentation Monday.

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## Marching masses

*Youth gather to celebrate King's message of unity, non-violence*

By Ted Taylor  
Senior Reporter

More than 300 people — most of them youth — braved cold weather and took a "day on" to march from the Lincoln/Lancaster County/City Building to the State Capitol for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

"A day ON, not a day OFF," read a banner the group carried to the Nebraska Legislature, where they gathered Monday to celebrate King's birthday and message of non-violence.

Lincoln NAACP Director Rick Wallace was surprised by the large number of people who braved the weather to participate.

"I'm tremendously pleased," he said. "With 9 degree weather, we thought the turnout would be low."

"But that just goes to show the need for interest and concern young people have for themselves and the community, too."

In the town-forum style rally in the East Chamber of the Capitol, adults and children took the microphone to tell what the slain civil rights leader's birthday meant to them.

"To get strength is to learn history," Jay Jeffers of Lincoln said. "Learn what your ancestors and your relatives went through."

And as King strived toward a nation undi-

vided and non-violent, Jeffers stressed the same point.

"There is nothing wrong with being in a gang because that means you are in a group," he said. "That's good."

"The only negatives come when you resort to violence."

Becca Walker, a sophomore at Lincoln Northeast High School, told the Daily Nebraskan she attended the rally to show people she cared.

"It's a day of celebration," she said. "He helped make it possible that we could all be here."

Wallace said the rally — sponsored in part by the Lincoln Youth Advisory Council, Consortium for Children and Youth and Sen. David Landis of Lincoln — was the work of the children.

"The youth were very instrumental in putting this together," Wallace said. "We only guided them."

He spoke on behalf of the Lincoln NAACP, saying the organization was inspired to see youth of all colors gathering on the special day.

"It's just a continuation of our mission since 1909 — the year the NAACP was founded," he said. "It gives us inspiration to know that we'll be able to see this continue."

## Clinton speaks from Dr. King's famed pulpit

From the Associated Press

ATLANTA — Preaching racial unity from Martin Luther King Jr.'s pulpit, President Clinton said Monday the slain civil rights leader would find his dream unfulfilled today.

"He would say to us, 'You've still got a ways to go,'" the president said.

"We have to continue to heal the racial divisions that still tear at our nation."

Clinton waited three hours to speak, visibly enjoying the memorial to the civil rights activist and Nobel Peace Prize laureate who

would have turned 67 this year. King was killed April 4, 1968.

Linking arms with King's son, Dexter, and wife, Coretta Scott King, Clinton sang "We Shall Overcome" and "Lift Every Heart and Sing."

Clinton laughed as comic Dick Gregory poked fun at House Speaker Newt Gingrich for complaining last year about having to leave Air Force One from the rear door. "You made him a Negro for a day," Gregory quipped.

In Indianapolis, GOP presidential candidate Sen. Dick Lugar of Indiana recalled the

night Robert Kennedy told a crowd in the state capitol that King had been killed.

"Crisis came in an awesome, horrible way that night," said Lugar, who was Indianapolis' mayor at the time.

Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas, front-runner for the Republican nomination, issued a statement denying that U.S. society is racist, but urging Americans to "swing open the doors of opportunity" for all.

"As we begin the second half of the last decade in this great American century, let us dream a dream together, once again," he said.

## Companies bid to broadcast Husker games

By Julie Sobczyk  
Senior Reporter

Three companies have tossed their hats into the ring for the exclusive rights to radio broadcasts of Nebraska Cornhusker athletic events.

Learfield Communications from Jefferson City, Mo., Great Plains Media from Elkhorn, and Henry Broadcasting of San Francisco, Calif., all entered bids to the University of Nebraska by Monday's 2 p.m. deadline.

Henry Broadcasting is the parent company of KFAB in Omaha, the flagship station that has broadcast Husker football and men's basketball games for more than a decade. The company's current contract, which began in 1992, expires in July.

KFAB has held exclusive rights to the games since 1983.

The university is asking a minimum of \$1 million per year for five years to broadcast football, volleyball and men's and women's basketball.

Paul Carlson, UNL interim vice chancellor for business and finance, said a committee of seven people would review the proposals this week.

The committee will rank the proposals and present them to the NU Board of Regents for approval, probably no sooner than March.

Although UNL was hoping for more bids, Carlson said he was not disappointed that only three proposals were turned in.

"I'm not upset by the number," he said. "It would be more difficult if we only had one. We had thought there would be more based on interest."

If the university is not interested in any of the bids, Carlson said NU could set up its own network.

## Commuters must wait for parking permits

By Melanie Brandert  
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Commuter students who still need parking permits this semester will have a hard time getting them.

Tad McDowell, manager of UNL parking services, said commuter permits for Area 20 and 21 lots sold out last Monday. He said 850 permits for this semester had been sold since last month.

"We had a pretty high demand for those," he said.

A majority of students were buying permits for the spring semester to replace their expired fall semester permits, McDowell said. Others purchased permits for both the spring semester and summer.

Because of the heavy demand for commuter permits, McDowell said, the parking office started a waiting list for those who still wanted to purchase a permit. McDowell didn't say how many students were on the list, but he said he expected it to fill up quickly by the end of this week.

Sales for other permits have been slow, he said. Compared to last semester, when 1,200 students were turned down for permits, the overall demand for permits this semester decreased.

"The initial demand for spring isn't as high in the fall, due to people quitting school, graduation and other factors," he said.

A change also was made this semester regarding shuttle bus transportation.

McDowell said a new shuttle bus stop was temporarily added at Husker Hall, 23rd and U streets. Residents indicated, through a survey conducted by the housing office, that they would

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