

## Four in a row

The Nebraska basketball team continued its four game win streak by beating Big 12 Conference foe Missouri 76-53 Saturday night. PAGE 7



## A Perfect 'Portrait'

Nicole Kidman turns in a magnificent performance as Isabel Archer, a woman facing oppression in the film "The Portrait of a Lady." PAGE 9

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Partly sunny, high 53. Cloudy tonight, low 32.

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## Man suffers brutal attack on Saturday

From Staff Reports

A 28-year-old Hispanic male was found beaten and stabbed at 2:52 a.m. Saturday in the alley between 20th and 21st streets and Holdrege to Dudley streets.

Lincoln Police Capt. K. Koluch said the victim was "extremely intoxicated" when police found him. The victim said he had been attacked by five Hispanic males.

Lacerations, cuts, abrasions and bruises were found on the victim's face, head and body, Koluch said. The victim was taken to Lincoln General Hospital and admitted for surgery, she said.

No wounds were life-threatening and no arrests have been made regarding the incident, she said.

The victim, who wore a brown coat and blue pants, was reportedly knocking on doors in the area prior to being found in the alley by police, Koluch said.

## Regents argue Nelson's plan for NU budget

By ERIN GIBSON  
Senior Reporter

The NU Board of Regents clashed Saturday over whether to accept or fight Gov. Ben Nelson's recommendation to fund half the University of Nebraska's requested \$18 million budget increase for the upcoming fiscal years.

Regent Drew Miller of Papillion said the Board of Regents would be wise to accept the governor's recommendations. But NU President Dennis Smith said he would still seek full funding from the Legislature.

"We will be asking the committee to totally fund our request," Smith said. "We will continue to pursue that possibility."

The university's request is for an increase of \$18,392,801, for a total 1997-98 budget of \$350,745,958. The governor recommended a \$9,188,998 increase, for a budget of \$341,542,155.

Nelson's recommendation includes only partial funding of proposed spending increases on health insurance, faculty and staff salaries and several university initiatives. The governor recommended no increase on initiatives including the NU computing infrastructure.

Miller said the board should approach the Legislature with Nelson's recommendations.

"It sends a message to Nebraskans that, 'Hey, we're willing to live with some cutbacks,'" Miller said.

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DUY BUI, 11, carries a banner that reads, "Join Hands, Be Friends" Friday afternoon in a parade commemorating Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. The parade started in the Lincoln Children's Museum at 121 S. 13th St. and went through the downtown skywalk.

## Children celebrate a King

*Museum honors civil rights leader's life, work*

By ALEXIS THOMAS  
Staff Reporter

They marched. They screamed. They carried a banner and rallied around their cause Friday — all before nap time.

About 40 children gathered at the Lincoln Children's Museum, 121 S. 13th St., Friday afternoon to celebrate the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr., which is today.

Because public schools in Lincoln were closed Friday to observe King's birthday, museum administrators used the opportunity to let children come and celebrate the holiday and learn about the man through various activities.

Parents and museum administrators said it was important for children to learn the history and impact of King's words of friendship and acceptance.

"The message is that we can all be friends, that we can all work together," said Carrie Nunez, floor supervisor for the museum. "It's important for kids to overlook color and sex and continue doing that when they're adults."

Christophine Sterling, a Lincoln grandmother who attended the event with her two preschool grandchildren, said children should learn King's message when they are young.

"You need to know where you come from, so you can know where you're going," Sterling said. "They need to know what happened before and that all of us belong to the human race."

The museum chose the theme of friend-

ship and celebrated by making a banner, dancing, singing and joining hands on a parade through businesses and the downtown skywalks.

Dancers from the Malone Center, from 6 to 11 years old, provided entertainment with a message as they chanted and stomped to the words, "dedicate your mind, dedicate your soul."

But more than having fun, the children learned a valuable lesson.

"I learned about what he did. He's a good character. He's one of my heroes," said Phung Nguyen, a fifth-grader from Elliott Elementary School. "He had a dream that his four children could hold hands with white children."

Another fifth-grader from Elliott, Duy Bui, moved to the United States about a year-and-a-half ago from Vietnam. He said King's words of acceptance were important to him because it was hard for him to make friends after he first moved to Lincoln.

"It was hard for me to speak English, but now I know," Bui said. "(King's) a good man. He loved children, and he helped everyone be friends."

More people than the children said the holiday was important. Michael Cates, program coordinator for the Malone Center, said black leaders like King should be taught about and remembered more than once a year.

"I think it should be done every day, more often than just on his birthday," Cates said. "Kids need to know about his role in seeing that racism is deleted."



SAMANTHA SMITH and other members of the Malone Dance Squad perform at the Lincoln Children's Museum Friday afternoon. Dancers' ages ranged from 6 to 11 years old.