



In the spotlight

NU women's basketball player Sheila McPherson had an impressive showing in her final home game, scoring a career high against Iowa State. **PAGE 7**



Coming up 'Rosewood'

John Singleton's new based-on-a-true-story drama "Rosewood" tells the tale of a town confronted by racism at its worst. **PAGE 9**

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Partly sunny; high 44. Flurries tonight, low 22.

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BEER

FROM A PINT TO A KEG, A TRADITION FOR 6,000 YEARS



SAM SPILKER holds a keg of his Monkey Wrench beer in his Spilker Ales microbrewery in Cortland. Monkey Wrench, a copper-colored ale, is served in various Lincoln bars.

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Home brewers tap into Nebraska

Editor's note: This is the second in a five-part series about beer: when to drink, where to drink and how to make your own.

By **ERIN GIBSON**
Senior Reporter

It doesn't take a lot of skill to notice something's brewing near Lincoln.

It's written all over draught taps downtown and has slipped across the lips of hundreds of revelers.

But the new beers and ales brewed in Nebraska do take skill to produce, and they have produced a new breed of skilled craftsmen in the state.

One such craftsman is 25-year-old Sam Spilker, founder and owner of Spilker Ales in Cortland.

Spilker produces Monkey Wrench, a smooth, copper-colored ale, behind an aging storefront on Cortland's small main street. He sells the brew in kegs to eight downtown bars, including Duffy's Tavern, Woody's Pub, the Main St. Cafe and Yiayia's Pizza Beer & Wine.

There are no bottles yet or any shiny labels. Those are too expensive for the 1993 college graduate

who began selling his ale last December.

There are no rows of steaming kettles to hold large quantities of brew, and there is no large payroll. Spilker Ales is a one-man business.

Spilker said he spent years tweaking his ale before introducing it to the Lincoln market. He wor-

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Smith pitches for tech funding

Legislature

By **BRIAN CARLSON**
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An explosion of technology jobs combined with expanded academic programs will give Nebraska unique economic opportunities, NU President Dennis Smith said Monday.

Smith appeared in front of the Legislature's Appropriations Committee to request \$23 million in state funds for construction of a building in Omaha to house educational resource programs, including a distance-learning site.

"No longer are states limited by their geographic circumstances; the most important economic advantage of the next century will not be location near a port or an abundance of natural resources — it will be knowledge," he said.

"Nebraskans are ready to take advantage of this change, which plays to their strength, and they want their public schools and university to be ready as well."

Smith's request, contained in LB386, marks the next step in the ongoing development of the College of Information Science and Technology on land donated by First Data Resources for an extended campus at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Two-thirds of the project's funding — \$47 million — will be provided by private sector donations.

The primary focus of Smith's Monday testimony was the development of distance-learning technology, which would increase statewide access to education programs in technology fields.

LB386, which is part of Gov. Ben Nelson's budget requests, was sponsored by Speaker Ron Withem of Papillion.

Although Withem was constitutionally required as speaker to introduce the governor's budget legislation, he agreed with Smith about the measure's economic necessity.

"The funds for information technology are directed where the entire Nebraska economy will be going in the future," Withem said.

Sen. Roger Wehrbein of Plattsmouth, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, said the committee had already allocated the funds for the College of Information Science and Technology.

Wehrbein said the committee probably would take no action on the measure until late April, and would take it to the floor of the Legislature on May 5.

Three CBA dean candidates to visit UNL

By **ERIN GIBSON**
Senior Reporter

Three finalists to fill the position of dean of the College of Business Administration are scheduled to visit the campus in March, a university official announced recently.

Harvey Perlman, search committee chairman and dean of the NU College of Law, said the candidates will each visit the campus for interviews during the first three weeks of March.

The search committee recommended a list of final candidates to Chancellor James Moeser, who then accepted the list, Perlman said.

After the March visits, the decision "is really up to the chancellor," he said. The new dean will replace John Goebel, who has been dean of the CBA since January 1995 and plans to return to teaching in the college.

The finalists are:
■ Colin E. Bell, a professor of management sciences and the associate dean for administration and planning of the

College of Business Administration at the University of Iowa in Iowa City. He will visit UNL March 3 through 5.

He has held a host of administrative positions at universities, including chairman of the management science program at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

■ Lori S. Franz, a professor of management and the associate dean and director of graduate studies in business at the College of Business and Public Administration at the University of Missouri-Columbia. She will visit UNL

March 10 through 12.

Franz earned all of her degrees — a bachelor's, master's and doctorate — from UNL.

■ Dan L. Worrell, a professor of management and interim dean of the College of Business Administration at the University of Texas at Arlington. He will visit UNL March 17 through 19.

In the past, Worrell has been the chairman of management departments of the University of Texas in Arlington and Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C.