

# Face of campus ever-changing

While bricks fall from the face of Nebraska Union into a sandy, muddy pit of what used to be Memorial Plaza, the renovation of something so familiar symbolizes the acceptance of a university to change.

As with every new year, new students come and, with them, a new influx of ideas. The events that shape our year are reflected in those new faces and in ones more familiar.

The most noticeable progress — such as the Nebraska Union renovation and the gutting of Burnett Hall — was easy to see. But other less visible changes were just as important, such as the battle between the university and the Legislature for NU's funding.

While the Legislature was accepting of NU's request to fund the building of a technology college at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, it seemed to stand firm against funds for renovations in such eyesores as Richards Hall.

And the future didn't look any brighter when Gov. Ben Nelson recommended to fund only half of the university's \$18-million budget increase with the prediction that the Legislature would follow suit. From this will come an additional technology fee for students and possibly a tuition hike.

And while some were looking for justice in the Legislature, other eyes were looking for justice in the courts. In February, former NU wingback Riley Washington was acquitted of charges of second-degree attempted murder. After the jury deemed him not guilty, Washington was free to pursue a job with his UNL degree and take care of his infant son.



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But while Washington's name was redeemed, other NU football players still found themselves in trouble, including linebacker Terrell Farley, who was arrested on drunken driving charges in August and November, after which he was suspended from the football team. But Farley's suspension was not the only loss the Cornhuskers suffered.

The year's biggest loss came on Sept. 21, in Tempe, Ariz., near the end of the fourth quarter. Thousands of Nebraska fans watched in disbelief as their two-time national championship Huskers went down, 19-0, to Arizona State.

That defeat dashed hopes for a third national championship, which was cemented by a loss to Texas in December.

In a much more predicted loss, students, faculty and alumni said goodbye to something that has been a symbol of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for more than 35 years.

After the last spouts of water came from Broyhill Fountain in the fall, students were awash in memories of studying around, meeting at and dumping detergent in the

fountain.

Nebraska lost another fountain of knowledge after 35 years when Sen. Jerome Warner of Waverly passed away at age 69. Warner was known to be a diplomatic mediator between opposing senators and for carrying out the true dedication of a nonpartisan Legislature. The university also said farewell to some of its own, as administrators left for other institutions, stepped down or retired. Among them, University of Nebraska Medical Center Chancellor Carol Aschenbrenner and University of Nebraska at Omaha Chancellor Del Weber.

Weber transformed "West Dodge High" into a competitive university for business and information sciences after more than 20 years of service.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln also will be saying goodbye to Angela Beck, the women's basketball coach. In April, after 11 years at UNL, Beck accepted a position as head coach and assistant general manager of the American Basketball League's San Jose Lasers in California.

UNL also welcomed some new faces, including Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Richard Edwards and Lied Center Director Charles Bethea.

And next fall, the university will welcome even more new faces — more than 4,000 — as a new crop of students join the university in watching, awaiting and shaping its future.

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## Correction

An opinion column in Friday's Daily Nebraskan incorrectly stated the price of Beanie Babies at Nebraska Bookstore as \$9.95. The store sells the toys for \$4.95.

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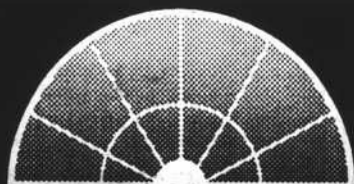
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