

# Nebraska among top in cancer screenings

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treatable stages. Of the 106 breast cancer cases detected, 40 percent were found in "stage zero" and the "bulk of the remainder" were detected in the two earliest stages, she said.

Gov. Ben Nelson, who is attending the Western Governor's Association Open Land Conference in Jackson, Wyo., said he was impressed with the results of the program.

"It is making a difference," he said. "And the hope is the expansion of the procedures continue into the future."

The national goal Nebraska has already met is that by 2000, 60 per-

cent of the women in the state 50 years and older will report having had both a mammogram and a clinical breast exam within the last two years.

In 1995, Nebraska was one of the first 12 states to receive the five-year, annual \$1.9 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A state legislative bill passed in 1995 that required insurance companies to pay for mammograms provided another \$25,000 to the program. Another bill passed in 1993 provided \$125,000 to help match the federal funds.

Each year, 300 women in Nebraska die from breast cancer.

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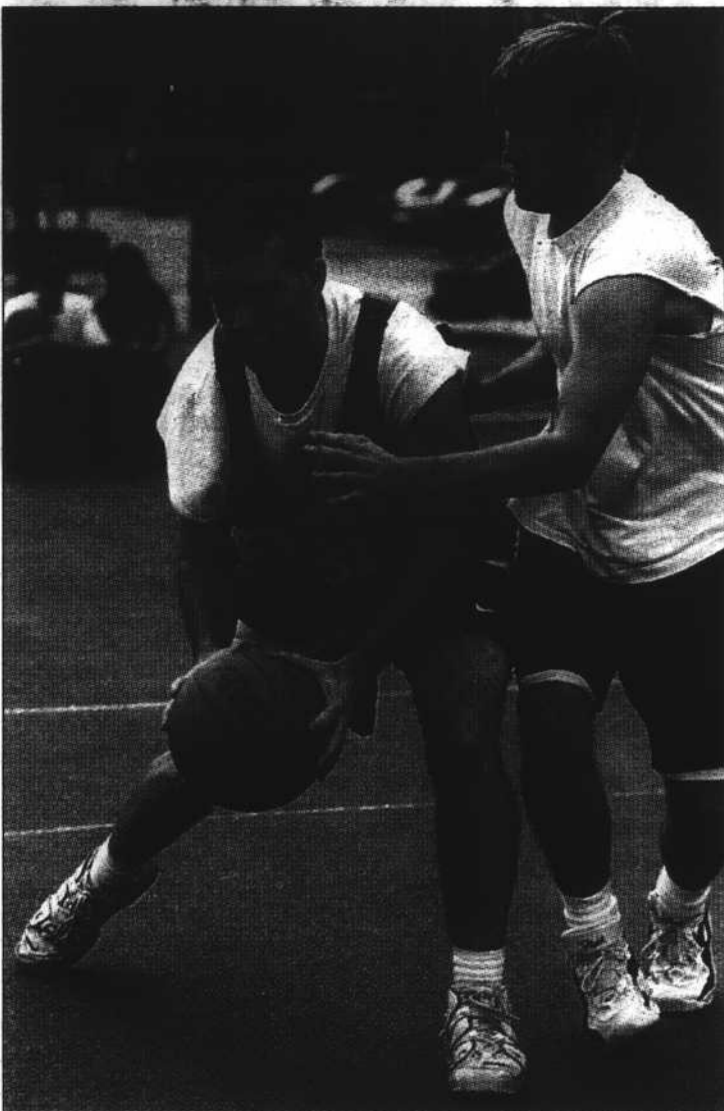
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**RYAN LAHNE, a sophomore management major, drives the ball past Nate Ritterbush, a junior pre-dentistry major, Saturday afternoon at the Shooting for Respect basketball tournament at the University Lutheran Chapel parking lot. The Alpha Gamma Sigma Fraternity beat Beta Theta Pi Fraternity for the championship. The event raised \$430 for the Rape/Spouse Abuse Crisis Center.**

# Nebraska case to clarify court ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court agreed Monday to use a Nebraska case to clarify when jurors in capital cases must be allowed to consider convicting someone of a lesser crime not punishable by death.

The court, acting a week before it officially begins its 1997-98 term, said it will study prosecutors' appeal of a ruling that, if upheld, would give convicted double-killer Randolph Reeves a new sentencing trial or change his death sentence to a life prison term.

Reeves, 41, was convicted of first-degree murder for fatally stabbing Janet Mesner and Victoria Lamm at a Quaker meeting house in Lincoln 17 years ago.

The trial judge refused to let jurors be told they instead could convict him of second-degree murder or manslaughter.

A three-judge panel sentenced Reeves to death for both murders; the Nebraska Supreme Court upheld his convictions and sentences.

The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in December 1996 that Reeves must receive a new trial or be resentenced to life.

The ruling was based on a 1980 Supreme Court decision that said a death penalty cannot be imposed if a jury was not allowed to consider convicting someone of a lesser offense that has elements included in the more serious crime.

In the appeal acted on Monday, prosecutors said the 1980 ruling does not require jurors to consider lesser offenses that do not include the same elements.

# Husker legacy immortalized

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but one of the players became dislodged during a traffic accident on Interstate 80 just west of Grand Island, Hoppe said.

A truck crossed a median and hit the truck carrying the sculpture, he said. Only one player in the statue was damaged, and the entire statue was taken back to the foundry to be repaired, he said.

The sculpture was modeled after a photograph taken by Richard Voges, a photographer for the Athletic Department, during the Nebraska-Kansas State game at Memorial Stadium on Oct. 22, 1995.

Hoppe said he chose the photo because it showed the whole team following through on a tackle.

"I looked at every photo for the past two years and nothing was comparable to the teamwork and determination of the chosen photo," Hoppe said. "It represents the whole teamwork attitude of Nebraska football."

Hoppe said many people suggested that he create a sculpture for the football team after its back-to-back national championships. He wanted to come up with an idea that covered the sport's legacy and not just one year or one individual player, he said.

Husker football has become an important part of Nebraska heritage



SANDY SUMMERS/DN  
**THE LIFE-SIZE statues of the NU football team's defensive players were placed in front of the east side of Memorial Stadium on Monday morning.**

and economy, Hoppe said. He said he hopes the tribute will help recruit students to UNL by displaying the pride Nebraskans have for their football team.

Hoppe will also be making 48-pound bronze replicas of the statue to be sold for \$1,831 - half of the price they would cost in art gallery, Hoppe

said. The replicas are 10 inches by 14 inches, or a tenth of the original sculpture's size.

Jack Pierce, director of athletic development, said fans have bought 14 replicas. A portion of the money will go toward supplies for the replicas, but the majority will go to the Athletic Department, he said.

# NU regents approve merger

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reducing medical costs, he said, and they intend to stay in the lead.

The new system will operate with one management team, which will set uniform medical services charges for the merging hospitals.

Louis Berger, Clarkson president and chief executive officer, will serve as the system's first president and

chief executive officer. Harold Maurer, dean of the UNMC College of Medicine, will oversee the system's academic and research functions, as well as UNMC faculty.

A 12-member board - split equally between UNMC and Clarkson representatives - will govern the new system. Regents elected the following NU board members Monday: Berndt; UNMC physician James Armitage,

who was also nominated as chairman of the board; Grand Island businesswoman Jan Thayer; James Massey, past board member of Western Regional Medical Center in Scottsbluff; Lt. Gov. Kim Robak; and Arlan Noddle, chairman of the University Hospital Board of Governors.

The merger settles a legal dispute that arose over a 1953 agreement between the hospitals.