

## Observed King holiday on agenda for senate

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"This idea has already been proposed at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, and students, staff and faculty are in favor of it," he said.

The senate will also discuss the newly revised post-tenure review proposal.

Darrell Nelson, dean and director of the agricultural research division and chairman of the post-tenure review committee, said he thought the new draft would be well-received by the senate.

"I think the primary issues that were raised by the senate have been addressed in this latest draft," Nelson said.

Faculty had questioned the review process, he said, and wanted to make sure the review process was

fair.

Nelson said this proposal is still a working draft, and the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Richard Edwards would most likely consider any more questions on it. "There is always the possibility that more changes could come up at the meeting," Nelson said. "There were a number of issues that faculty had with previous drafts, and those were taken into consideration and added to the proposal."

If the senate approves this proposal, it will be sent to University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor James Moeser.

Upon his approval, it will be sent to NU President Dennis Smith and the NU Board of Regents for their consideration and approval.

## Computer lab support faces nationwide decline

SALT LAKE CITY (U-WIRE) — Students going to computer labs at university campuses may be finding it more and more difficult to get help.

The Information Technology Association of America recently surveyed large and medium companies and found one out of every 10 computing jobs at information-technology companies is unfilled because of a nationwide shortage of suitable workers.

Colleges and universities may be having the toughest time in the shortage.

The primary concern among universities is having adequate computer lab support, the Sept. 5 issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education stated.

Fewer students are getting computer science degrees. In 1986,

about 42,000 people graduated with computer science degrees in the United States. But in 1995, only 24,404 people went through computer science programs, the U.S. Department of Education said.

The lesser number of students in the computer science field may be the least of university worries. Universities also must compete for well-educated lab technicians in the tightening market.

Many technicians are finding that using their talents in corporate America is much more lucrative.

David Hoisve, division head and manager of microcomputing at the University of Utah, said he doesn't necessarily look for someone with a degree.

He said he needs people in the labs who can really do things, not just manage the lab.

## Group to fight beef's image

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■ Funding new research in developing E. coli-resistant beef and in other means of fighting the bacteria.

But Schroeder said the problem facing Nebraska beef "certainly is, No. 1, a public relations problem."

Because a "very small portion of 1 percent" of all beef processed is contaminated, "we're hardly seeing the consumer at high risk," he said, adding that Nebraska's beef recalls have been overplayed in the press in relation to the problem.

Nebraska's recent E. coli woes began Aug. 12, when Hudson Foods recalled 20,000 pounds of frozen ground-beef linked to an E. coli outbreak in Colorado.

On Aug. 25, Hudson Foods recalled 25 million pounds of ground beef produced in its Columbus plant. As a result, Burger King dropped Hudson as its main supplier and IBP bought the Hudson plant.

Last Friday, BeefAmerica recalled more than 443,000 pounds of ground beef.

Although a rumor that South Korea could ban imported Nebraska beef looms over the state's \$4.3 billion industry, it remains Nebraska's largest, accounting for one of every seven private-sector jobs in the state. Nebraska also exports more beef than any other state nationwide.

"Beef is not the problem. Food is not the problem. E. coli is the problem, and that is what will be the enemy."

BEN NELSON  
governor

Although Nebraska is the nation's largest producer of beef, E. coli is a problem nationwide, and representatives who comprise the new committee will come from many states besides Nebraska, Schroeder said.

All 17 beef companies and groups that met Monday said they were willing to provide funding to combat E. coli with new research, he said. Any new research will be a multimillion-dollar and multiyear effort, and will result from a nationwide collaboration of the beef industry and state and national government.

The beef industry now has a combined budget of \$80 million for research, industry promotion and lobbying.

Nelson said the USDA also has shown interest in increasing funding to step up E. coli research efforts nationwide, and he plans to meet with

top agency officials next week regarding new research, its inspection and its continuing investigations of Nebraska plants.

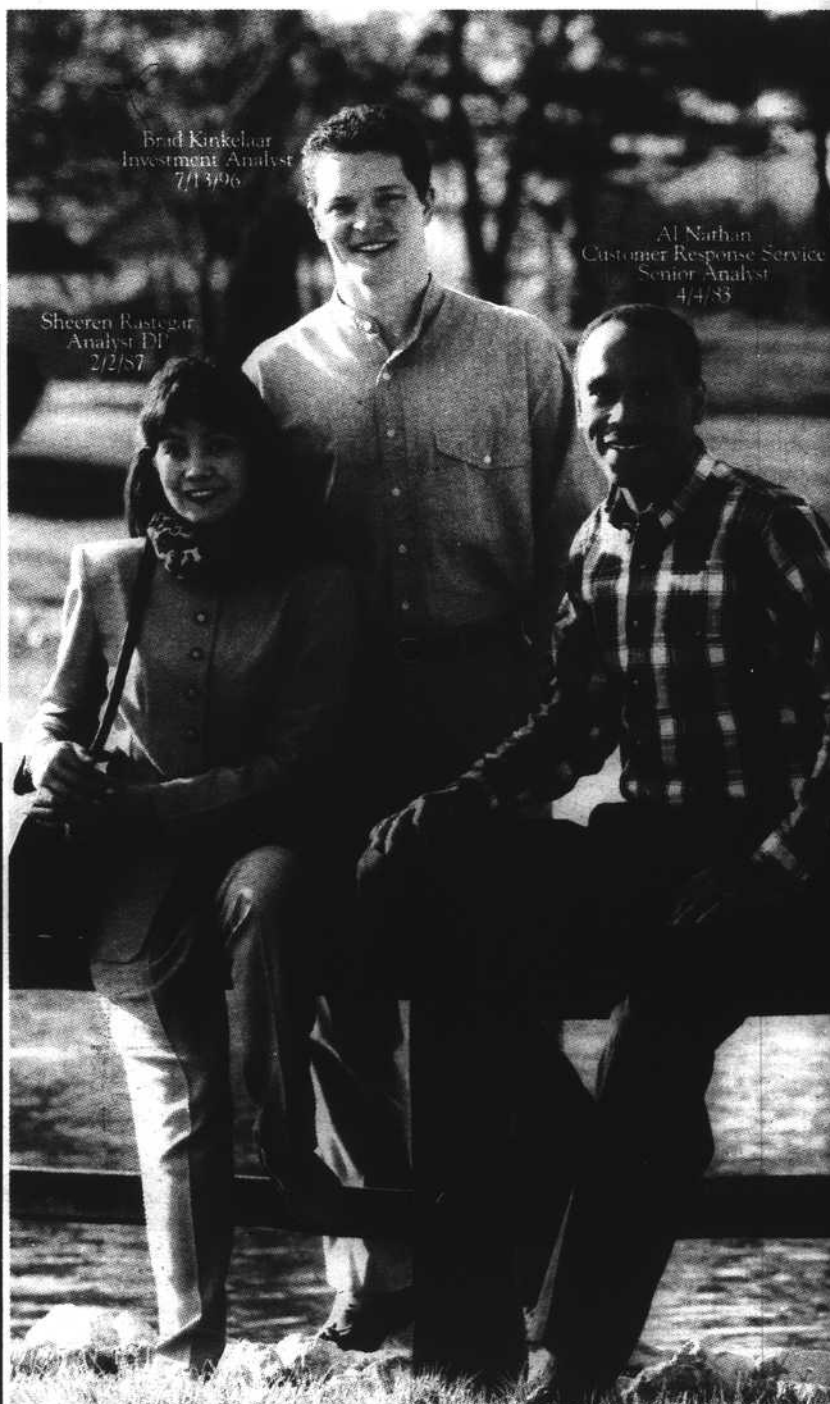
But he avoided committing new state funds Monday to research the bacteria.

Nelson said he had talked briefly Monday with NU President Dennis Smith, who is an expert in biotechnology, regarding possible locations and experts to conduct new genetic research to find E. coli-resistant beef.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Beadle Center could be a prime location for new biotechnology research in E. coli prevention and control, Nelson said.

Smith was not available for comment Monday afternoon on possible NU research.

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### CORRECTION

In the Monday issue of the Daily Nebraskan, the front page graphic was incorrect. Those seated in section 12, rows 67 to 79, and in row 41 of sections 13, 14 and 15 were the spectators whose views were obscured by other fans standing on bleachers below them. They did not stand on stadium bleachers.

### CLARIFICATION

The Society for Creative Anachronisms is the official title of the international organization of which the local chapter, Scholar's Keep, is a part.

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