

## Zero to one

Nebraska's defense posted a 29-0 shutout of Texas Tech Saturday and vaulted to the No. 1 spot in both The AP and USA Today polls. **PAGE 10**

## Sax with a twist

Kadri Gopalnath performs the Carnatic music of his native India with an accepted variation of the ancient style — the alto saxophone. **PAGE 15**

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THAT'S WHY THEY CALL IT THE BLUES ...

Cloudy and cool, high 53. Windy tonight, low 30.

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**UNL HISTORY PROFESSOR BENJAMIN RADER** holds the glove he used as a kid playing ball in southern Missouri. Rader's "Baseball: America's Game" has been called one of the greatest single volume histories of the game ever. SANDY SUMMERS/DN

BY TED TAYLOR  
Senior Reporter

## Double play

Baseball author,  
UNL professor  
reflects on  
America's  
pastime

Baseball is our game.

*"(It) has the snap, go, fling of the American atmosphere — belongs as much to our institutions, fits into them as significantly, as our constitutions, laws: is just as important in the sum total of our historic life."*

Those are the words of poet Walt Whitman.

*"Regardless of wars, economic catastrophes, natural disasters, or personal tragedies, the memories remain. In a world of seething changes, baseball continues to offer comfort and reassurance; it remains America's Game."*

These are the written words of Benjamin Rader.

A James L. Sellars professor of American history and sport at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Rader is also a baseball author and historian of sorts — a baseball historian who's not exactly historic and anything but a purist.

He is certain the Mark McGwires of today could hack it with the Mickey Mantles of old. He believes Hall of Fame pitcher Sandy Koufax had it easy compared to the shrinking strike zone and better athletes Greg Maddux faces today.

And he never really thought twice about Lou Gehrig's consecutive-games-played streak being broken by Cal Ripken Jr. two years ago.

He isn't bothered by the game and the players today because he takes heart that they evolved from the game and players of yesterday.

About the only problem he has with baseball right now (besides artificial turf) is the growing number of teams in the league.

"It's harder to keep up with the game mentally," he said. "When I was a kid, there were a zillion of us who could tell you everything about all the teams. That isn't the case anymore."

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## Regents

## Regents OK \$1.7 million deficit request

BY ERIN GIBSON  
Senior Reporter

Despite some dissent, the NU Board of Regents Friday approved the university's budget deficit request of \$1.7 million, which the Legislature will consider granting in its spring session.

The request, approved during the Regents' monthly meeting in Lincoln, consists of \$1.4 million to cover the university's tuition revenue shortfall, \$197,000 to maintain 55 acres of land in Ak-Sar-Ben that was donated to the university's Omaha campus and \$93,538 to pay operations and maintenance costs of new space in the Nebraska Union.

The regents unanimously approved funding for the union, but Regent Drew Miller of Papillion said the university should cover the remaining budget request.

"I think it's a big mistake to go back to the governor and the Legislature and the taxpayers and ask for money," Miller said. "Let's do some belt-tightening here."

Miller voted against the tuition revenue aspect of the request and abstained from voting on requesting maintenance funds for the Ak-

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## Oldfield, Bryan inducted into Hall of Fame

BY TED TAYLOR  
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The first American journalist to become a paratrooper leapt into the Nebraska Journalism Hall of Fame Friday, with two of the state's most important historical figures on his wing.

Living Nebraska journalism legend, Col. Barney Oldfield (USAF-ret.), along with Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Willa Cather and three-time presidential candidate William Jennings Bryan were added to the exclusive list of 39 journalists already in the hall.

And surprisingly, on Friday two of the three new inductees were on hand to accept their awards.

The journalist, whom more than 80 guests — including Gov. Ben Nelson and Secretary of State Scott Moore — expected to be there, called his induction "unbelievable."

"I wasn't even aware they had this thing," Oldfield said of the Hall of Fame. "But to go in with these other two is a staggering thing for me."

A Tecumseh native, Oldfield began his journalism career as a stringer for the venerable entertainment magazine, Variety, and as a sports stringer at The Lincoln Star.

His career took an accidental step forward in 1931 after receiving a free movie pass to see "The

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