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NU cross country freshman Kate Centerwall prepares along with the Huskers for Saturday's NCAA qualifying meet. PAGE 9

Merry-go-round

Making the most of life, Lincoln comedienne T. Marni Voss spreads the joy full circle with her gifts of gab and gait. PAGE 12

In With A Flurry
Flurries, high 30. Gusty wind tonight, low 20.

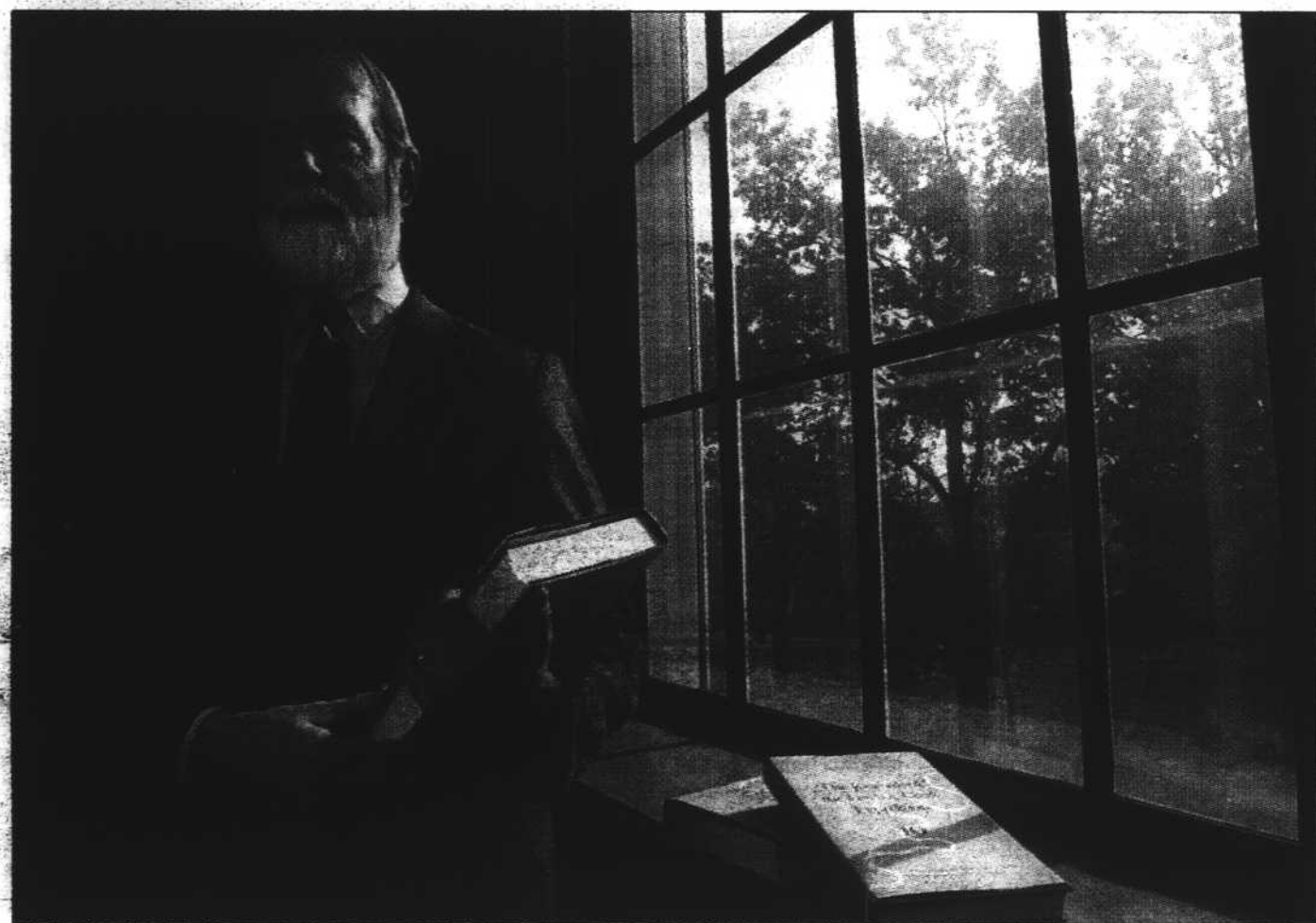
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Rave reviews Professor's work aids filmmaker



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UNL HISTORY PROFESSOR Gary Moulton's 11-volume edited series of *The Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition* is widely considered as the definitive collection of the two explorers' journey west. Moulton, who was consulted by award-winning PBS filmmaker Ken Burns during his production of a documentary on the expedition, was in Washington, D.C., Monday for a reception and special screening of the film with President Clinton.

By TED TAYLOR
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It took 193 years, but the Lewis and Clark Expedition finally stopped in Washington, D.C.

And it picked up UNL history professor Gary Moulton along the way.

Moulton, editor of an 11-volume, 5,000-page series called *The Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition*, was in the nation's capital Monday for a presidential private screening of Ken Burns' documentary on the subject.

"It was a great thrill," Moulton said Wednesday of the chance to meet President Clinton and tour the White House.

As a consultant to Burns during the making of the four-hour film, Moulton was invited to the screening by the award-winning filmmaker. It documents the 37-member expedition from St. Louis, Mo., to the Pacific Ocean.

The famous trek west, aided by the help of Indian interpreter Sacagawea, was the nation's first federally funded land expedition.

"Lewis & Clark: The Journey of the Corps of Discovery," debuted on PBS Nov. 4 and 5 and received the highest rating of any PBS film with the exception of Burns' 1990 epic on the Civil War.

Moulton, 55, said he was surprised by the president's interest in the expedition.

"He had looked into Lewis and Clark a little," Moulton said. "You didn't have the sense he was reading something a staff member had

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U.N. withdraws arms inspectors

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Refusing to let Iraq dictate who can inspect its weapons, the United Nations decided Thursday to withdraw all arms inspectors from Iraq after Saddam Hussein ordered Americans on the U.N. team out immediately.

But U.S. efforts to have the Security Council condemn the expulsion got bogged down in differences over the wisdom of withdrawing all the inspectors and a sudden, unrelated squabble between the United States and China over Tibet.

The decision to leave only a skeletal crew in Baghdad came after Iraq would not even let the six American inspectors stay until Friday, when they would have flown out with about 70 other weapons monitors.

Instead, the Americans, plus an unspecified number of other team

members, left Baghdad about 11 p.m. for a grueling overnight drive through the desert to Jordan. The Americans reached the border before daybreak Friday, and headed on to Amman, the Jordanian capital.

The chief U.N. weapons inspector, Richard Butler, also said U.S.-manned U-2 spy planes would keep flying over Iraq despite Baghdad's threats to shoot them down.

U.S. Ambassador Bill Richardson declared that Iraq was in "open defiance" of the United Nations. "I think there are going to be some serious consequences," he said, without elaborating.

In Washington, President Clinton pledged to deal "in a very determined way" with the expulsion of the arms

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Hoagland will not run

By BRIAN CARLSON
Assignment Reporter

Former U.S. Rep. Peter Hoagland announced this week that he won't seek to regain his old seat in 1998.

Hoagland, a Democrat who represented Omaha's 2nd District in Congress from 1989-95, had spent the past few weeks pondering another congressional bid.

He said in a statement that he and his wife, Barbara, made the decision in order to spend more time with their family.

"We are honored by the encouragement we have received from our many friends and supporters," he said. "It is with considerable regret, and only after careful and reflective thought, that we are deciding against it for now."

Hoagland was defeated in 1994 by Jon Christensen, who was re-elected in 1996. Christensen's deci-

sion to run for governor in 1998 had opened the door for a possible return to politics for Hoagland, now an attorney in Washington, D.C.

Hoagland called his years of public service in the Nebraska Legislature and the U.S. House of Representatives the "greatest professional honor of my life."

"But we are now deeply involved in a wonderful and demanding period in the life of our family: raising and educating our five children," he said. "As every parent knows, when children grow older, they take even more time and energy to outsmart."

Gary Randall, 2nd District chairman of the Nebraska Democratic Party, said a possible candidacy for Hoagland had been "an exciting possibility" and that this week's decision was disappointing.

"Certainly it is," he said. "Peter was a very good congressman, and he is a real viable candidate."

But Randall said the party respected Hoagland's personal deci-

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sion and said other strong candidates would step forward.

"It does open the way for other good candidates," he said. "We're looking forward to getting some fresh faces in the race."

Randall said Omaha attorney Bill Bianco is "ready to announce" a bid within a week.

He also said Chris McClean continued to consider a congressional run in 1998. McClean has worked in Washington, D.C., during the last 15 years as a staff worker for former U.S. Sen. James Exon and U.S. Sen. Bob Kerrey.

Three Republicans have said they will run for the 2nd District seat: Christensen's ex-wife, Meredith Christensen; Omaha City Councilman Lee Terry; and Brad Kuiper.