

## Top the Toppers

Paul Sanderford coaches the No. 21 Nebraska women's basketball team to an 84-70 win over his former team, 15th-ranked Western Kentucky, in the preseason NIT semifinals. PAGE 9

## Supremely extreme

While David Lee rocks Vegas, Sammy and his hair tour the Plains, stopping off tonight at Lincoln's own Pershing Auditorium. PAGE 13

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ALL THE LEAVES ARE BROWN, AND THE SKY IS GRAY  
Partly cloudy, high 50. Chance of rain tonight, low 27.

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## U.S. vows not to ease up on Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Refusing to trust Saddam Hussein, President Clinton said Thursday he would "wait and see" whether Iraq allows weapons inspectors to resume work. The White House insisted Saddam would not be rewarded for retreating and sent more military force to the Persian Gulf.

"This is not over," declared Sandy Berger, the president's national security adviser.

Three weeks after triggering an international showdown, Saddam suddenly revoked his ban on American weapons inspectors in Iraq. U.N. inspections chief Richard Butler said that if all goes well they would be back in business today.

Underscoring U.S. skepticism about Iraq, the Pentagon continued its buildup, dispatching F-16 and F-15 fighters, B-1 long-range bombers, refueling planes and soldiers to man Patriot air defense missiles.

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The White House insisted Saddam got nothing for backing down. Officials emphasized that the United States stood ready to veto any efforts by Russia or others to ease the United Nations' tough sanctions against Iraq.

"There is absolutely no understanding. There's no deal. There's no concessions," Berger said.

However, officials also said the United States would support increasing the amount of oil Iraq is permitted to sell to raise money to buy food and medicine.

While the United States asserted that Saddam had failed, the three-week crisis exposed divisions among allies about the use of force against Iraq. And once again it allowed

Saddam to assert himself on the world stage. But it also focused world attention on Iraq's efforts to acquire weapons of mass destruction.

The test of the allies' unity and resolve could come as early as Friday when a U.N. special commission meets to make arrangements for inspections. Russia, with some French support, may try to narrow the monitoring. Saddam has contended the U.S. inspectors were actually spies.

Clinton, at a prayer breakfast with religious leaders, said, "The United States must remain and will remain resolute" in preventing Saddam from developing nuclear, chemical or biological weapons. "In the coming days we will wait and see whether he does, in fact, comply with the will of the international community."

Iraq reversed course under an arrangement

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## Regents

## Richards renovation rests on vote

BY ERIN GIBSON  
Senior Reporter

A local architecture firm will begin designing renovations for Richards Hall — a building much publicized for its state of disrepair — if the NU Board of Regents Saturday approves the firm's fee of about \$600,000.

The renovation project, costing about \$8.5 million, would be one of the first two projects to begin under the university's deferred maintenance initiative.

During their 8:30 a.m. meeting in Varner Hall, regents also will consider whether to pay a separate architecture firm to design renovations for a University of Nebraska at Kearney building included in the initiative. Renovation of the UNK Combined West Center and the Communication Building will cost

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## City of lights



LANE HICKENBOTTOM/DN

CARS ZIP BY a waving snowman covered with Christmas lights Thursday night at Mahoney Park, 70th and Fremont streets. The park was the site of the Lincoln Lights, a professionally coordinated lights display. Mayor Mike Johanns flipped the ceremonial switch that powered the lights, which will be displayed until Jan. 4.

## Meeting to discuss King holiday

BY ERIN GIBSON  
Senior Reporter

A group of 22 faculty members will hold a town hall meeting today to develop a new proposal to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day on campus.

The group will present the new proposal at the Dec. 2 Academic Senate meeting.

All university members may attend the meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon in the Nebraska East Union. The meeting was organized in response to the Nov. 4

Academic Senate vote against canceling classes to observe the Jan. 20 King holiday.

Gargi Rosircar-Sodowsky, assistant professor of educational psychology and an event organizer, said meeting participants also will discuss whether to create a Faculty Diversity Watch team, which could swiftly address incidents on campus that threaten a diverse academic community. Since the Academic Senate meeting, many members of the university commu-

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## Bennett enters gubernatorial race

BY BRIAN CARLSON  
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Steve Bennett entered the Democratic race for governor Thursday, vowing to build on the efforts of Gov. Ben Nelson and to seek to continue the state's progress.

Bennett, a podiatric physician from Kearney, was scheduled to formally announce his candidacy Thursday night at a reception in Kearney. In an interview with the Daily Nebraskan, he said his campaign would focus on creating a more efficient state government.

"My message is that we can do better," he said. "During the last seven years Gov. Nelson has set the foundation for a moderate Democrat

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like myself to lead the state into the 21st century.

"We will continue that and take the next steps to do better."

Bennett described himself as a "pro-education, pro-business" candidate committed to reduced taxes and a smaller role for government. He also said health-care issues will be important in the 1998 campaign.

As a member of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Coalition for Health Care Reform dur-

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