

Double trouble

Nebraska's Venson Hamilton recorded his third double-double of the season as Nebraska defeated New Orleans on Saturday. PAGE 7

A death down under

INXS frontman Michael Hutchence, 37, died Saturday, apparently having hanged himself in a Sydney, Australia, hotel room. He left behind a fiancée and their 16-month-old daughter. PAGE 9

TOUCH OF GRAY

Considerably cloudy, high mid-50s; Low 30s tonight.

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Possible candidates consider 1998

Former anchorman vows to listen

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Election '98

Former Omaha news anchorman Michael Scott is considering a run for the U.S. House of Representatives in Omaha's 2nd congressional district.

Scott said he has discussed a congressional bid with Democratic Party officials during the past two weeks and is looking closely at entering the race.

"I am excited by the possibility," he said. "I think I could try to make a change."

The 2nd District seat will be open during the

1998 campaign following U.S. Rep. Jon Christensen's decision to run for governor.

Scott said his experience as a newsman for KETV and KMTV, especially in reporting on complex issues and interacting with politicians, would be valuable preparation for public service.

"One of the things that I picked up as a reporter was the ability to listen well in interviews," Scott said. "I think I do that well. I think

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Wilson Sr. would intensify laws

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Jimmy Wilson Sr., who has worked for tougher crime laws since the death of his police officer son, said he is "flattered and humbled" by suggestions that he run for Congress, and he said he is giving the idea serious consideration.

"I've never aspired to running for elected office, but I've been kind of changing my mind," he said at a Republican Party gather-

ing Friday night in Fremont.

Wilson, whose son Jimmy Wilson Jr. was murdered while on duty as an Omaha police officer in August 1995, said he expected to decide in the next couple of days.

A primary consideration, he said, is

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Standing support



DAVID CITY AQUINAS fans David Macoubrie and Matt Macoubrie, 6, look through the Aquinas roster during halftime of the David City Aquinas vs. Imperial Class C-1 state championship game at Memorial Stadium Saturday. Aquinas beat Imperial 26-14. RYAN SODERLIN/DN

Faculty strengthens focus on King holiday question

By JOY LUDWIG
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Whether or not UNL will establish a holiday to honor the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. on campus still remains a question, but faculty moved closer to an answer Friday.

A group of 29 faculty members met Friday at the Nebraska East Union to address

the concern and develop a new draft of the proposal they will present at the Dec. 2 Academic Senate meeting.

The faculty members arranged the meeting in response to the Academic Senate's 32-27 vote Nov. 4 against canceling classes to observe the Jan. 20 King holiday.

Gargi Roysircar Sodowsky, associate professor of educational psychology, said the meeting was not about the number of teach-

ing days that will be lost, but more important that UNL sets aside a specific day to honor King.

"It is an academic issue," she said. "It also is a teaching issue. This decision ultimately will affect our faculty and our students, so this issue of diversity needs to be addressed."

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Regents

Regents OK trainer for non-athletes

By ERIN GIBSON
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In an unusual move Saturday, the NU Board of Regents voted twice whether to allow the university's head athletic trainer to provide physical therapy, consultation and rehabilitation for a fee to non-athletes on campus.

At first the board voted down trainer Jerry Weber's request for outside employment. Upon reconsideration, the measure passed.

Regents typically pass outside employment requests with little debate or opposition.

But Saturday, regents questioned whether the university's 5 percent share of Weber's profits was enough, because he would use Athletic Department facilities to conduct business outside his official job duties.

Academic faculty members often give the university 40 to 60 percent of their consulting fees, said James Ford, president of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Academic Senate and associate professor of English.

"In other parts of the university, this (low percentage) would be very unusual," Ford said. "It would be higher."

The university also forbids most faculty members to use their offices to conduct business outside the university, Ford said. There are rare exceptions for those in some professional fields.

The university's 5 percent share of outside employment fees is standard in the Athletics Department, said Melvin Jones, UNL vice chancellor for business and finance.

Regent Don Blank of McCook said the policy seemed "totally out-of-whack."

Regent Chuck Wilson of Lincoln said the policy created an unfair disparity in treatment between the employees of athletic and academic departments.

Weber planned to begin the practice today and use Athletic Department physical therapy

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