

## Finale

Lisa Reitsma gears up for her final volleyball match as the Huskers compete in the NCAA Tournament on Saturday. PAGE 7



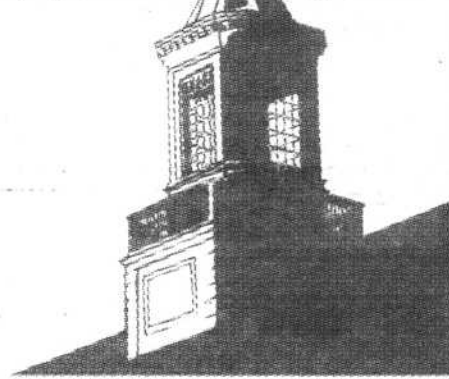
## Free Willey

Longtime humor columnist, Southern gentleman and fatboy Steve Willey bids fond farewell after three years as a DN columnist. PAGE 5

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Flurries, high 25. Clear and cold tonight, low 7.



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## Sanders let go

BY DAVID WILSON  
Senior Reporter

Nebraska Baseball Coach John Sanders was relieved of his head coaching duties Thursday, a source close to the Cornhusker players told the Daily Nebraskan.

The source said NU Athletic Director Bill Byrne called a 4 p.m. meeting with the players to tell them that Sanders was no longer the head coach.

Sanders, who had been the Husker head coach for 20 years, was relieved of his duties at 2 p.m.

A new coach is expected to be hired by mid-January.

NU players, who were reached at home on Thursday night, said they were instructed not to speak with the media.

Byrne did not return messages left at his home Thursday night, while Sanders



Sanders

was also unavailable for comment.

The situation had been "sticky" for a while, a player and the source said, and some players were even contemplating taking redshirt seasons or transferring to different schools because of the coach.

Sanders had compiled a 767-453-1 record as Nebraska's head coach, but came under fire when NU Assistant Coach Mike Anderson resigned earlier this week, a player said.

Most of the players were loyal to Anderson and upset when they learned he had resigned, the player said.

Anderson, who had been on the Nebraska staff for four seasons, said Thursday he did not want to comment on the situation.

Since coming to Nebraska, Anderson's duties had included coaching the outfielders, infielders and base runners on game days. Anderson was also involved with recruiting.

Sanders came to Lincoln in 1978 and led the Huskers to the NCAA Regional Tournament in 1979 and 1980.

But Nebraska has not qualified for a regional tournament since 1985, and the Huskers have finished at .500 or below in the past two seasons.

## Ruwe returns from forum

BY BRAD DAVIS  
Assignment Reporter

ASUN President Curt Ruwe said attending President Bill Clinton's forum on youth and racism in Akron, Ohio, made him realize people fight similar battles against racism, no matter where they come from.

"Lincoln's situation is unique in the fact that we are dealing largely with both urban and rural attitudes, but we fight attitudes and hate the same way that every other part of the nation does," Ruwe said.

He said much of the discussion at the forum, which included 70 panel members from Akron and 1,500 audience members, was similar to topics that have been discussed at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

He said racial diversity was something the Association of

Students of the University of Nebraska had been striving for all year.

Reports of ASUN's efforts to fight racism will be sent to the White House to fulfill ASUN's pledge to Clinton's One America program.

At Wednesday's ASUN meeting, senators passed a bill proclaiming that ASUN's participation with the national program intended to unify the United States.

Ruwe said he wanted ASUN to be one of the first organizations to return reports to the One America program, detailing activities ASUN organized to fight racism and increase diversity.

He said bringing diversity speaker Marlon Smith to campus in October, along with sponsoring a forum to discuss Coretta Scott King's speech in November, were examples of events ASUN organized to

increase diversity.

"From here on out, what we will do, and what we were urged to do (by Clinton), is to keep discussion rolling and spread the message of stopping racism," Ruwe said.

Although he said ASUN would support the One America program, Ruwe said he did not get to meet the sponsor of the program, Clinton.

"We made a coast-to-coast coalition - the president of (the University of) Maryland, the University of Oregon and myself. We were pretty ambitious and tried to convince the secret service guys we were on the panel (of 70 people on the stage)," Ruwe said.

But Ruwe said the secret service men did not believe the three campus presidents, and although the three waited around to meet Clinton, they did not get the chance to speak to him.

## Student wins national election

BY IEVA AUGSTUMS  
Staff Reporter

When senior architecture major Jay Palu goes through commencement exercises in May, it won't be the end, but the beginning of his education.

Palu, the president of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's chapter of the American Institute of Architectural Students, was elected national president of AIAS on Nov. 28, in Denver.

"I don't know if I would call it success, but it is definitely an opportunity to continue my education," Palu said.

AIAS is a national nonprofit, student-run organization that functions as an intercollegiate network representing architecture students on both the undergraduate and graduate level, Palu said. The AIAS represents more than 7,500 student members in more than 150 chapters nationwide.

Palu said the goals of AIAS include creating an appreciation of architecture, organizing architecture students and combining their efforts to advance the art and science of architecture and promote excellence in architectural education, training and practice.

As UNL's AIAS chapter president, Palu served as president-elect from March through May and has spent this school year increasing AIAS's involvement on campus and in the community.

Many programs developed this year by Palu, such as a student mentor program and tours of architect-



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**JAY PALU, a senior architecture major, was recently elected national president of the American Institute of Architectural Students. Palu will move to Washington, D.C., in July to complete his one-year term as national president.**

tural sights, will continue.

Kevin Clark, an architect for Sinclair Hille and Associates, has known Palu for the past two years and said Palu is a self-motivated, energetic student.

"Palu, who is such a well-rounded student both academically and

socially, has been given an opportunity of a lifetime," Clark said. Palu will be the third student in Nebraska to be elected national president, he said.

Palu's brother, Arnie, a sophomore broadcasting major, said his brother has always led by example.

"Jay has never led something he did by force," he said. "He just serves as a role model to other students."

A strong believer in education, Palu said he attributes his success to

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## Involvement

### Powwow offers drums, native dance

BY LINDSAY YOUNG  
Staff Reporter

The University of Nebraska Inter-Tribal Exchange hopes its powwow this weekend will satisfy the university community's curiosity about American Indian culture.

The eighth annual Native American Pow-Wow, sponsored by UNITE and the University Program Council, will give students the opportunity to learn about the culture of the small population of American Indians students - about 80 - on this campus, Vernon Miller, UNITE president, said.

Jamie Grayson, UPC event director, said the powwow would be an experience most University of Nebraska-Lincoln students could not get anywhere else.

And the event's organizers agreed.

"It is an opportunity to experience the Native American culture that is on this campus," said Miller, a third-year business administration and secondary education major.

The crowd will be able to experience the culture first-hand.

Yolanda Few Tails-Castellanos, powwow coordinator and UNITE vice president, said the event will not only showcase competitive

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