

Jam packed

The Nebraska men's basketball team plays host to ISU Saturday. The Cornhusker track and swimming squads will also compete in home events at the Bob Devaney Sports Center Saturday. **PAGE 7**



Puppet masters

Puppets take center stage in "The Crown of Destiny," running tonight and Saturday at the Lied Center for Performing Arts. **PAGE 9**

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Flurries, high 32. Cloudy tonight, low 20.

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Roe verdict may still be reversed

BY BRICE SULLIVAN
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Though the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision has stood for 25 years, there's controversy whether the monumental decision legalizing abortion will last another 25 years, said a UNL law professor on the anniversary of the case.

"It will someday be reversed," said Richard Duncan, a professor of constitutional law at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. "It may be five, 10, 15 or 20 years, but the court will overturn when it's ripe to revisit the issue."

Judith Kriss, director of the University of Nebraska's Women's Center, agreed.

"Yes, it could be overturned," Kriss said. "Not this year or the next year, but the opponents are not through pursuing changes in the law."

But Chris Funk, director for Planned Parenthood of Lincoln, disagrees.

"I believe the decision will hold," Funk said. "It got chipped away ... and weakened in state courts, but it will be held."

Duncan said the Roe decision represents more than just abortion rights, but

also how people are governed.

"Are we supposed to be governed by a body of unelected lawyers, or are we a self-governing body making our own rules?" Duncan asked. "The people lost in that decision and oligarchy won."

"The court can find any right it wants to find or make it up as it goes along."

Funk also agreed the Roe vs. Wade decision meant more than just the right to an abortion.

"What Roe said was that women can be their own moral decision makers," Funk said. "It was a theological issue about life."

Duncan said the court tends to make decisions in noncontroversial cases when it chooses to make laws, then bases future decisions on those cases.

"They make up a principle, then over the years it grows into something far removed from what was initially created by the court," Duncan said.

In 1973, the Supreme Court based its Roe vs. Wade ruling on a 1965 case, Griswold vs. Connecticut, in which the court overturned a state law prohibiting counseling of married couples to use

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UNL receives gift of tiny furnishings

BY RYAN BRAUER
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UNL's interior design department recently received a \$500,000 collection of furniture.

But you can't sit on any of it. And you may even need glasses to see it well.

The collection includes tens of thousands of miniature, handmade pieces of furniture and accessories, all replicas of life-size originals from various historical periods.

The late Eloise Andrews Kruger of Lincoln spent 45 years collecting and commissioning the pieces, which she donated along with \$1 million to fund housing and preserving for the furniture, said Betsy Gabb, University of Nebraska-Lincoln's interior design program director.

The collection is arguably the best in the world and one of only four worldwide, Gabb said. All pieces were made to a scale of one inch equals one foot and many were crafted with painstaking attention to detail.

So much detail, in fact, that an accessory box of chocolates the size of a thimble includes 12 separate, individually wrapped chocolate pieces inside, each the size of a BB.

Each miniature piece was built using the same material found in the

original. For example, a miniature model of an original mahogany table is also crafted of mahogany, Gabb said.

The furniture was crafted for themed rooms, each portraying a different interior design era. Kruger designed each room and conducted all the historical research herself, her cousin Ky Rohman said.

"Eloise had a wicked sense of humor," he said. "She designed a western-style country tavern that still makes me laugh."

But this collection of miniatures is more than just the world's most expansive and expensive set of doll house furniture, Gabb said.

The collection will be used as a learning tool for interior design students, giving them a hands-on opportunity to study furniture from various historical periods, she said.

Architecture graduate student Jennifer Honebrink agreed.

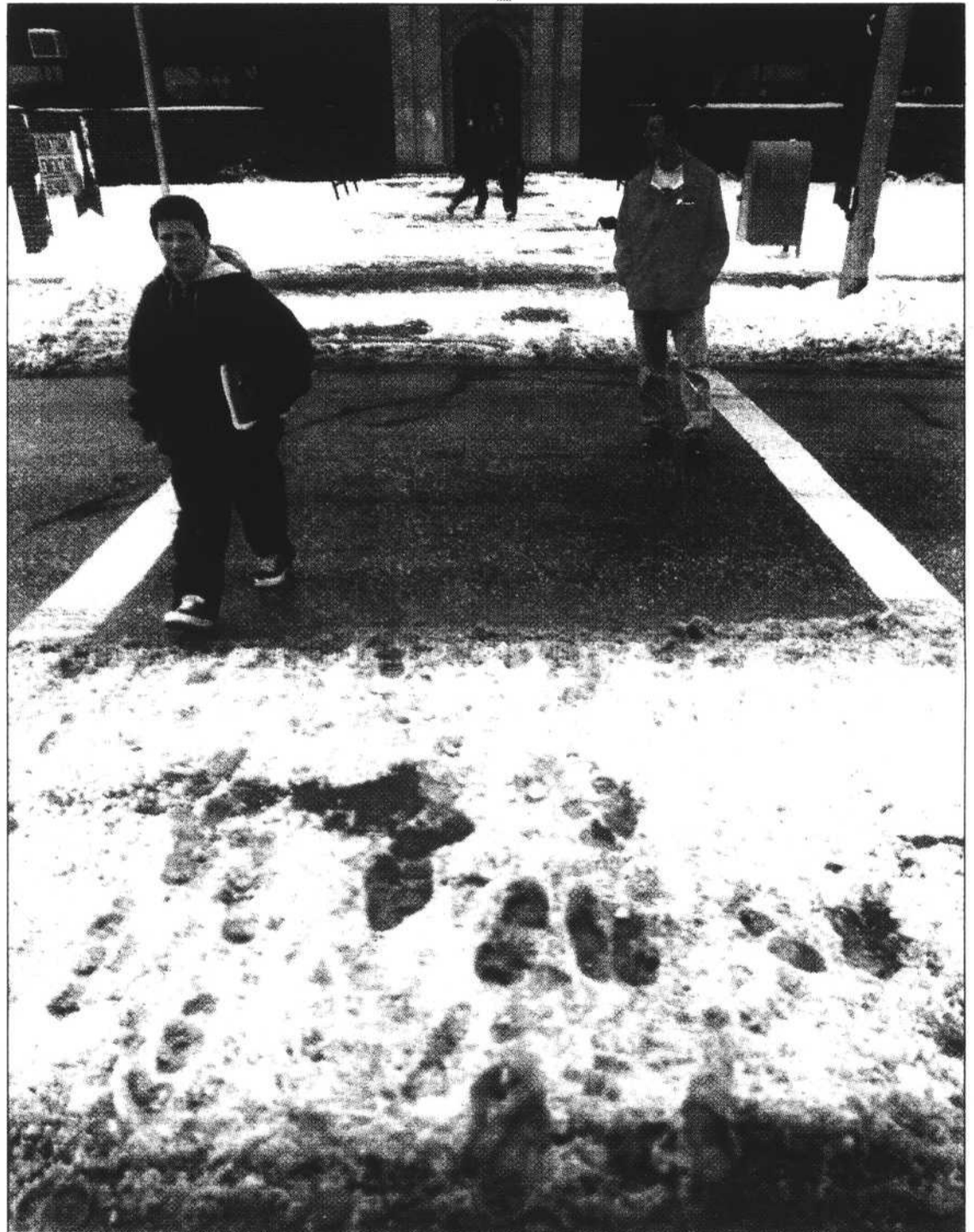
"If you can't see the piece life-sized," she said, "this is the next best thing."

Cecil Steward, dean of the College of Architecture, said the collection will give a "significant boost" to an interior design program that was recently named among the nation's 10 best.

"The collection, and the national

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DN Special Report



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SIXTH GRADER Justin Almey, left, crosses 13th Street after a day at Saratoga Elementary School. To his right is Sigma Chi fraternity member Jow Tidball, a junior international affairs major. Sigma Chi members volunteer at the school to offer community service and help repair their tarnished image following last year's cross-burning incident.

Event kindled sensitivity

BY ERIN GIBSON
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One year ago tonight, Sigma Chi Fraternity members lit a legend outside Lincoln.

The students, entrenched in a pre-initiation ritual, burned a six-foot cross.

In it, they saw the fraternity's earliest history: Emperor Constantine's calling to join the Crusades.

But community members watching the next day's TV news saw the charred remains of a crime against humanity.

Their fiery reaction has yet to burn out.

Sigma Chi's cross, burned in frigid January woods, evoked an unprecedented year of cultural learning at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and in the surrounding community.

"We hate to point out a negative incident as having positive consequences," Chancellor James Moeser said. "But I think this one has."

The community leaders who were first to respond to the cross burning last year also see those consequences.

Sigma Chi's actions one year ago

proved some students possessed a dangerous cultural ignorance, they said.

That flaming call to action ripped responsibility for race relations from the hands of a few minority groups and distributed it among all campus members.

Meanwhile, the red-hot words "cross burning" and "racist" seared the skin of the fraternity's 80 members.

Sigma Chi President Jack Baker said he and his fraternity brothers

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