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With the help of a gymnastic workout program, NU 1-back DeAngelo Evans hopes to recover from a pelvic injury by March. PAGE 7



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Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, which recently opened in Lincoln, offers Southern-style hospitality in north Lincoln. PAGE 9

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Clinton: economy will hold

By Terence Hunt, AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) Shaken by scandal, President Clinton sought to reassert his leadership in a crucial State of the Union address Tuesday night, urging Congress to "save Social Security first" before cutting taxes or increasing spending.

In an expectant atmosphere, Clinton faced probably the largest television audience of his life as he stood before a joint session of Congress. The embattled president did not mention the furor over allegations that he had a sexual relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky and urged her to lie about it.

Democrats applauded Clinton warmly when he strode into the chamber. Stony-faced, most Republicans applauded as well and gave the president a respectful hearing. The president appeared upbeat and spoke with conviction during the 72-minute speech.

Hillary Rodham Clinton had a front-row balcony seat, beaming and applauding. In his speech, Clinton singled her out as "America's first lady," bringing a burst of applause from lawmakers.

Amid fresh tensions with Saddam Hussein, Clinton issued a



UNL SOPHOMORE JEFF NICOLAISEN rests his attention during the president's State of the Union address Tuesday night. In the Nebraska Union, about 50 students watched the address. Read about their reactions on page 3.

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veiled threat of force against Iraq: "You cannot defy the will of the world. ... You have used weapons of mass destruction before. We are determined to deny you the capacity to use them again."

In his annual report to the nation, Clinton said America is enjoying good times enhanced by the lowest unemployment and inflation in decades. He urged Congress to raise the minimum wage - now \$5.15 an hour - but did not specify how much.

"We can afford to take one sim-

"Our leadership in the world is unrivaled. The state of our union is strong."

PRESIDENT CLINTON

ple, sensible step to help millions of workers struggling to provide for their families."

With the end of big budget deficits, Clinton challenged Congress to join in a bipartisan

search for a fix to Social Security, which faces bankruptcy next century as baby boomers retire. Republicans are eyeing the surplus-

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Delegate responses are mixed

By Brian Carlson, Senior Reporter

After a State of the Union address in which President Clinton steered clear of recent turmoil to push his policy agenda, Nebraska's congressional delegation followed suit in interviews with the Daily Nebraskan.

U.S. Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., said Clinton's speech, which focused on balancing the budget, shoring up Social Security and investing in education, was successful.

Kerrey said he was pleased the evening centered on issues rather than Clinton's alleged affair with a former White House intern and suspected obstruction of justice.

"I was encouraged both by what the president had to say and by the statements of the Republican leadership saying we're going to let the justice system operate," he said.

But Kerrey said he was dissatisfied with Clinton's discussion of Social Security and Medicare. Clinton's plea to use future budget surpluses on Social Security failed to address the exploding costs expected when 77 million Americans retire between 2010 and 2030, he said.

U.S. Rep. Doug Bereuter, R-Neb., commended Clinton for the president's praise of Congress' recent accomplishments, such as an agreement to balance the budget by the year 2002.

"He went out of his way to reduce elements of partisanship, and that's unusual for this president," he said.

But Bereuter was skeptical about Clinton's predictions of a balanced budget.

With the economic turmoil in Asia, he said, the U.S. economy is unlikely to continue its boom indefinitely, making budget surpluses and funding for Clinton's proposals uncertain.

"In short, where's the money coming from, Mr. President?" he said.

U.S. Rep. Jon Christensen, R-Neb., said Clinton's education and tax proposals called for a federal government that was too big and invasive.

"He seems to be permeating that Washington, D.C.-knows-best persona that he came here with in 1992," he said.

In a statement, U.S. Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., said the speech was "too long and too expensive."

Clinton's proposals were vague, and he failed to explain how to pay for them, Hagel said.

"This nation has very serious issues to deal with and we need serious leadership, not campaign promises."

Fraternity to open new chapter

By Brad Davis, Senior Reporter

Despite two fraternity closings at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln this month, the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity has announced it will begin recruiting founding fathers to start a new chapter at UNL.

Pi Kappa Alpha's Gamma Beta chapter closed its doors on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus in the 1970s, and its return will mark the first expansion of the UNL greek system since Triangle Fraternity began in 1963.

Shad Williams, Pi Kappa Alpha's director of expansion, said UNL is a coveted area among greek circles because of its tradition and name

recognition.

"The University of Nebraska is the place you want to go if you're not already there," Williams said. "It's a big-name university - everybody's heard of the University of Nebraska."

Director of Greek Affairs Linda Schwartzkopf said Pi Kappa Alpha, which is one of the nation's largest fraternities, has a national reputation for its redefinition of fraternity life.

She said the greek system nationally has been de-emphasizing social aspects of greek life, and committing to scholarship, leadership and service.

"They are taking a new direction that may be appealing to students on the Nebraska campus who may not have been interested (in greek life) before," Schwartzkopf said.

Its recruiting process and dedication

to a "quality fraternity," Williams said, will make the new chapter successful.

"We're looking to establish a fraternity that's based on friendship and people that respect each other," Williams said. "We'd like to be the fraternity that every sister recommend their brother join."

Williams said two staff members from Pi Kappa Alpha's national headquarters in Memphis, Tenn., will come to UNL Feb. 20, when they will spend five weeks recruiting "scholars, leaders, athletes and gentlemen."

"We're not going to walk around campus with a flag and bullhorn - it's going to be a very targeted approach."

He said recommendations, from both the university administration and students, would play a key role in establishing the fraternity.