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Nebraska women's soccer started off the season with 12-0 exhibition win Wednesday night against Park College. PAGE 11



It's curtains

Lincoln's only theater solely devoted to performances of avant-garde and experimental plays made its final curtain call in May. PAGE 15

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Rainy, high 85. Partly cloudy tonight, low 65.

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UNL college dean plans retirement

Karen Craig to leave after 12 years

BY LINDSAY YOUNG Senior staff writer

In the 12 years Karen Craig has been the dean of the College of Human Resources and Family Sciences at UNL, she has been a "change agent" for the college, a senior administrator said.

"She's established a very strong foundation as (the college) prepares for the 21st century," said Irv Omtvedt, the vice chancellor for both the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources and for Extended Education.

Craig announced she will retire as dean of the college at the end of the 1998-99 academic year.

The goals she set for the college when she first arrived at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1986 have been achieved, Craig said.

Those goals were to strengthen the academic program, globalize the college's curriculum, develop innovative programs in response to societal needs and develop a larger resource base.

The academic program was improved in two areas, Craig said. The college focused on critical thinking and problem solving to give students the opportunity to develop those skills, she said.

Also, faculty members have been able to shift from thinking about teachers' needs to focusing on what students are learning, she said.

An international minor has been added in the college as well, Craig said. The minor, which began about

five years ago, contributed to the globalization of the college, she said.

The minor includes course work, experience with a foreign language and an internship. The college also has added a component of diversity to many of its courses.

Other changes since Craig arrived on campus include the addition of a doctoral program in 1989 in human resources and family sciences, the start of the college's distance education program and increased cooperation with other academic programs on campus.

In distance education, which started in 1994, 35 students have completed a graduate program, Craig said.

Craig also helped decrease the number of departments in the college from five to three, reducing administrative costs, Omtvedt said.

Craig played a part in the renaming of the college from College of Home Economics in 1993, Omtvedt said.

After Craig retires, she plans to spend time with her husband, Richard, and visit her two children and four grandchildren in Louisiana and Maryland.

Craig was associate dean of the School of Consumer and Family Sciences and was assistant director of Cooperative Extension Services at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., before coming to Nebraska in 1986.

No interim director will be appointed. Craig said she will stay until a new dean is hired.

UNL professors win grant for innovative E. coli study

\$150,000 will be used to find tiny differences in E. coli strains and reduce risk of beef contamination.

BY JESSICA FARGEN Staff writer

Two UNL professors received a \$150,000 grant in August to study E. coli, the deadly bacteria responsible for beef recalls, infections and even deaths across the country.

Andy Benson, assistant professor of food science and technology, and Robert Hutkins, associate professor of food science and technology, will be studying E. coli in an innovative way.

Benson said a new method, for which he is writing a patent, will

enable researchers to pick out very minor differences in strains of Escherichia coli 0157:H7.

"It is a novel method to do the gene-for-gene comparison," Benson said. "It is brand new. We are the only ones in the world doing it right now."

Using that process for identifying the E. coli strain, researchers can determine the environments that cause that strain to grow or persist.

Then, beef producers and handlers can avoid those environments to reduce the risk of contaminating beef, Benson said.

The professors received the two-year grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"It allows us to identify certain genes that may be involved in persistence of this organism in cattle herds

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NIKKI FOX/DN

GOV. BEN NELSON is startled as Yogi moos in front of the governor's mansion on Wednesday morning. Haze Lockee, holding Yogi, raised the steer, the grand champion at the 1998 Lancaster County Fair. Lockee is the daughter of Doug and Sheryl Johnson of Walton.

Nelson readies for fair's cattle show

From staff reports

For the second year in a row, Gov. Ben Nelson will display his talent for cattle showing at the Nebraska State Fair.

Nelson, with the help of 12-year-old Haze Lockee of Walton, practiced briefly on the northeast lawn of the governor's mansion Wednesday.

"We're hoping that the steer doesn't make any donation to the mansion renovation here today," Nelson said.

"If he does, it'll be totally organic," he quipped.

Lockee, showing her steer named Yogi, was the Lancaster

County 4-H cattle show champion. Nelson will be the host of the Governor's Celebrity Cattle Show on Sunday at 1:30 in the Old Youth Complex at the Nebraska State Fair Park.

The event will show off several Nebraska celebrities and their 4-H cattle, and is a fund-raising event organized by the Department of Agriculture.

Other celebrities participating include Lt. Gov. Kim Robak, Miss Nebraska 1998 Jenny Lemmerman, voice of the Huskers Rick Schwiager, news broadcasters Terri Teuber and Ken Siemek, Nebraska Director of Agriculture Larry Sitzman and National Bank of

Commerce President Brad Korell. "4-H and FFA are wonderful programs to enhance the interest of young Nebraskans in our livestock industry," Nelson said.

Private businesses have donated money to buy the steers and heifers from 4-H and Future Farmers of America members, whose members give the celebrities tips in the cattle showing.

Other money raised from the sale of the cattle to Iowa Beef Producers will go to the State Fair Foundation.

Last year's show raised more than \$10,000 for 4-H and FFA organizations.

The winner of last year's show was Iowa Gov. Terry Brandstad.

Veteran recalls D-Day after 'Private Ryan'

The carnage. The chaos. The courage.

June 6, 1944, D-Day, was a monumental day in world history and signaled the impending end of World War II in Europe.

This summer's blockbuster war movie, "Saving Private Ryan," chronicles the invasion and the events following it in graphic detail. Eighty-one-year-old Solomon Harris was there.

Harris was traveling through Lincoln this week after visiting Portland, Ore., where he viewed the movie and was subsequently hospitalized with post-traumatic stress disorder.

A retired lieutenant colonel, Harris' story is one of loss and remembrance. This week he shared his story of D-Day and the importance of Steven Spielberg's epic film.

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SANDY SUMMERS/DN

Passing through Lincoln on his way home to Illinois, retired Lt. Col. Solomon Harris shared his war stories with curious ears at UNL.

