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Nebraska had plenty of scoring chances but couldn't finish with a 1-1 tie against Portland and 1-0 win over Colorado. **PAGE 10**

Ancient texts

Well, used ones, anyway. Used bookstores offer students cut-rate prices on some required reading, and the atmosphere is lighter, too. **PAGE 12**

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SABRINA FLORES, 12, watches her partner dance around her during the Hispanic Festival on Saturday afternoon at Agricultural Hall on the state fair grounds. Flores dances in a group called Sabor Mexicano.

Festival gives taste of Hispanic culture

BY ANNE HEITZ
Staff writer

The spicy smell of authentic Mexican food and fried ice cream, sounds of lively dancing music and sights of brightly colored clothes and homemade crafts covered every inch of the building.

The 12th Annual Hispanic Heritage Festival, organized, sponsored and put on by the Hispanic Community Center, was

in Agricultural Hall on Saturday and Sunday.

Dancers, ranging from age 4 to 15, wore sombreros and colorful dresses to entertain the diverse crowd at the festival. Children milled around carrying balloons and wearing designs painted on their cheeks.

It was a day for families. Hispanic and non-Hispanic alike, to have fun and learn more about cultures other than their own.

Booths of food, art, education and crafts were set up around the hall for the festival.

The booths were filled with colorful hand-woven clothing, hand-made jewelry and detailed crafts and artwork.

Joel Gajardo, director of the Hispanic Community Center, said it's important for everyone to understand that Latin America is a diversity of cultures.

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Social Security debate calls for no privatization

BY BRIAN CARLSON
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Nebraskans called on the federal government Saturday to save Social Security without causing a negative impact on working families - and without privatizing the system.

During a teleconference sponsored by Americans Discuss Social Security, participating Nebraskans were in broad agree-

ment with participants from South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming and Montana in opposing across-the-board payroll tax increases or benefits reductions and expressing distrust of privatization programs.

All five states had conferences Saturday connected by satellite, moderated from Washington, D.C.

Like other states' participants, Nebraskans supported reducing benefits for high-income beneficiaries and increasing the amount of income subject to the payroll tax.

At the Nebraska conference, held at the Nebraska ETV studios on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's East Campus, participants also joined other states in calling on the federal government to end the practice of loaning Social Security trust funds to finance other government spending.

Teleconference participants' opposition to privatization proposals could open the ears of politicians working on reforming the system.

Several proposals in Washington call for at least partial privatization in the Social Security system, including one sponsored by U.S. Democratic Sen. Bob Kerrey.

In a poll of voters at all five conference locations, 60 percent opposed privatization in the Social Security system, and 34 per-

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It's perfectly reasonable to expect my children to work longer.”

LORRAINE GILES
teleconference participant

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Activities fill week with Husker spirit

BY IEVA AUGSTUMS
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New activities combined with old events during UNL's Homecoming week will continue what organizers call a tradition of excellence.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's "Cherish the Past, Continue the Excellence" Homecoming week kicked off Sunday.

Glenn Cacek, Nebraska Alumni Association building activities manager, said upcoming events will bring the university community together. "There's a nostalgic aspect behind homecoming - tradition, history," Cacek said. "It's a time for alumni to come back to campus and see the similarities, changes and progress."

Jason McCallan, Homecoming

Steering Committee chairman, said Homecoming week provides alumni and students with the opportunity to celebrate the Cornhusker spirit.

This year's theme was based on the transition from past Nebraska football Coach Tom Osborne to new Coach Frank Solich.

"This year doesn't only remember the past," McCallan said. "It emphasizes the continuing excellence at UNL - athletics and academics."

A total of 42 teams organized by residence halls, greek houses and student organization divisions will compete in contests and activities throughout the week.

Participation points will be awarded to each team that attends and competes in Homecoming activities.

Marlene Beyke, ASUN director

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Texas A&M halts NU's win streak

BY SAM MCKEWIN
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The fragile house of cards that wobbled against Oklahoma State came crashing down for Nebraska on Saturday.

That crash came courtesy of Texas A&M, which beat the Cornhuskers 28-21 at Kyle Field in College Station, Texas.

Nebraska trailed 28-7, but made a comeback that fell short when Bobby Newcombe was intercepted with 58 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter.

Though NU lost, it did not drop out of the top 10. In both The Associated Press and the USA Today Coaches polls, the Huskers dropped to eighth place, now behind Big 12 Conference



MATT MILLER/DN

BOBBY NEWCOMBE and Shevin Wiggins are consoled by Turner Gill after a 28-21 loss to Texas A&M. It was the first loss in 20 games for the Cornhuskers.

foe Kansas State, which stands at No. 3 in the coaches poll and No. 4 in the AP poll.

But for the Nebraska fans, it was an end to the perfection that extended back to the 1996 Big 12 Championship game. Gone was a 19-game winning

streak. Gone was a 40-game conference winning streak in the regular season.

"We've got to put this behind us," tight end Sheldon Jackson said. "Nobody's perfect."

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