



Sorrow in South Bend

Notre Dame ended the Nebraska soccer team's season with a 2-1 victory in the third-round of the NCAA Championships. PAGE 7



P.S. Sorry so late

Anxiously anticipated and long overdue, Laurus, the undergraduate creative writing magazine, has hit the stands after months of delays. PAGE 9

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A homecoming of heritage

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RIGHT: DENNESS KEAHNA, 4, of the Meskwaki tribe, laughs after his headband falls over his eyes during the junior men's traditional dance competition Sunday afternoon.

BOTTOM: STEVE STREET, of the Meskwaki-Comanche tribe in Tama, Iowa, dances during Sunday's opening ceremonies for UNITE's annual powwow, which took place in the Nebraska Union. Festivities kicked off Friday with a lecture series and continued through Sunday with native dance competitions, songs and games.



After delay, north union doors open

■ Except for the new west entrance, the \$13.5 million renovations are scheduled to be finished by Jan. 11.

By JESSICA FARGEN
Staff writer

The opening today of the Nebraska Union's north entrance marks not only a chance to see a new part of the union but the beginning of the end of more than two years of construction.

By about 10 a.m. today, students can enter the union through the near-finished Memorial Plaza but cannot access the basement or second floor from the new entrance, said Daryl Swanson, Nebraska unions director.

Failed fire inspections in the elevator and a problem with the tile in the north lobby delayed the north entrance opening, which was originally scheduled to open almost a month ago, Swanson said.

While students are at home opening presents, eating Christmas cookies and welcoming 1999, construction workers will be preparing almost everything in the union for opening.

Originally scheduled to be done in August, the \$13.5 million union renovations, except for the new west entrance, should be completely done by Jan. 11.

"You can tell by looking we're close but not quite," Swanson said.

The bookstore will be accessible from the north by Jan. 11 when classes resume, said Viann Schroeder, acting manager of the bookstore.

Starting February, the bookstore will receive \$1 million in renovations under its new owner, Follett College Stores.

The store will add a coffee bar and comfortable furniture, Schroeder said. Most of the displays will be on wheels, allowing the store to adapt to changing season trends.

For example, the book buyback counter will be moved

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City eyes downtown revival on P Street

By JOSH FUNK
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Lincoln's vision for a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly downtown is alive and well despite P Street's reversion to one-way.

Two-way traffic on P Street was believed to be a critical element in the city's plan for a marketplace environment connecting downtown to the UNL City Campus and the Haymarket District.

"We want P Street to be a place to go and hang out," Downtown Lincoln Association President Polly McMullen said. "We want to enhance that feel."

City officials hope that a combination of public and private invest-

ment will attract more businesses and pedestrians to the area.

Investments such as the Embassy Suites Hotel and the city's landscaping efforts this fall are the most visible signs of the transition to marketplace.

Planners hope to create a pedestrian-friendly atmosphere on P Street that links downtown to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"The whole area is geared to campus," McMullen said.

The marketplace plan was conceived by the Downtown 2001 committee in 1995 as part of its 45 strategies to encourage investment in the downtown area, said Dallas McGee, assistant director of Lincoln Urban

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Archie stomps into spotlight

Exhibit plays mammoth part in museum visibility

By KENDALL SWENSON
Staff writer

Nebraska's State Museum in Morrill Hall will now be a little more visible on campus.

Saturday, the museum held a dedication ceremony for Archie, a life-size bronze replica of an ancient Nebraska mammoth, and its new showplace, Tanner Plaza.

"(Archie) will highlight the heritage of Nebraska and the natural history of the state," said James Estes, director of the museum. "Very few people will be able to drive around campus without seeing Archie."

One of the goals of the project was to make Morrill Hall a more prominent part of the University of

Nebraska-Lincoln City Campus, Estes said.

UNL Chancellor James Moeser also recognized the potential of the plaza to bring attention to the museum.

"The Tanner Plaza is a unique gateway to the museum," Moeser said. "This will really be a focal point for the entire university."

Moeser said Archie and the plaza will play a role in the remodeling and development of the campus.

The area will become a central focus in the 12-year Master Plan, which includes a grassy corridor from Memorial Stadium to the Beadle Center, he said.

"As people move from east to west across the campus, they will see Archie," Moeser said. "They will be

drawn to Morrill Hall."

The plaza recognizes the achievements of Lloyd G. Tanner, a former field supervisor in fossil collection in western Nebraska.

"He would be very thrilled to once again be a part of an exhibit to really show off the State Museum," said Ron Tanner, son of Lloyd Tanner.

The dedication ceremony was followed by an open house where Archie T-shirts were sold and exhibits such as slides of excavations, mammoth teeth and ice-age microfossils were viewed.

Betty Anderson, a fund-raiser for Morrill Hall, said the project will have a strong effect on the museum.

"It will be the beginning of a whole new era of wonderful things happening here."