

## Hey Culligan man!

Nebraska received a bid to play Arizona in the Culligan Holiday Bowl on Sunday. The Wildcats are 11-1 this season and had hoped for a trip to the Rose Bowl before UCLA lost to Miami. **PAGE 9**



## A record holiday

This season, festive albums abound for people of all faiths and beliefs. Albums include music for Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. **PAGE 12**

December 7, 1998

A RETURN TO NORMALCY

Partly sunny, high 40. Partly cloudy tonight, low 23.

# Daily Nebraskan

VOL. 98

COVERING THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN SINCE 1901

NO. 71

## Shortened Star City Parade draws crowd

By JOSH NICHOLS  
Staff writer

Despite a cold drizzle midway through Saturday's festivities, huge balloons, bands, classic cars, dogs and even a group of llamas tramped down O Street as part of the 14th annual Star City Parade.

What began as a beautiful morning brought an above average number of people to downtown Lincoln for the event. People began arriving more than an hour ahead of time to claim good viewing spots.

By event time, the bleachers set up along the side of the street were packed, and viewers occupied every inch of curb space.

Monica Droud, an employee of Lincoln Benefit Life, hauled a giant balloon of Garfield, the sassy cartoon cat, down the street. She has been involved with the parade for three years.

"I'll bet it is one of the biggest parades ever spectator-wise, because it is so nice."

Lincoln Mayor Dale Young agreed that it was one of the best turnouts ever as a result of the nice weather early in the day.

Suzi Shugert, executive director of the parade, said she was happy that the weather was nice early and had no complaints about the cold midway through.

"As it got chillier, it seemed more like the holidays," she said afterward.

One concern as the weather worsened was controlling the large balloons in case of high winds.

Groups practiced lowering and raising the giant poodle, angel, mouse and Garfield balloons before the parade.

Droud said controlling the balloons is hardest when handlers lower them to walk beneath the O Street skywalk.

"It's scary, because they have Christmas lights hung up there. I can just see a balloon getting poked by one."

Immediately following the parade,

Please see **PARADE** on 8



**JENIFER HAAKE, 14, attempts to fend her body from the cold before her turn in the Star City Parade with the Rebel Auto Club. Even though the weather turned cold and drizzly midway through, spectators turned out in force.**

MATT MILLER/DN

## UNL teacher, alum create Web program

By LINDSAY YOUNG  
Senior staff writer

Construction managers have a more convenient, less time-consuming way to collaborate on projects because of a system invented at UNL.

Rather than taking time to fax project material long-distance, travel to a site to view a project in progress or talk on the telephone, those in construction management will be able to do all of the above from their office.

Mostafa Khattab, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln construction management associate professor, and former UNL student

Nathan Wilhelmi are in the finishing stages of creating a Web-based construction project management program called Global Project Management Solutions.

Overall, the Web-based program allows construction managers

and their clients to visually monitor their construction projects and collaborate on problems that arise.

The Web site allows workers to participate in online conferencing, including the ability to review documents in any software program that any of the participants have on computer.

Workers also can view the project in progress and access project-related documents such as schedules, contracts or bids at any time.

It also allows for loading such documents onto the Web site for others to access. This can be done through uploading rather than downloading, which is an added feature to the program, Khattab said.

For example, if a construction problem occurs on-site, workers can take a video of the site and its prob-

“  
We have to lead  
the industry to  
a new level.”

**MOSTAFA KHATTAB**

UNL construction management  
associate professor

Please see **CONSTRUCTION** on 6

## Human rights violations rampant, speaker says

“  
We who are human  
rights activists  
must understand  
the possibilities.  
Examine them.  
Take advantage  
of them.”

**LENNOX HINDS**  
law professor

By DIANE BRODERICK  
Senior editor

Finding inspiration and remaining strong in the fight for human rights are vital to accomplishing activists' goals, an attorney who has represented political prisoners said Saturday.

Lennox Hinds was speaking as part of the third annual Human Rights Conference at the Nebraska East Union on Saturday.

Hinds also is a professor of law and chairman of the Administration of Justice program at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J.

Hinds spoke of one of his clients, David Rice, now known as Mondo We Langa, who has been a prisoner in the

Nebraska State Penitentiary for 28 years.

"He is well. He is strong. He encourages all of you not to give up, because he isn't giving up," Hinds said.

Rice is in the state penitentiary for the death of an Omaha police officer, who was killed by a bomb planted in a vacant house in 1970. The activists believe the FBI set him up to be convicted.

According to Hinds' promotional material, Langa was imprisoned for attempting to stop police brutality in Omaha.

Hinds also represents Herman Ferguson and other former members

Please see **HINDS** on 6

## Spray 'n' wash



MATT MILLER/DN

**JOSHUA LEZY (right), a senior elementary education and senior education major, gets sprayed by water during the Hot Tubbing for Habitat fund-raiser sponsored by the National Residence Hall Honorary on Friday outside the Nebraska Union.**