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The aftermath

After its first three-loss season since 1977, Nebraska looks back on an injury-riddled season and looks forward to spring. **PAGE 10**



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The Lied Center presents Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" this weekend in conjunction with students from the Performing Arts department. **PAGE 12**

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UNL, city enter building boom

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The next decade, downtown and City Campus will be filled with days of dodging bulldozers, walking past piles of dirt and ignoring the sounds of drills and jackhammers.

But the results of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's largest construction boom in conjunction with downtown rejuvenation will reap worthwhile benefits, planners say.

"This is the most active time, the largest volume the university has ever faced," said Rich McDermont, assistant vice chancellor for facilities management and planning. "There will be a lot of disruption and a lot of alternative routes taken over the next five to six years."

McDermont said modernization of Love Library, a revitalized Richards Hall and a more pedestrian-friendly campus under the Master Plan will be the results of construction the next 10 years and beyond.

At the same time, downtown will see more than \$100 million of investment as part of a major revitalization effort.

Public investments are being made initially to encourage private investments. New businesses will move in as downtown diversifies to grow.

A course in construction

All the headaches, dirt piles and roving earth-digging machines that

come with construction will bring technologically advanced classrooms and improved learning environments.

"As long as I've been here, academic programs had to deal with inadequate and obsolete facilities," McDermont said. "UNL is strongly going to move out of that category."

Most of the money for the projects will come from private donors or LB1100, a deferred maintenance bill the Legislature passed in spring, McDermont said.

Love Library will undergo nearly \$13 million in renovations and technological upgrades starting next summer, said Clark deVries, mechanical engineer for facilities planning and construction.

Only one floor of the library will be worked on at a time, so students can take refuge from pounding construction in some part of the library.

"It's going to be in a construction zone," deVries said. "It's going to be noisy."

A new visitors center — the "front door" to campus — will be built in the winter of 2000 after the buildings on the Temple block, 12th and R streets, are torn down. The Mary Riepma Ross Film Theater will find a new home next to the visitors center. It is now inside the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery.

The storefront offices of the Academic Senate, International Affairs and Summer Sessions buildings, which are now on that block, will be moved to the former Tau

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AARON FICKENSCHER, a UNL sophomore business administration major, lifts a "little brother," **OMAR**, to put an ornament on the Capitol's Christmas tree Thursday night. The Lincoln Jaycees and the Heartland Big Brothers Big Sisters Community Partnership Program members helped decorate the tree.

Season bonds 'siblings'

BY IEVA AUGSTUMS
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Fifteen fraternity brothers bonded with eight potential little brothers and sisters Thursday night during holiday festivities at the Capitol.

Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity and the Heartland Big Brothers Big Sisters Community Partnership Program worked together and decorated the Christmas tree in the Capitol rotunda.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for guys in the house to take a break from school," said Reed Anderson, Alpha Tau Omega philanthropy chairman. "We're relaxing, having fun and spending time with the kids."

Children ages 7 to 12 gathered around the 20-foot Colorado Blue Spruce tree, ate cookies and sang carols with the fraternity.

Andrea Roth, community partnership coordinator for Heartland Big Brothers Big Sisters, said the purpose of the event was to give children the chance to develop their

social skills and self-esteem while they wait to be matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister.

The evening also gave children the opportunity to celebrate the holidays, she said.

"It is great to see their faces light up with smiles," Roth said. "It's not every day they get to decorate a big tree."

Heartland Big Brothers Big Sisters provides support, educational and recreational activities to children and families, Roth said. Lancaster County children ages 7 to 17 years old, from single-parent or low-income families, are eligible to participate in the program.

Fraternity members said they had a wonderful time and were glad to take a break from their dead week studies.

"This was a nice thing to do around the holidays," said Jamie Warren, a junior accounting major. "When you're at school, you are isolated from Christmas. It was nice to actually do something for the holidays."

People interested in being a Heartland Big Brothers Big Sisters volunteer can contact Andrea Roth, program assistant, at (402) 464-2227.

Repatriation recommended

Set of unaffiliated remains approved for return to Midwestern tribe

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A federal review committee will recommend to the National Park Service that the university be able to repatriate about 40 American Indian remains and parts of a teaching collection.

The committee voted unanimously a couple of days earlier than expected to accept the claim at its meeting in Santa Fe, N.M., on Thursday.

"I was just very, very pleased that this went through," said Priscilla Grew, University of Nebraska-Lincoln vice

chancellor for research and the university's NAGPRA coordinator. Grew spoke from Santa Fe on Thursday evening.

The set of remains was approved to be returned to a coalition of Midwestern tribes who signed a university repatriation agreement Sept. 1.

The remains are culturally unaffiliated, which means researchers are unable to tell which tribe they are related to, but can tell they are American Indian.

The federal review committee's chairwoman, Tessie Naranjo, told the Daily Nebraskan on Tuesday that because of the remains' unknown tribal origins, repatriation is not easy. The

committee does not have a set policy for returning unidentifiable remains.

NAGPRA stands for Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990.

The act required museums, federal agencies and institutions, such as UNL, to take an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects and report it to the National Park Service by November 1995.

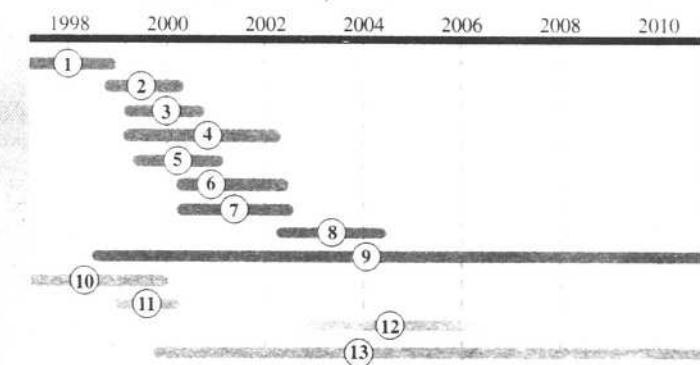
At the request of affiliated tribes, the remains and objects are returned.

Randy Thomas, an American Indian who has worked with the university in

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Bricks and mortar

Over the next 12 years, construction and renovation will be prevalent at UNL and in Lincoln, including major long term planning that encompasses a series of projects. Most of the 13 biggest projects will be underway in 2000.



University

- Memorial Stadium skyboxes (21 months)
- Richards Hall renovations (17 months)
- Kauffman Center honors hall (19 months)
- Love Library South renovations (36 months)
- Building replacing Lyman and Bancroft halls (21 months)
- Hamilton Hall renovation (24 months)
- Visitors Center and Ross Film Theater (25 months)
- Avery Hall renovations (23 months)
- New phases of UNL Master Plan (12 years): includes new parking garages, street and traffic changes, Memorial Mall and moving Alpha Chi Omega Sorority.

City

- Embassy Suites, 12th and P streets (about 22 months)
- Children's Museum, 15th and P streets (about 12 months)
- Centennial Mall, beginning in 1999 or 2000 (about eight years)
- Antelope Valley Development Plan (about 10-20 years): include street and traffic changes, drainages systems and community enrichment programs.

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