



SPORTS

The streak ends

The Nebraska men's basketball team got a five-year-old monkey off its back by defeating the KU Jayhawks 84-69 Wednesday night. **PAGE 9**



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Ballet invasion

The Russian National Ballet comes to the Lied Center this weekend for a two-performance weekend: "Sleeping Beauty" and "Swan Lake." **PAGE 12**

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CLOUD AND CLEAR

Partly cloudy, high 35. Fair tonight, low 18.

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STEPPING INTO THE SPOTLIGHT, Vernon Miller announces his ASUN candidacy for second vice president representing the Voice party in the Crib on Wednesday afternoon.

Party makes Voice heard

ASUN hopefuls aim to increase student involvement

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ASUN

The voices of potential student government leaders spoke loud and clear Wednesday afternoon at a rally celebrating their candidacy.

Emphasizing the importance of listening to the student body, Voice party members officially announced their candidacy in the March 3 ASUN student government elections.

Andy Schuerman, Voice party presidential candidate, said rather than proposing one solid agenda, his party supports a "growing platform."

"It will take a lot of work," Schuerman said, "but the only way we will achieve this is through personal

contact."

If elected, he said Voice party members would speak continually with UNL students to determine what they think needs to be done in ASUN.

Rochelle Winkle, Voice party vice-presidential candidate, agreed with Schuerman on the importance of student involvement.

"It is time (for everyone) to be heard, represented and understood," Winkle said. "The ever-growing platform will ensure student input, and this defines Voice. This is your voice for the new millennium."

Voice members said another major

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concern for them was the equal treatment of and opportunity for students of all backgrounds.

Vernon Miller, Voice party second vice-presidential candidate, said one of his goals is to ensure equal representation of all students.

"The Voice party is ready to make equality a reality," Miller said.

Campaign manager Natalya

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Johanns calls for tax refunds, cuts in growth

■ In the new governor's first State of the State address, his budget was unveiled. State senators showed mixed reactions, citing dependence on sustained growth.

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Gov. Mike Johanns gave his first State of the State address Wednesday morning outlining a plan that would refund tax payers 11 percent of their property taxes.

In his \$4.6 billion budget for the next two years, Johanns proposed a 3.7 percent increase for the University of Nebraska; the university requested a 6.8 percent increase. His budget limits spending growth to 2.2 percent in fiscal year 2000 and 3.4 percent in fiscal year 2001.

"It is very modest, but there are some problem areas within the budget that we are going to have serious discussion about."

The governor's budget did not include funds for an additional \$22 million in state aid that schools were overpaid last year and may have to re-pay this year.

Plattsmouth Sen. Roger Wehrbein said he was generally pleased with the budget, which the

SEN. ROGER WEHRBEIN
appropriations committee chairman

Appropriations Committee will consider before it presents a final budget to the Legislature in April.

"It's a budget that we all would like to live with in terms of its growth," said Wehrbein, who is chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

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After the speech, senators had mixed reactions to Johanns' Direct Relief to Property Taxpayers Act, which would be depen-

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Robak to the Future

Politician makes return to education

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With the University of Nebraska as her stage and the state's communities as her audience, former Lt. Gov. Kim Robak is stepping into the spotlight to play her part in the NU system.

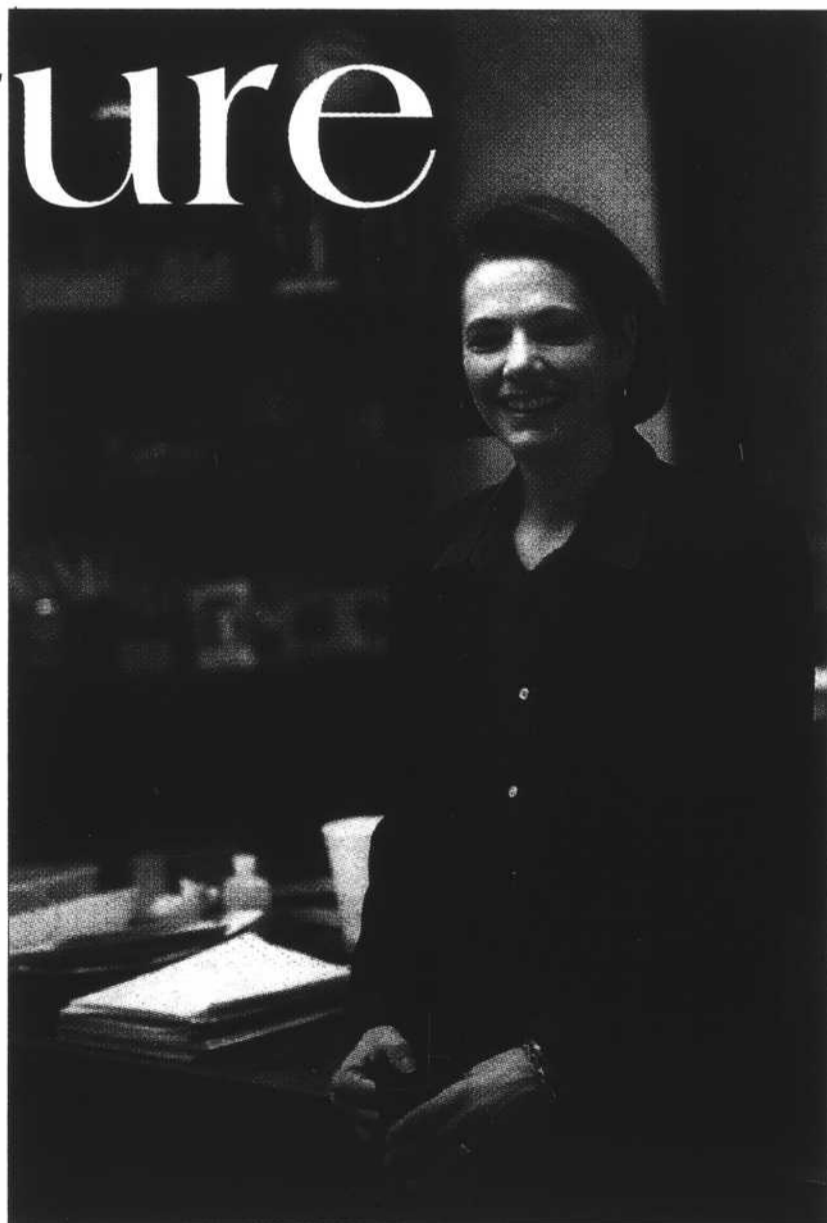
"I always wanted to be a movie star," Robak said. "But I never thought I would be playing this type of a leading role."

Robak was appointed by University of Nebraska President Dennis Smith to the posts of NU vice president for external affairs and corporation secretary in June. She replaced J.B. Milliken, who accepted a position with the University of North Carolina.

"This is a new learning experience for me," Robak said. "Academia is a different environment than I have been in."

Although her position did not officially start until January, Smith said Robak continually has been increasing her talents in the administrative field.

Smith said Robak's past work experience, including her background in working with the state's technology infrastructure, will benefit the university.



FORMER LT. GOVERNOR KIM ROBAK is the new NU vice president for external affairs and corporation secretary. Robak left a career in politics to concentrate on the university and spend more time with her family.

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