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The Nebraska offense made some strides in the first scrimmage of the season, but the first team defense was strong as usual. PAGE 13

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Four UNL dance students spend the summer learning what it's like to be professional performers. PAGE 18

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Moeser outlines UNL's objectives in annual address

Goals include increasing federal funding

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Despite dealing with the challenges of a budget shortfall, UNL must create a first-rate learning community, nourish research opportunities and extend its classroom statewide, Chancellor James Moeser said Friday.

During his annual state of the university address, Moeser told faculty members, staff and students what the necessary components are to propel the University of Nebraska-Lincoln into the ranks of the elite land-grant universities by 2019 — its 150th anniversary.

However, with many of its financial reserves spent, UNL will first have to take steps to deal with a budget shortfall that could prevent the university from achieving the excellence it wants, Moeser said.

UNL received the largest increase in eight years in state appropriations during the last legislative session. But with salary increases taking up the majority of the increase, more than \$4 million had to be reallocated to cover increased costs.

"This reallocation has been troubling to some, has undermined morale and has resulted in many questions," he said.

To make up the \$4 million shortfall, the university will have to become less reliant on state revenues and tuition and instead bring in more external funding.

This includes increasing the amount of research funds coming into the university. To begin fulfilling this goal, Moeser resolved to increase federal funding by \$10 million in four areas over the next five years.

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vice chancellor for research

The \$40 million increase would double the amount of federal research money the university currently gets. It also would provide additional operating revenue.

"With such a cushion, a \$4 million reallocation would have been virtually unnoticeable," Moeser said.

Marsha Torr, vice chancellor for research, said the goal is reachable. By bringing together research strengths in individual departments, UNL will be able to take on big research initiatives.

"It's a very good goal," Torr said. "If we can take that dispersed strength and join it together, we are going to be very competitive."

Increasing retention and graduation rates are also priorities. Moeser set a goal of increasing freshman retention rates from about 79 percent to 84 percent over the next five years and increasing the six-

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HEATHER GLENBOSKI/DN
DOC MARTIN SALES representative Tina Roberts applies a temporary tattoo on freshman pre-medicine major Kelly Callahan's arm at the Doc Martin booth. The booth was part of Big Red Welcome, held Sunday evening on R Street.

Big Red Welcome offers involvement

BY MICHELLE STARR
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The sun broke through the clouds just in time for the annual Big Red Welcome late Sunday afternoon.

As students slowly waded through the sea of people on R Street, they gathered information from 250 booths about involvement, student organizations and local businesses and picked up freebies along the way.

The welcome, which kicked off at 6 p.m., followed a freshman welcome convocation at the Lied Center for Performing Arts. The welcome also encouraged

involvement among incoming students as well as those currently enrolled.

"Attendance has grown significantly in the past three years because it has included all university students and community members and has moved from Devaney to R Street," said Kristi Kettlehut, New Student Enrollment member and coordinator of the welcome.

New Student Enrollment member JD Ladd, a junior exercise science and pre-medicine major, said about 7,000 students attended, including 4,000 to

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Paint it, red



KELI KELLOGG/DN
AFTER OUTLINING THE end zone letters after Saturday's football scrimmage, Craig Carlson, owner of Arrow Striping Inc. in Lincoln, begins filling them in.

Kiewit Institute dedicated

■ Omaha-based center offers technology programs and encourages students to stay in Nebraska.

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A new building christened Saturday with the cut of a fiber optic cable may make a dent in the high-tech worker shortage that pervades the nation.

At least that was the hope of U.S. Secretary of Education Richard Riley, who was on hand when a robot performed the ribbon cutting for the newly built University of Nebraska Peter Kiewit Institute in Omaha.

"Our country is facing a serious,

serious shortage of qualified people to fill high-tech positions around the country," Riley said. "This institute helps to meet that challenge, and I thank you."

Riley was one of many dignitaries on hand to dedicate the facility, which is a collaboration between the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

The institute, which is housed in a state-of-the-art building, offers programs from the UNL College of Engineering and Technology and the UNO College of Information Science and Technology.

Funded jointly by the state of Nebraska and private business and industry donations, the Kiewit center will help to slow Nebraska's brain drain, said Gov. Mike Johanns.

"Without opportunities like this, (stopping brain drain) becomes nearly

an impossible endeavor," he said.

One student present for the dedication was proof of the power the Kiewit Institute may have in keeping smart students in state.

Dana Svendsen, a third-year student at UNO, intended on going to California for college.

But after being offered a scholarship, a new computer and the prospects of attending class in the new building that houses the Kiewit Institute, Svendsen said the opportunity was too good to pass up.

"Attending the institute was a great decision," she said. "It's pretty amazing to have all these opportunities in Nebraska."

UNL Chancellor James Moeser said the Kiewit Institute would be a good way to show UNL's dedication to

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