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The Husker secondary, along with the rest of the NU defense looks to make sure this year's OSU game doesn't come down to the last play. **PAGE 9**



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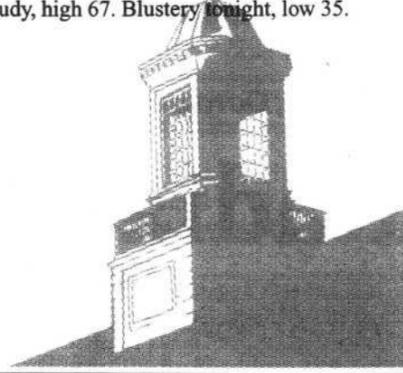
Free Tibet

Filed secretly in Tibet, the film "Windhorse" explores the Chinese government's repression of Tibetans. **PAGE 12**

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FALLING INTO FALL
Cloudy, high 67. Blustery tonight, low 35.



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Regents to vote on baseball stadium

By **KIMBERLY SWEET**
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The NU regents will get their say today in whether Lincoln will be home to a new baseball stadium.

At their 1:30 p.m. meeting in Varner Hall, the regents will vote whether to authorize the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to participate in a cooperative project that would result in a \$25.9 million baseball stadium.

UNL's partners in the venture would include the city of Lincoln, as well as Nebco Inc.

If built, the complex would be home to the University of Nebraska men's baseball team in the spring and a Northern League professional baseball team in the summer.

A 2,500-seat softball stadium housing the women's softball team would sit next door to the complex, which would be located north of the Haymarket and west of Interstate 80.

UNL's contribution would be

\$10.6 million, the biggest of the three partners.

The university is seeking private funds for the project.

Scott Lewis, associate vice chancellor for business and finance, wouldn't say whether he thought the regents would approve or reject the proposal.

"I wouldn't characterize (the decision) either way," Lewis said. "I think the regents will look at it very carefully."

The City Council is slated to vote

Monday on whether to put its signatures on the documents that would put the deal in motion.

Holding the votes of two of the core groups involved at the same time will be beneficial in coordinating the project, said Ann Harrell, who is Lincoln Mayor Don Wesely's assistant.

"This time it worked well," Harrell said. "It's important to keep them marching along at the same pace."

The city's contribution to the pro-

Regents

ject would be \$5.9 million. Nebco would contribute \$6.1 million to the project. The company will also pay the professional baseball team's operating and maintenance costs.

If the regents and City Council vote to approve the projects, the partners can move forward, Lewis said.

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NATE WAGNER/DN
SGT. CHARLOTTE Veskrna accepts the Rural/Metro Medical Service Award on Thursday afternoon for helping resuscitate 85-year-old William Williams by using CPR. Veskrna is coming up on her eighth year with University Police.

Life-saving efforts praised at ceremony

By **JAKE BLEED**
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City and university police gathered Thursday to honor the efforts of a UNL police sergeant in helping to save the life of an 85-year-old heart attack victim.

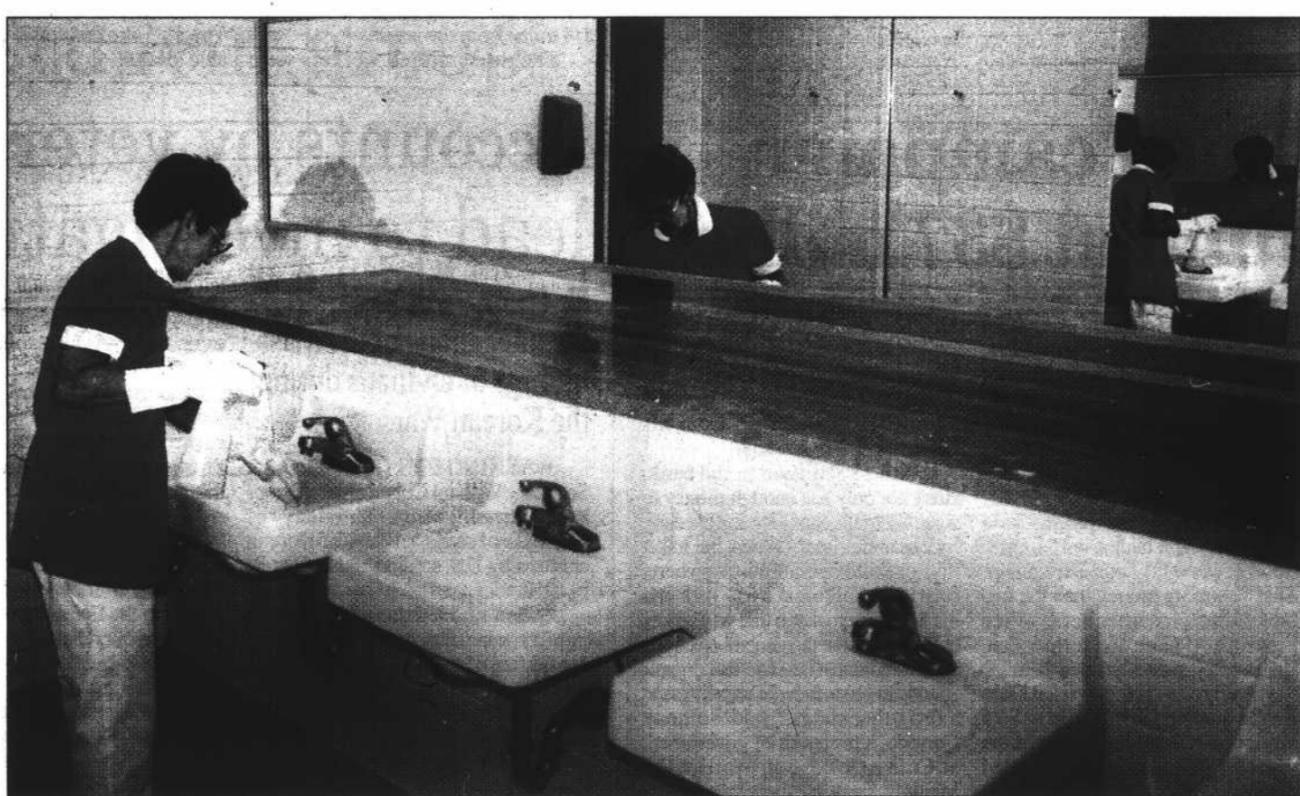
University Police Sgt. Charlotte Veskrna received the award from Rural/Metro Medical Services for performing CPR on William Williams on Sept. 11.

"She assisted us from A to Z," said Rural/Metro Medical Services paramedic Tobias Theisen. "She just hung right in there with us."

Theisen, who was the first paramedic to arrive to Veskrna's aid, presented the award to Sergeant Veskrna.

With Veskrna's help, Theisen and other

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LIZ MEACHAM/DN
JUDY EMEIGH, who has been cleaning residence halls for six years, cleans out the sinks of Smith Residence Hall eighth floor Thursday morning. She has worked at five other halls at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln during her tenure, but she said she liked cleaning girls' floors the best.

Custodian keeps cheery outlook on life

By **SARAH FOX**
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The custodian is one of the only smiling people on Smith Residence Hall's 10th floor early Monday mornings.

The yellow walls and the orange carpet give the hallways a brownish glow. In the bright lights of the group bathroom, college students rub clear circles of plastic in their palms.

They are trying to wake up enough to open their eyes and insert their contacts. The women do not talk; the bathroom echoes only with the splash of water on the thick plastic shower curtains and the sudden flush of toilets. The rest of the floor is quiet.

In the hallway, a new sound suddenly rises over the elevator's beeps.

"Good morning, sunshine!" says Judy Emeigh, Smith Residence Hall custodian.

Emeigh, 54, says she loves her "family" of college women on Smith Residence Hall's seventh, eighth, ninth and 10th floors.

Her cheerfulness in a demanding job demonstrates Emeigh's life attitude of staying happy in tough situations.

Emeigh's life started with a tough situation for her mother. Emeigh's mother gave birth to Emeigh and her twin sister, Joyce, in the back seat of a car on the way to the hospital in 1945.

Her father, a World War II veteran who served in Germany, delivered the twins. He moved the family from Michigan to St. Edward when Emeigh and her twin sister were about 5 years old.

"I have no idea why my parents moved to Nebraska," Emeigh said.

After Emeigh and her twin sister graduated from high school, Emeigh found her first job in Albion, a small town northwest of Columbus.

She worked as a waitress for \$4.25 an hour in a small Albion restaurant, serving hamburgers and chili to area residents and deer hunters. The restaurant compensated for the poor tips by giving her a high hourly wage, she said.

Emeigh stopped working after she married.

"He was a well-to-do guy, so I just stayed home with my kids," she said.

However, when "things didn't work out," Emeigh and her husband divorced.

Because the family had been living in Lincoln, she found a job cleaning the Ramada Inn to pay for her children's tuition at Lincoln's Pius X Central High School. Emeigh worked one eight-hour shift each day.

"It was fast-paced," Emeigh said. "Sometimes I worked double shifts, (and)

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