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Deep Impact

Contributions the Nebraska soccer team's seniors have made come to light as the team prepares for a Senior Night game against ISU. PAGE 10



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Cowboys and Bimbos

When faced with the choice of Halloween costumes, women – and often men – find the naughtier, the better. PAGE 12

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Cloudy, high 68. Showers tonight, low 43.

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State leaders: Teachers need a healthy raise

BY JOSH KNAUB
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Members of the Nebraska Legislature's education committee heard one message during a hearing Thursday on Nebraska's teacher salaries: Teachers need more money.

Jim Fisher, a math teacher, told the committee he works 10 to 20 hours at a second job during the school year to make ends meet for his family.

He said his wife quit her job as a teacher when day-care costs for their five children exceeded her salary.

Last year, his family qualified for reduced-cost school lunches, Women, Infant and Children's assistance and a federal earned-income tax credit.

"I love to teach," Fisher said. "But I can't raise my family on this."

"I can't continue."

Omaha Sen. Shelly Kiel, a member of the education committee, said she had firsthand experience with poor pay.

Kiel, a former teacher, said she had planned to substitute teach this year to gain more education experience.

She said she gave up the plan after learning that substitutes in her district took home only about \$40 per day.

Nebraska ranks 42nd in the nation in average teacher salary, according to rankings provided by the Nebraska State Education Association. The state ranks 44th in average beginning teacher salary.

Despite the low salaries, data provided by the NSEA ranked Nebraska students fifth in academic achievement and seventh in graduation rate.

Janice Garnett, a teacher recruiter for Omaha Public Schools, said this adds to her district's problems in recruiting from a shrinking pool of applicants.

Garnett said Omaha's teachers and students had consistently ranked in the top 10 percent nationally. She said part of the reason for Omaha's high rank was its success in recruiting about a quarter of its teachers from out of state.

But, she said, out-of-state recruitment had become harder.

"We don't have any beaches, moun-

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KATRINA LUMPKIN, a fourth-year interior design major, and Jenny Zimmer, a sixth-year architecture student, celebrate at the annual Hinsdale festival, which celebrates two unusually large urinals in Architecture Hall.

Urinals, Halloween celebrated

■ Architecture Hall's Hinsdale fixtures inspire party almost every year.

BY SARA SALKELD
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Thanks to the American Institute of Architecture Students, Halloween and urinals now have something in common.

On Thursday, the college held its annual Hinsdale celebration. The celebration is in honor of the two Hinsdale urinals and is also a

Halloween costume party.

"The Hinsdales are the biggest urinals west of the Mississippi," junior architecture major Brent Wollenburg said.

The urinals are named after Winfield E. Hinsdale, the man who patented them.

Not only are they the biggest, a search for other Hinsdale urinals found only one other operating set on the East Coast.

In 1985, the urinals were almost destroyed during the construction of the second part of the architecture building.

After student protests over

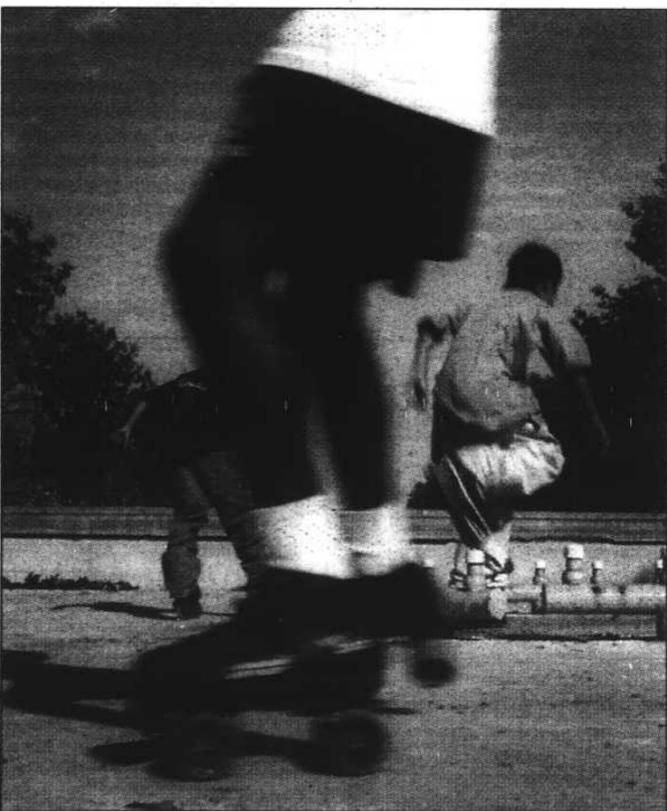
“(They are) the biggest urinals west of the Mississippi.”

BRENT WOLLENBURG
junior architecture major

trashing the urinals, they were moved to the first-floor men's restroom in the link between the Architecture Hall and the

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Fountain tricks a treat



SHARON KOLBET/DN

JOHN FISHER, 11, his brother James Fisher, 10, and Demetrious Kennedy, 10, practice their moves on in-line skates in a Centennial Mall fountain. The water has been turned off because of falling temperatures, giving these skaters a chance to explore the fountains' bottoms.