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Running of the plays

The Nebraska football team fine-tuned its play-calling routine against Kansas to make for a smoother handling of the clock. **PAGE 7**



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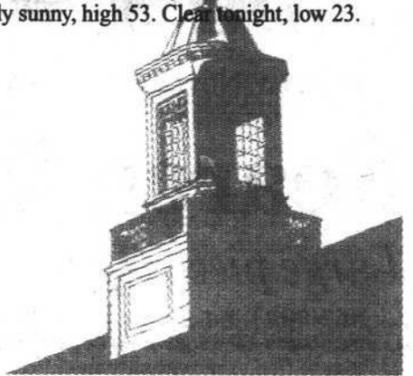
Native Son

Pop musician and Lincoln native Matthew Sweet takes off in a new direction on his new album, "In Reverse." **PAGE 9**

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GONNA BE A BRIGHT, SUNSHINY DAY
Mostly sunny, high 53. Clear tonight, low 23.

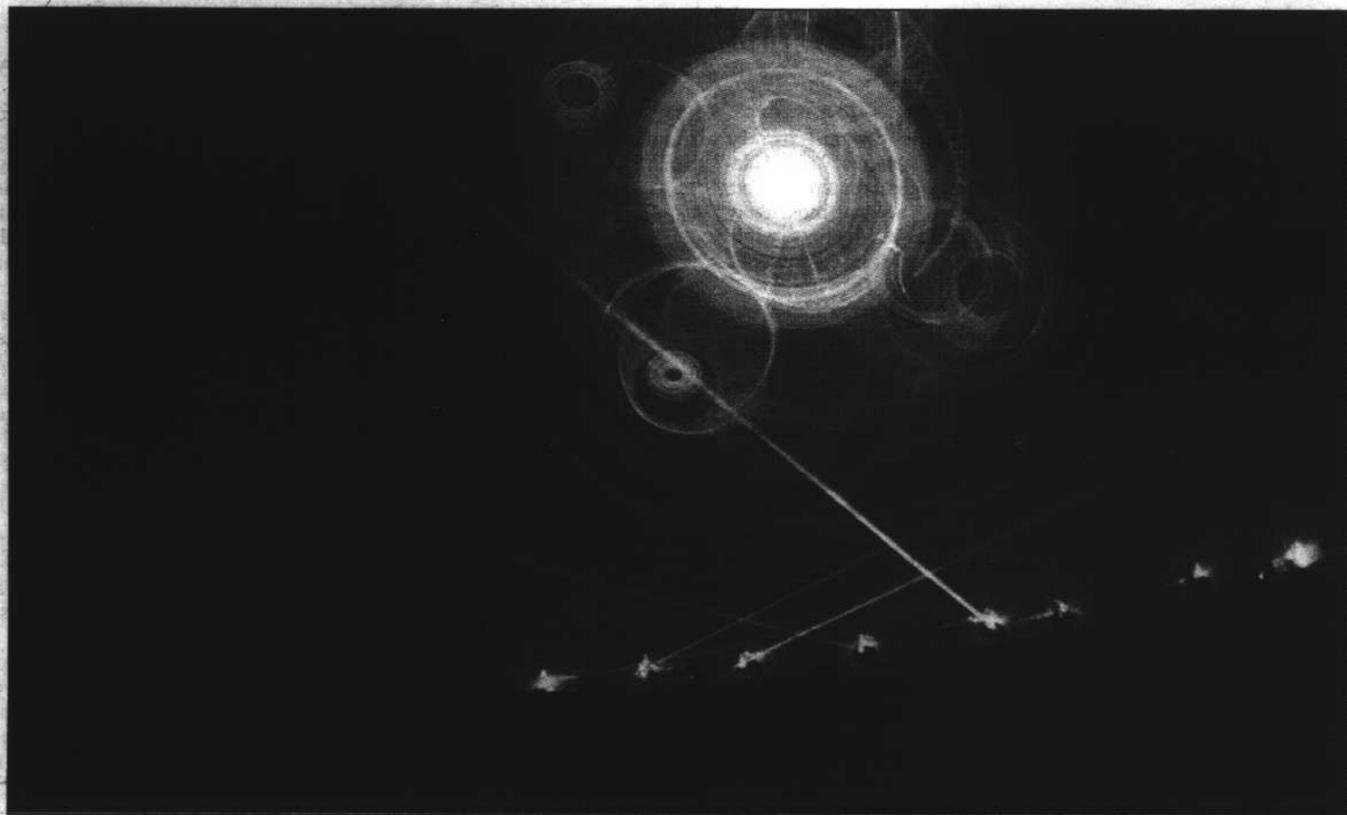


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Teachers College up to par with goals

By **ERIC RINEER**
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After taking a look at a report assessing teacher education nationwide, some UNL Teachers College faculty members said they were pleased with how the college was operating.

The report, released by the American Council on Education's Presidential Task Force on Teacher Education, sent a message to institutions to put teacher education higher on their agendas.

Some of the recommendations made by the 36-member task force, which included NU President Dennis Smith, were:

- Ensure that graduates of teacher education programs are supported, monitored and mentored.

- Clarify the connection between education of teachers and the mission of the institution.

- Ensure that teacher education programs have the equipment, facilities and personnel to educate future teachers in the use of technology.

Keeping up with technology would be a challenge the Teachers College would continue to face, said James O'Hanlon, the college's dean.

Ensuring the student teachers are success-

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Waste site case ruling overturned

By **JAKE BLEED**
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The state Supreme Court ruled Friday that a district court judge was out of his jurisdiction when he ordered two state departments to avoid threatening action against a private company hired to build a low-level radioactive waste site in Nebraska.

The departments of Environmental Quality and Health and Human Services sent a letter in 1996 to US Ecology, the private development firm seeking to build a low-level radioactive waste site in Boyd County, stating their intention of denying the firm's application for a construction license, the court opinion said.

US Ecology responded by asking Lancaster County District Court to issue a judgment on the case, the results of which the state Supreme Court overruled Friday.

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RHYTHM OF THE LIGHT



HEATHER GLENBOSKI/DN

FROM TOP: THE MUELLER PLANETARIUM, in the University of Nebraska State Museum, features laser light shows every weekend. This weekend included a Halloween show, with songs such as "Monster Mash," and the "Ghostbusters" theme song. **JACK DUNN**, PLANETARIUM coordinator since 1971, works the computer system that controls the laser light shows.

Laser light and music creates a little-known art form at UNL

By **Veronica Daehn**
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A little-known art form has been around for more than 20 years at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

And despite its lack of publicity, it looks like the flashy art is here to stay.

Each weekend beginning in September, laser light shows brighten the otherwise dark walls of Morrill Hall's Mueller Planetarium.

"Laser display is an artistic medium," said Jack Dunn, laser light show programmer and planetarium coordinator for UNL. "It's an interpretation of music, and you can have fun with it."

The planetarium puts on five laser shows a weekend and about 20 shows a month, Dunn said.

All laser shows are set to music, and most center on a music group or musical theme.

Dunn said he watches the Billboard music

charts to keep up on what is popular because music trends change so often.

There is some music, though, that is timeless. Dunn said he knows there will always be an audience for groups like The Doors, The Beatles and Pink Floyd.

Audiences for those shows are interesting because there is a wide age difference, Dunn said. The Beatles attract both high school students and people older than age 60.

Laser shows with The Doors and Pink

Floyd's "Dark Side of the Moon" also get audience members of all ages.

Dunn said he tries to schedule the more popular shows on weekends.

Having an audience at each show is crucial because ticket sales play a large role in the planetarium workers' salaries, as well as operation costs. A separate fund pays for equipment for the planetarium, Dunn said.

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Laser light show programmer and planetarium coordinator

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