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Opposites Attract

This weekend, the Huskers and their winning streak meet the Aggies and their losing streak. **SPORTS, PAGE 16**

The Fast Track

The Sidetrack tavern has been packing in Husker fans for almost 25 years. **A&E, PAGE 9**



Culture Center frustration aired at forum

"It is first and foremost a place for students of color. It's a place to call home – a place to be."

Reshell Ray
assistant director of Student Involvement

Officials discuss reluctance to make needed improvements to center

By Kimberly Sweet

Staff writer

Talk of the future of UNL's Culture Center dominated a forum held by the Chancellor's Commission on the Status of People of Color on Thursday.

Those who attended the forum expressed their frustration about the lack of a plan to improve the center, which has been deteriorating in the

past few years.

"It seems like we are sitting on our hands and waiting for something to happen," said senior business marketing major Eddie Brown. "No one knows the plan; no one knows the timeline."

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, said indecision about what to do with the building has prevented any action.

The building needs a new heating and air-conditioning system, as well

as miscellaneous repairs.

But Griesen said the possibility of commercial development of the property the Culture Center sits on is making officials hesitant to invest large amounts of money to improve the building.

"It's very premature to say there is any (business) interest," Griesen said. "But we do have hopes the block may be better used."

Griesen said he would rather see the university build a new Culture

Center in the parking lot between the Nebraska Union and the Wick Alumni Center.

In the past, repairs that would have made more rooms in the building usable have been put off because of the recent construction and renovations of the Nebraska Union, Griesen said.

After union construction costs exceeded the original budget, money

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To the extreme



CLARE CRANDELL, a fifth-grader at Belmont Elementary School, practices Thursday with her Capital Soccer Association team, the "Under Eleven Gold Extreme," on UNL's East Campus. Jerry Liss, the team's volunteer coach, said the team practices every Tuesday and Thursday.

Building will help unite Teachers College faculty

By Kimberly Sweet

Staff writer

Faculty, staff and administrators of the Teachers College work each day with their departments scattered in various campus buildings.

But by July 2001, members of the college will move into their new home – a three-story, collegiate Georgian-style building that will bring five of the six departments into one complex.

Members of the college who reside in Bancroft Hall are anticipating the move-in date when they will occupy the Teachers College building currently under construction between Mabel Lee and Henzlik Hall, at 14th and Vine streets.

The new building will connect the two, allowing for easier travel and more interaction between the different departments, said James

O'Hanlon, dean of the college.

"This will allow us to centralize our services more and do things in a more efficient way," O'Hanlon said.

The ceremonial ground-breaking for the building was April 4. But construction on the building began last November, said F. Woods Haecker, the project manager for the new building.

The building is scheduled for completion on July 2, 2001.

Faculty and staff of the educational psychology and educational administration programs will move as quickly as possible into their new quarters when they get the go-ahead, said Toni Santmire, interim chairwoman of educational psychology.

Special education and communication disorders will remain in the Barkley Memorial Center on East Campus.

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Bancroft Hall, the building will be demolished.

Money for the \$10 million project came from money allocated to the university for deferred maintenance projects. The Nebraska Legislature approved LB1100, which gave the university money to renovate the buildings, in 1998.

The Love Library renovation, as

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Devaney's widow put others first

By Lindsay Young

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Pat Devaney remembers when her mother and best friend, Phyllis, was watching an Eddie Murphy monologue on the television.

Pat Devaney said she remembered thinking she wished her mother, widow of the former NU Athletic Director and Football Coach Bob Devaney, didn't have to hear Murphy's "filthy language."

But her mother sat quietly through the show and then said: "Actually, that guy has a lot of truth in what he's saying."

Phyllis Devaney saw through Murphy's words and listened for the essence of his message.

She saw people for who they were,

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Professor, 63, dies of cancer

■ Alexander "Bob" Peters noted for his work in aerodynamics.

By Jill Zeman

Staff writer

Members of the UNL community were dealt a loss Tuesday as a professor known for his work with aerodynamics and his love of flying died.

Alexander "Bob" Peters, 63, died April 18 after a 14-year battle with cancer.

Peters served as chairman of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln mechanical engineering department from 1975-85 and as a professor of mechanical engineering through the fall 1999 semester.

He left behind a list of accomplishments within the engineering field, including perfecting the radar-reflective camouflage cloth manufacturing process, resulting in a \$14 million start-up contract.

He also perfected curing on Gulf War chemical warfare gloves.

David Lou, chairman of the mechanical engineering department, said Peters made outstanding contributions to the university throughout his tenure.

"He was a man of higher principle and was very dedicated to his profession," he said.

Peters' students enjoyed his classes – he was sometimes demanding but always thorough and organized, Lou said.

"There's no question about it – he had quite an effect on the students," he said.

Lawrence Ehlers, a retired mechanical engineering associate professor, said Peters was outgoing and easy to work with.

"He was a very good person," he said.

"People looked up to him, he had a good technical mind and was fair to his students."

Ehlers and Lou both mentioned the impact Peters had on the university.

"It's a real loss to the department," Ehlers said. "He was very well-respected."

Lou said: "He will be greatly missed."

Peters' hobbies went outside work

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