

# Bush team gets praise from Hagel

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he said. One of Bush's top foreign policy goals is the construction of a national missile defense system.

Hagel said he strongly supported the idea because, in the post-Cold War world, the threat of massive nuclear retaliation may not be sufficient to deter certain nuclear threats. A commission led by Rumsfeld reported in 1998 that the threat of a missile strike by countries such as North Korea or Iraq was greater than U.S. intelligence estimates had indicated.

"It's something Bush is going to have to finish in his administration," Hagel said.

The four obstacles to constructing a missile defense, Hagel said, are technology, funding from Congress, support from U.S. allies and acceptance by Russia.

"We've made progress on all four fronts, but we're not there yet," he said.

The 1972 ABM Treaty prohibited either the United States or the Soviet Union from developing missile defense systems. Hagel said the United States should finesse the Russians and try to obtain some agreement on their part rather than "arbitrarily walk away" from the treaty.

When Bush confronts cases of ethnic cleansing or genocide — as happened in the Balkans and Rwanda during the 1990s — he will have to handle them on a case-by-case basis, Hagel said.

"I don't know if you can precisely calibrate our exact policy on an issue like this. Every case is different," he said. "For us to think we can develop a policy that eliminates risk is foolhardy."

In such cases, the United States gains an advantage by being unpredictable and "keep(ing) the bad guy guessing," Hagel said.

Hagel approved of President Clinton's decision not to visit North Korea during his final days in office.

He also said Clinton should not try to hammer together a Middle East peace accord haphazardly in the coming days. Recent travels throughout the Middle East convinced Hagel that "the Arabs feel they will get a better deal from the Bush administration."

National security and international economics are increasingly interwoven in foreign policy, Hagel said. To reflect that reality, he encouraged Bush to include the treasury secretary in more foreign policy discussions. Hagel said he met last week with Bush's

choice for secretary of agriculture, Ann Veneman. He said he encouraged her to "be a strong, effective advocate for American agriculture."

He said he was "very impressed" by Veneman's answers to his questions — even though, he joked, she came from the "fruits and vegetables world" of California.

Bush, who won the presidency with a margin of just four electoral votes after a disputed outcome in Florida — and who lost the national popular vote — must lay the ground for bipartisanship by "building a bridge of trust," Hagel said.

"It's critically important that the new president set the right tone," he said.

At the same time, Hagel said, it would undermine Bush's credibility if he did not push for a large tax cut, which he proposed during the campaign.

Budget surpluses allow the federal government to both provide a tax cut and pay down the national debt, he said.

But in order to govern with a 50-50 Senate and a closely divided House, Republicans and Democrats will have to learn to work together, Hagel said.

"Let's be real. This will be difficult," he said. "Both parties are going to have to step back and give a little bit."

# NU professor candidate for law dean

FROM STAFF REPORTS

One of NU's own is among the candidates for the dean of the University of Nebraska College of Law.

Steven Willborn, professor of law and interim dean of the NU College of Law, is one of four candidates who will be interviewed for the college's top position at the end of the month.

University officials released the names of

the four dean candidates Monday.

The candidates named are David Epstein, professor of law at the University of Alabama School of Law; Eugene Gaetke, professor of law at the University of Kentucky College of Law; Paul LeBel, professor of law at the Florida State University College of Law; and Willborn.

The candidates will come to campus for interviews in late January and early February, university officials said.

The position opened last spring after for-

mer Law College Dean Nancy Rapoport became dean of the law college at the University of Houston.

Willborn has been serving as interim dean since Rapoport left last summer. He has been at the University of Nebraska since 1979.

Willborn has authored four books and teaches workplace-related law and planning law. He has won three Distinguished Teaching Awards from the College of Law during his tenure.

# After 46 years, The King continues on

Elvis impersonators still a popular Las Vegas tourist attraction.

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LAS VEGAS — The white jumpsuit with its gaudy jewels is unzipped to reveal just the right amount of bare chest. The hairstyle is slick, black and out of date. The sideburns unmistakable.

Perfect. It's showtime for Ron DeCar.

"Do you both agree to adopt each other's hound dogs, not to wear your blue suede shoes in the rain, to always be each other's teddy bear and to never have a blue Christmas without one another?" he asks at the Viva Las Vegas Wedding Chapel.

A few songs later, Jason Sealock and Rashell McCann are married, by the King of Rock 'n' Roll no less.

The city of neon glitz and

extravagance refuses to give up on the power of Elvis Presley, who would have been 66 years old Monday. He's been dead almost 24 years, but in Vegas, Elvis has yet to leave the building.

Elvis impersonators still pack 'em in — that distinctive voice can be heard resonating from slot machines and even Flying Elvi in the sky aren't uncommon.

Then there are the Elvis ministers, who are so wonderfully unusual that many tourists can't seem to resist them.

"I don't know many people that can say they were married by Elvis," said Sealock, 26, of Seattle, after he and McCann tied the knot.

DeCar makes his living as a ministerial Elvis. He also owns the hotel behind the chapel and takes pride in its pink and black Elvis and Priscilla room. Anyone interested in sleeping in a bed that is built into the front half of an actual 1954 pink Cadillac would love it.

Sleeping like the King is one thing, but having him perform your marriage ceremony?

"Most of the people that come to Las Vegas envision themselves being married by the King," declares DeCar, noting that he's 42, the same age Elvis was when he died.

Maybe, but Callie Fortin looked a bit puzzled after watching her friends' marriage ceremony.

"It's very strange," said Fortin, 24, of Denver.

Farther down Las Vegas Boulevard, former prison guard Tim Welch is preparing for yet another show at the New Frontier hotel-casino, where he belts out Elvis hits to adoring fans. They line up for autographs and pictures and sometimes women even toss their undergarments on stage, Welch said.

A shuttle takes tourists on the Strip to and from the nearby Elvis-A-Rama Museum. It's filled with records, cars, letters, pictures and souvenirs such as a

replica of Elvis' driver's license and Elvis confetti.

And on a cardboard cutout of Elvis, red lipstick marks smear his face. "Making out with Elvis," museum owner Chris Davidson explains.

The Flying Elvi are in demand across the country for shopping mall openings and ball parks. The group of 10 Elvis impersonators, created after the movie "Honeymoon in Vegas" originated the idea, wear wigs and jumpsuits as they parachute out of a plane, then lip sync the King's songs on the ground.

Why is that so popular? "I have no idea," said the group's manager, Melissa Feeney.

Elvis can still bring home a pretty good paycheck. Impersonator Brendan Paul, who works almost full-time traveling the country as Elvis, makes a six-figure salary.

"It's a weird thing," said Paul, 32. "I didn't realize how much people loved him and how much he means to people still."

# Task force investigation leads to seven arrests

Seven drug-related arrests were made Sunday after a two-month investigation by the Lincoln Lancaster County Narcotics Task Force.

The arrests were made around 5:00 p.m. after a warrant was issued at 1973 Sewell St., said Captain Duaine Bullock.

Rod Mendoza-Rico, 44, Julio Tafoya, 26, Karla Mendoza, 31, Raul Hernandez, 47, Juan Quinones, 22, and Alydia Teeples, 24, were all arrested for possession of marijuana, Bullock said.

Tafoya was also arrested for attempt to deliver cocaine.

Raul Ortiz Romero was arrested for possession of marijuana with the intent to deliver.

Bullock said the task force found 48 bricks of marijuana, each weighing 2.2 pounds and \$17,000, all at the Sewell residence.

# Man sought by police for alleged exposure

A man suspected of indecent exposure remains at large after revealing himself to a woman in the Burr Residence Hall parking lot Monday morning.

Three passengers in a vehicle reported seeing a male walking east on Holdrege Street, passing 33rd street around 2 a.m., University Police Assistant Chief Mylo Bushing said.

Two passengers were dropped off in the Love Residence Hall parking lot, and the third passenger parked her car in the Burr Residence Hall

parking lot. There the man approached her with his pants unzipped and unbuttoned, exposing himself to her, Bushing said.

The woman said the man asked if she would like to see him naked and then ran northwest from the lot, Bushing said.

According to the woman's report, the man was wearing baggy jeans and a coat but no shirt, Bushing said.

The man appeared to be in his early 20s, about 5'10" and was clean-shaven.

Anyone who recognizes the man is urged to contact the University Police Department at (402) 472-3555.

# Man arrested on warrant after caught in argument

University Police arrested a man on an outstanding assault warrant Saturday after he and another person were stopped for arguing.

Bushing said a University Police officer observed Robert Kyles arguing with and pushing Diane White shortly after 5 p.m. on the corner of 19th and J streets.

Both are from Lincoln, Bushing said.

Kyles told the officer he pushed White because she was talking to another man.

Bushing said officers then discovered Kyles had a warrant for a previous incident in Lancaster County.

Kyles was then transported to jail and lodged for the warrant, Bushing said.

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# UNL seeks money from senate budget

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arete tax in support of the Antelope Valley Project and the rebuilding of Abbott Drive in Omaha.

The Antelope Valley Project will take the university and its neighbors out of danger, removing that land from a 100-year flood plain, said Michelle Waite, assistant to the chancellor for community relations.

The flood plain is the area that could potentially flood in heavy rains.

The plan will create a road-

way project to better define the east boundaries of campus and diverge traffic around campus instead of through it.

Another important issue for the university is the possible ban on aborted fetal tissue research.

But until public hearings start Jan. 16, university officials will be busy analyzing the bills that get introduced.

"A lot of bills affect the university in some way, shape or form," Withem said. "We will be watching the new bills very closely."

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