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## Legislature bolsters NU health insurance

By Brad Kuhn

State lawmakers Monday gave the university \$90,034 for employee health insurance, adding to the \$2.4 million it returned to the university budget last week. The Legislature voted to override Gov. Bob Kerrey's veto of LB880, mandating continuation of the current state contribution to state employee health insurance, which includes university employees.

Sen. Jerome Warner of Waverly, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, argued for the motion to override the governor's veto on LB880. That bill called for a \$1.75 million appropriation, some of which would go to the NU health plan. Warner said employees should be given more notice before their benefits are changed so drastically.

Last week, lawmakers returned \$2.4 million to the NU operations budget.

State Budget Director Larry Bare said the cuts originally included \$500,000 budgeted for the proposed Eppley Cancer Research Center in anticipation of a repeal of the state cigarette tax. Since the repeal bill failed, NU did not need the additional state funding.

Other cuts included \$494,229 in computer use costs. The state included the university in its computer use budget, but cut the funds because the university no longer uses the state computer system.

The governor's budget after the the cuts was \$160.3 million.

"We felt that was an adequate and reasonable budget," Bare said.

Warner said the university deserved the \$2.4 million because the budget had not been increased since the 1981-82 academic year.

Where the money will go at UNL:

1. \$205,000 (General) — Funding for the improvement of computer science in the College of Engineering and Technology.

2. \$75,000 (General) — Funding for increased support for library services including additional student employees and operating costs.

3. \$50,000 (General) — Funding for the improvement of faculty salaries for the College of Law.

Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at East Campus:

1. \$121,600 (General) — Funding for increased support in the area of information technology.

2. \$72,358 (General) — Funding to enhance the current conservation tillage and water management programs.



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## Language fair today at Union

By Jay Mulligan

High school student from across the state will converge on the Nebraska Union today to attend the Modern Language Fair.

This year's fair, the eighth annual, is expected to be the largest ever, with more than 2,000 students attending, according to Walter Centuori, fair director and vice chairman of the UNL Modern Language Department.

"The fair is an outreach event designed to get high school students thinking about foreign language as a major, as well as increasing their awareness of the importance of foreign language," Centuori said.

The theme of the fair is "Foreign Languages and World Peace."

"We feel that by studying a language, people learn about the culture through the language, and thus gain a better understanding and a greater tolerance for the people of that culture," Centuori said.

A computer workshop will be held for high school teachers during the fair.

It will feature the use of computers as a teaching tool.

"Students are excited about coming to the language fair," Centuori said. "Most of them are from small towns, and this is the first contact they have with the department."

## Rainy Days and Mondays . . .

UNL students and faculty shield themselves from Monday's ehavy rain showers and high winds.

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## UNL economist lends expertise to forum on proposed farm bill

By Jay Mulligan

Roy Frederick, a UNL extension economist, will discuss the 1985 farm bill in a UNL Ag Econ/Agri-Business Club forum tonight at 6 p.m. in the East Union.

Lynette Wagner, publicity chairman for the Ag club, said the bill will be a four-year plan set up by Congress to serve as the framework for farm legislation through 1989. It is intended to make farm policy more consistent by planning four years ahead instead of from year to year, she said.

"In one year, you can patch up things, but you can't really head in the right direction (without a long term plan)" Wagner said. "In Washington, they (Congress) are looking in terms of four years and beyond (for farm policy)."

Frederick has held educational forums throughout the state Wagner said.

The forums, "Farm prices and income policy, 1985 and beyond," were designed to help farmers under-

stand their different alternatives offered to them through various farm policies like PIK and direct payment, Wagner said.

Frederick said hearings are now being held in Washington to determine what farmers need and what will be appropriate for the farm bill that will be proposed in January 1985.

"The hearings will help indicate whether programs should be applied to certain farmers on the basis of need or across the board to everyone," Frederick said. "Questions are being raised about the philosophy of the programs and about the programs themselves in terms of whether or not they are the right way to solve the problems."

"Because of the high cost of farm programs, the administration won't be able to toss the bill aside," Frederick said.

The 6 p.m. meeting will feature an explanation of the bill from Frederick, followed by a question-and-answer session. The meeting is open to everyone.