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**Weather:** Partly cloudy and warmer today with light winds and a high of 73 (23C). Warm tonight with a low of 48 (9C). Partly cloudy and warm again on Friday with a high of 74 (23C).

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## Board votes to maintain closing time

The Nebraska Union Board voted Tuesday to kill a motion that would have extended union hours during finals week.

The motion failed because of lack of student interest and the belief that extending the union's hours would waste student fees, said board member Frank Kuhn.

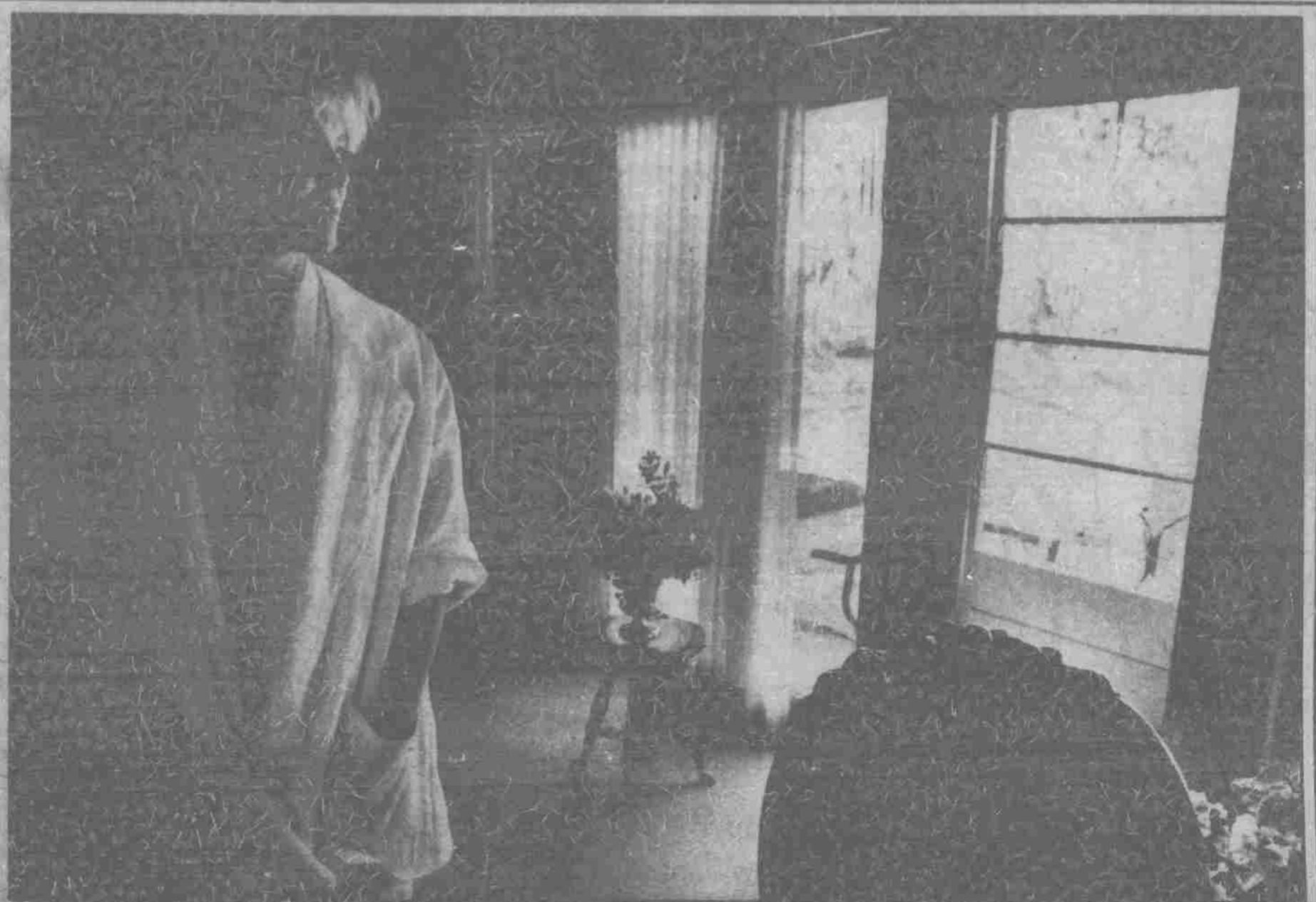
In the past, union hours have been extended beyond the regular 11 p.m. closing time. By 1 a.m., traffic in the union had died down and by 1:30 a.m. "there was hardly anyone left in the union," Kuhn said.

In other business, the board discussed recruitment of at-large members for this summer and the fall 1985 semester through an informal application process. The board will have a formal process in the fall.

Newly-elected vice president Lisa Edens said recruits aren't expected to make any commitments now.

For more information, call Edens or newly-elected board president Missy Huckfeldt in the Nebraska Union office, 472-2181.

Space allocation for both Nebraska unions have been proposed, and the board will vote April 23 to determine the allocations.



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On the cutting edge of fashion Barbara Eager of Lincoln. The owner of Que Barbara swim and sportswear, Eager stands in her living room wearing some of the "all occasion sportswear" she designed and manufactured. For more on Que Barbara, see page 10. For more on haute couture, see the fashion guide inside.

## Administrator says Africans must learn food technologies

By Eric Dodds  
Staff Reporter

"A hungry child knows no politics." With this idea in mind, Julia Chang Bloch, assistant administrator of the U.S. Food for Peace in the Agency for International Development, said the U.S. government will contribute more than \$1 billion worth of aid to famine-stricken Africa in 1985.

Bloch spoke at the Nebraska Union Tuesday as part of a two-day conference on the African food crisis.

"Food aid alone cannot solve Africa's food emergency," Bloch said, stressing that African countries must increase food self-reliance through increased food production, institution building, use of appropriate technology and increased involvement of small farmers in food policy.

The United States needs to make policy changes in its actions toward

African countries to help reduce their reliance on foreign aid, she said. Food aid is partially used to cushion the impact these changes will have on famine victims.

Bloch denied charges that the Reagan administration was deliberately slow in getting food aid to Ethiopia.

"We did not know the magnitude of the problem until probably September" of last year, she said. The United States could not respond automatically to the food crisis because, Bloch said, the food aid chain is an extremely long and tortuous road of logistical, financial and organizational problems. The United States did not want to send food to a country and have it rot on the docks because there were no trucks to transport it into needy areas.

Food aid in general doesn't have the priority that it should, she said, mainly "because there is no American support for our foreign aid programs." The

media has done a good job of bringing the African food crisis to the attention of U.S. citizens, she said.

But, Bloch said, the "ordinary American" doesn't understand the real causes of the crisis. Many reasons — extending beyond the drought — have caused it, she said.

African governments have given low priority to agriculture. Many have followed policies that subsidize food for urban poor but have done nothing to help the small farmer with production. Africa has suffered from an environmental degradation, including soil erosion, deforestation and the destruction of trees for firewood, she said.

Africa has not benefited from the miracle seeds of the "green revolution" as many Asian countries have, but the United States is developing seeds which can meet Africa's dry-land farming needs, she said.

## Chinese, U.S. scientists to study farm conditions

UNL will lead a joint study by the People's Republic of China and the United States to compare the climate and agriculture of the North China Plain and the North American Great Plains.

Norm Rosenberg, program coordinator and director of the UNL Center for Agricultural Meteorology and Climatology, said the program's goal is to help increase and stabilize food and fiber production in the North China Plain and the North American Great Plains. The two areas are similar in climate, soils and crops, Rosenberg said.

Rosenberg went to China in 1981 to see agricultural and meteorological research stations. It was proposed that Chinese and U.S. scientists collaborate on a program to explore productivity in the two plains regions.

The U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. National Science Foundation were

enthusiastic. The NOAA and the State Meteorology Administration of China signed an agreement in 1981.

Five possible projects have been identified for the plains study:

- Physical climatology;
- Measurement of insulation and photosynthetically active radiation;
- Agricultural microclimatology measurements for comparing production functions and water-use efficiencies;
- Understanding moisture stress and drought;
- Ecological changes and potential plains productivity.

The Chinese are especially interested in the control of wind and water erosion, drought management, the uses of windbreaks and irrigation scheduling, he said.

UNL wants to test some Chinese techniques for inter-cropping and multi-cropping, he said.

### Blair hits Lincoln

## Marketing students boost hotel's advertising

By David Wilson  
Staff Reporter

Marketing students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln have helped boost the advertising for the Blair Hotel.

The Blair Hotel, located on the corner of 16th and O streets, is a historic building that has been recently renovated.

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