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Thanksgiving ushered in two long-standing December traditions: Christmas shopping and snow. These two unidentified women walking on City Campus had a taste of both Monday.

Beutler up for re-election, wants to pursue water bill

By Roger Aden

Sen. Chris Beutler of Lincoln has announced he is running for re-election for the 28th legislative district seat in 1982.

Beutler said he has represented the people of his district well in his four years as a state legislator and would like to continue working on some programs he has started.

"There are a number of problems that I would like to continue working on, especially water legislation that will give us some kind of a handle on water development in Nebraska," he said.

"I've done a lot of work on the trans-basin water diversion bill and want to continue with that work," he continued.

Beutler said he would like to see more power given to the state's natural resource districts, allowing them to exercise more control over water and soil laws when circumstances warrant.

In addition, Beutler said he has developed some ideas on education that he would like to pursue if re-elected.

"I'm planning to introduce a bill next session which will allow certain gifted students and certain vocational education students to transfer from high school to a university or community college after only three years of high school instead of four."

Beutler said he also wants to start looking at the delivery system used in education, possibly modifying it to better accommodate students who work at

different speeds such as gifted students.

"It's fairly clear that there's not going to be a lot of money put into education at this time, so we have to start looking at ways to better the delivery system," he said.

Beutler said the reduction in the amount of money available to the state government makes it necessary to make government more efficient.

He said fund-raising activities started in October in preparation for the May primary. The general election is scheduled for the first week of November.

At present, Beutler is the only declared candidate for the 28th district seat, but he said that situation will almost certainly change.

"It's a rare thing when a Lincoln seat is uncontested," Beutler said.



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Chris Beutler

UNL officials ready for heavy snowfall, storms

By Roger Aden

Monday's weather is proof that winter is on its way to Nebraska, but UNL is prepared for any weather emergency that may occur, according to several university officials.

Larry Andrews, assistant to the chancellor, said the decision to cancel classes comes directly from the chancellor's office.

"It's a judgment call based on the safety of students and faculty," he said. "We also have a number of employees who we have to take into consideration."

When the decision is made to cancel classes, Andrews said the University Information Office is notified and takes control of the situation, alerting the media, university switchboard and the vice-chancellors.

Bob Sheldon, assistant director of the information office, said UNL policy states that one of three options is chosen in the event of a weather emergency: all classes are cancelled and all university offices are closed, except for essential services; classes are called off, but university offices remain open; classes and business run as scheduled, but an announcement is made to inform students, faculty and staff about a weather emergency.

Maintain classes

Sheldon said the chancellor's office chooses one of the preceding options, picking the last one only in the case of weather which may raise doubts about the possibility of holding classes.

"We'll try to keep everything open as much as possible," Sheldon said. "The university's obligation is to try and maintain class for the benefit of the students."

Sheldon said classes may be canceled in the middle of the day if the weather situation deteriorates.

In the event of severe weather, Sheldon said a "Parking emergency" may be declared at UNL. The policy dictates that all streets, parking lots and docks essential to university operation will be cleared first. Large employee and commuter lots are next on the list, followed by small employee and commuter lots, then residence hall

lots.

However, Sheldon said university policy states that if a parking emergency is in effect and normal parking is impossible, prohibitions concerning parking zones (lot numbers) will not be enforced.

Wilbur Dasenbrock, director of grounds, said his department is in charge of clearing all parking lots, three to four miles of university streets and 15 miles of sidewalks.

Dasenbrock said the severity and length of the storm will determine what time his crew goes to work.

"If it's over by nighttime, we could go to work as early as midnight, but if the storm continues and there's snow blowing back as fast as we plow it, we probably won't go to work until three or four (a.m.)," he said.

Dasenbrock said if there is a light snowfall, less than 1 inch, the grounds crew probably won't begin working until four or five in the morning.

"We'll try to get things cleared off by the time class begins and there are people on campus," Dasenbrock said. "But if the snow is still in progress, it's really impossible to do."

City streets

According to Dasenbrock, busy city streets that run into the campus, such as 14th Street, will be cleared first if the city has not yet done so.

"We've got every man assigned to a machine and every machine assigned to a certain street, lot or dock," Dasenbrock said. "Our priorities are essential services such as the student health center and residence hall food service loading docks."

UNL police also have a role in a weather emergency, according to Gail Gade, director of university police.

He said the department is responsible for getting its own people to work and transporting people who have to be at their jobs, but are unable to make it to campus. Gade said the department and the telephone office each have a four-wheel-drive vehicle for use in such an emergency.

"We'll take care of whatever we're called upon to do," Gade said.

December grads with loans urged to sign exit papers

By Leslie Kendrick

Seniors graduating this December need to start thinking about payment on their federal loans.

Exit interviews are being given by the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aids at UNL, assistant director Gail Cox said.

About 200 UNL students are expected to be affected.

At the exit interview, December graduates who have received National Defense Student Loans or National Direct Student Loans will sign exit papers which confirm the amount of the loan, the interest rate and the due date of the first payment. Graduates will be given a handout explaining loan repayment conditions.

The time allowed for the graduate to repay the loan depends on the loan size, Cox said. The usual payment for graduates is \$360 per year or \$90 per quarter, she said.

Conditions of loan deferment or cancellation will also be explained, Cox said. Deferment can be granted if the graduate enrolls at least half-time at a university. The loan would then be repaid at a later date, she said.

Deferment may also be granted if the graduate is a member of the U.S. military, a Peace Corps volunteer or a volunteer under the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, Cox said.

The majority of deferments are given to

those graduates returning to universities, Cox said.

Provisions in the loan agreement allow cancellation of loans for certain students graduating in specified areas of teaching, Cox said. The largest cancellations are given to teachers of handicapped children, she said.

Of all UNL graduates who have received federal loans only 4.52 percent of them default on payments, Cox said.

Students may attend any one of the exit sessions, scheduled for Dec. 10 at noon, Dec. 11 at 10 a.m., Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 15 at 3 p.m. All sessions will be in the Nebraska Union and room numbers will be posted.

Students affected by this are encouraged to attend, Cox said.

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