

Kerrey: 'urgency is there' for calling special session

The possibility of a special session of the Legislature remains a mystery, but at a Wednesday news conference Gov. Bob Kerrey said "the urgency is there."

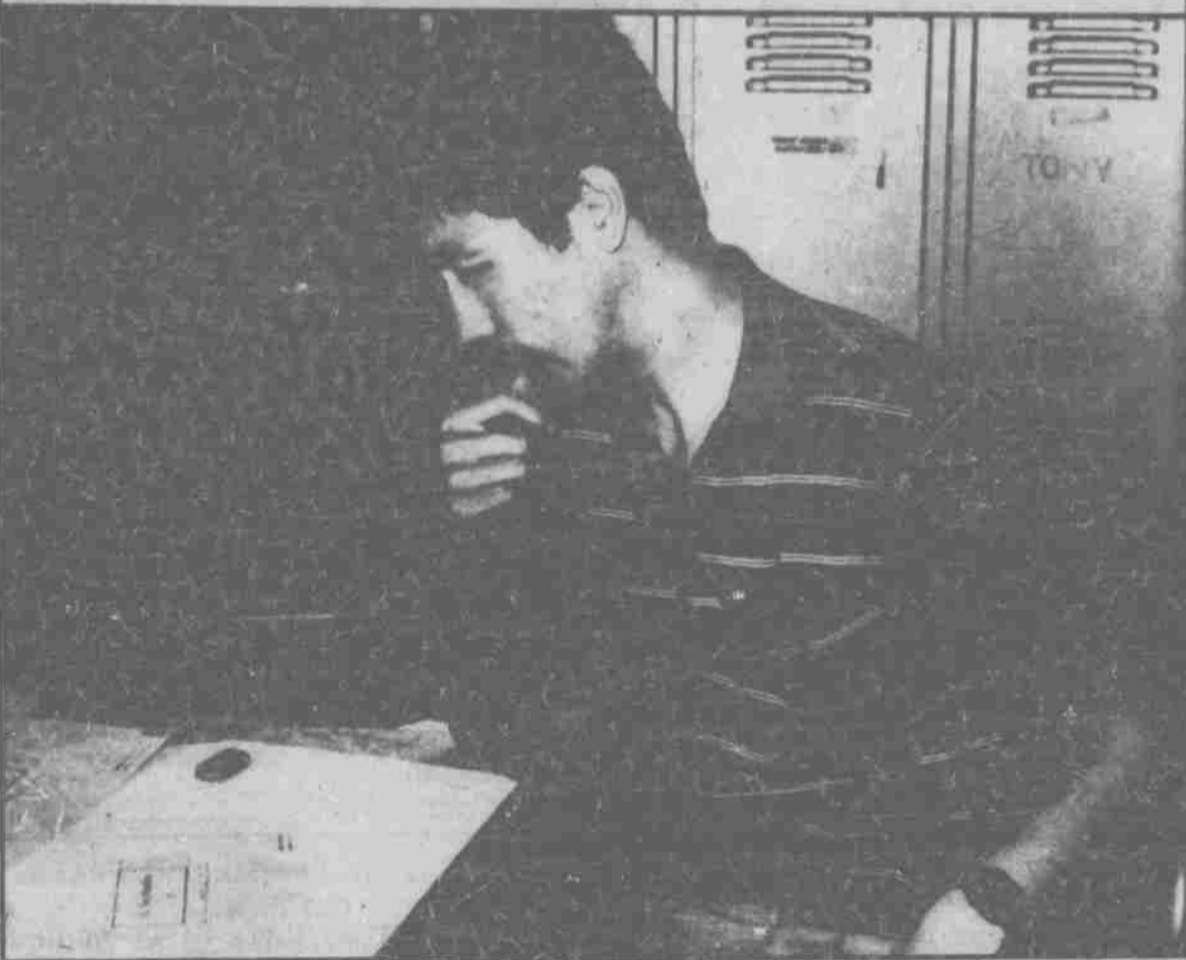
Kerrey said the Legislature needs to examine both the Commonwealth Savings Co. problem and the question of authorizing a constitutional amendment that would allow farm land to be taxed differently than other property.

Until the Commonwealth problem is resolved, Kerrey said, it will continue to haunt the state. If a special session is called, he said the Legislature will need to determine how to turn the insolvent bank's assets into cash and how to get additional money for depositors.

The Legislature needs to examine the farm land issue, Kerrey said. Unless some sort of legislation is passed, farmers living close to cities will end up suffering from high taxes.

According to state law, if the Legislature chooses to resolve the farm land issues through a constitutional amendment, a special session must be called at least 50 days before November's regular session. According to Kerrey, if a special session is to be called, it would have to be called by early September. Kerrey declined to comment on a possible date, but he said he would have more information by next week after completing interviews with all 49 senators.

New signs to help students with drop/add, registration



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Tony Wong, a graduate assistant in architecture, looks over some sketches of signs he is designing for the Administration and Teachers College buildings.

By Jana Dahlman Bouma

New, uniform, easy-to-read signs will help students find their way through drop/add and other registration procedures this fall.

Tony Wong, a graduate research assistant in the architecture department, is designing the signs for the adjoining Administration and Teachers College buildings.

"We heard a lot of complaints from students," Wong said. Students were confused because the floors in the two buildings do not line up, he said, and because directional and informational signs are nonexistent or hard to read.

The new signs will have a uniform design that will make them easy to spot, he said. He will also design some changeable, temporary signs for special times of the year, such as the drop/add period. He will also make outdoor signs to identify the Administration Building and to notify students when drop/add is in the Nebraska Union instead of the Adminis-

tration Building, Wong said.

The project is directed by John Benson, assistant vice-chancellor for academic affairs, and Professor Ernest Moore, chairman of the architecture department.

The cost of the project, which involves about 70 signs, has not yet been determined, Wong said.

Wong has conducted extensive research to find out how to make the buildings less confusing. He has interviewed students and administrators, and met with many of the university's "V.I.P.'s," he said.

He has also suggested that the floors be color-coded, so that people can more easily tell which floors in the two buildings are at the same level.

"Sometimes people remember colors more than numbers," he said.

Wong said the project has a target completion date of August 25. He said it was yet to be determined whether the signs would be built by UNL's grounds department or by an outside contractor.

Police Report

The following incidents were reported to UNL police between 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Tuesday

1:30 p.m. — Bicycle reported stolen at C. Y. Thompson Library on East Campus.

3:11 p.m. — Person with chest pains reported at Barkley Center. Person transported to hospital.

4:05 p.m. — Hit-and-run accident reported at Nebraska Center for Continuing Education, 33rd and Holdrege streets. No injuries reported.

4:59 p.m. — Car reported stolen from Agromony Farm at 84th and Havelock streets. Person arrested.

Wednesday

12:37 p.m. — Purse reported stolen from car parked at 333 N. 14th St.

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