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Weather: Sunny and mild today with a high of 55 (13C). Monday night, clear and cold with a low of about 28 (-2C). Tuesday, another beautiful day with mostly sunny skies and a high in the lower 60s (17C).

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Cultural counselors say UNL could do more for minorities

By Barbara Comito
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The number of minority students at UNL increased slightly from 1982 to 1984, while the number of minority students in colleges nationwide decreased.

Total enrollment at UNL was down by more than 800 between the two years to 24,228 in 1984. Minority enrollment increased from 732 in 1982 to 783 in 1984, according to survey figures available from the UNL Office of Institutional Research and Planning.

That figure is nothing to brag about, said Jimmy Smith, director of UN-L Multi-Cultural Affairs.

The UNL department of Multi-Cultural Affairs aids minority students — it attempts to get them into the university and keep them here.

Minorities with outstanding academic or athletic talent are likely to receive aid without such a department, but the average minority student might not, said a Multi-Cultural Affairs counselor.

Vaughn Robertson said a large problem for many minorities is

that they are not traditionally "college tracked."

High school counselors have a tendency to "gear themselves to the academically inclined," said Liz Carranza-Rodriguez, counselor for Multi-Cultural Affairs. Others remain uninformed, she said.

As a result, minority students frequently make a late decision to come to college — after the priority deadlines have passed, Robertson said.

Students must send in their financial aid forms by Feb. 15, for need-based scholarships, and by March 15 for other need-based aid. Students who are not thinking about college as early as January or February of their senior year are at a definite disadvantage, Robertson said.

Partly to supplement the work of high school counselors, Robertson visits Lincoln High and several high schools in Omaha which have significant minority enrollments.

Robertson says he sees his work becoming even more critical in light of the selective admissions

requirements going into effect in 1986. He said the most productive use of his time is to stress as early as possible in high school the importance of taking college preparatory classes and doing well in them.

The university could do a great deal more to create an educational environment supportive of minorities, Smith said.

He recommends hiring more minorities for traditional and non-traditional faculty & staff positions. Giving minority students assistantships and fellowships to do graduate work is an essential part of this, Smith said.

Smith also recommends a partnership between the university, private enterprise and non-profit foundations.

The business world in Nebraska "is being kept white," Smith said. The university has an opportunity to help "break the color barrier," as well as to aid minority students by creating work grants, he said.

Such a program would help offset the crunch being felt by decreases in federal aid, Smith said.

Reagan retains lead in poll

Reuter News Report

WASHINGTON — President Reagan Sunday appeared headed for a smashing election victory on Tuesday as Walter Mondale, his hopes of a dramatic upset fading, pressed a desperate attack on the administration's social policies.

A poll of almost 9,000 voters by ABC-TV and the Washington Post released Sunday gave the Republican incumbent an 18-point lead

over Democratic challenger Mondale, who pulled just 39 percent of voters surveyed.

That advantage returns the 73-year-old Reagan squarely to the commanding lead he held before doubts about his competency and questions over his age emerged after the first of two debates with Mondale last month.

The ABC poll also gave Reagan a solid chance of taking 45 states and held out the possibility of his winning all 50.

But the president warned his supporters not to be overconfident and to make sure they vote Tuesday.

"We have never written off any state nor have we taken any state for granted," Reagan said during an unscheduled stop in Mondale's homestate of Minnesota.

Meanwhile, from the pulpit of a black church in Memphis, Tenn., Mondale on Sunday castigated Reagan for his "vicious and cruel" cuts in social spending.

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Firebreather

The work of Taiwanese craftsmen culminated Saturday when their month-long project, a 30-foot long, 8-foot high dragon, was donated to UNL and the State Museum as a gift from the Taiwan Provincial Museum of Taipei, Taiwan.

The dragon, the kind typically seen in Chinese New Year celebrations, will hang from the ceiling inside the museum.

Saturday evening, UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale accepted the gift on behalf of the university. Members of the UNL Chinese Student Association danced through the halls of the museum in celebration.

Radio station unveils 'new poll'

Reagan, Mondale, KLIN team to help child

By Michelle Kubik
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President Reagan came up with a little "egg on his face" Friday, but the biggest "yoke" was on Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale, following "Egg the Candidates," a charity event sponsored by KLIN-radio, Lincoln.

Hand-drawn enlargements of portraits of the candidates were placed in the Sears parking lot, 64th and O streets, where participants could toss an egg, purchased for \$1, at their least-favorite candidate.

The enlargements, drawn by Imperial Outdoor Advertising of Lincoln, were taken from photos donated by local campaign offices.

According to Dave Beasing, program director at KLIN, 119 eggs were tossed at Mondale, while Reagan got hit by 89. About \$500 was raised during the event, he said.

The fund-raiser was a benefit

for Tyler Matthew Otto, the eight-month-old son of Bob and Sharon Otto of Lincoln. Tyler remains hospitalized, suffering from a serious heart disorder.

"It is not our intention to show any disrespect for the candidates," said KLIN station manager, Jim Miller. "We are merely providing a fun way for our listeners to express both their preferences and frustrations as the national campaign season draws to a close."

Miller said the station was excited to benefit such a worthy cause.

Local campaign representatives took the "first crack" at the candidates Friday morning.

"President Reagan is a 'teflon' candidate — nothing sticks," said Ken Haar, chairman of the Lancaster County Democrats. "He can do anything he wants and no one holds him accountable for his actions. Today, we intend to make something stick."

Jan Ellis, a national consultant in Washington for Reagan-Bush,

said she had never seen a promotion like "Egg the Candidates." Ellis has been campaigning in Nebraska since September.

Stephanie Armitage, Republi-

can incumbent running for Lancaster County commissioner, bought almost a dozen eggs to heave at Mondale.

Beasing said money was donat-

ed in addition to proceeds from the egg sale. Further donations can be sent to KLIN, or to the Tyler Otto Fund at Gateway Bank in Lincoln.



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Lancaster County Commissioner Stephanie Armitage, left, prepares for her throw at the candidates as Leo Scherer, Lancaster County board member, aims at his least favorite presidential candidate.