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Weather: Partly cloudy, windy and cooler today with a high of 32 (0C). Monday night, cloudy and cold with a low of 8 (-13C). Tuesday, mostly sunny and warmer with a high in the upper 30s (3C). Tuesday night, partly cloudy and not as cold with a low in the upper teens (-7C).
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*Celebration
of
the
Gold*

The sweetheart of the 1984 Summer Olympics, Mary Lea Bolton, won the silver medal in the 100-meter freestyle on Sunday at the Los Angeles Sports Center. Bolton, a senior at the University of Nebraska, was the only American to win a medal in the event.

Senators' judgment put to test

By Brad Gifford
Senior Reporter

Nebraska voters in November gave the 1985 state Legislature permission to value agricultural land in a separate tax division to lower farmers' and ranchers' property taxes.

Commonwealth Savings Co. depositors are pressuring the Legislature, which reconvened Wednesday, to reimburse the money they lost in the failed institution in 1983. They claim the state is liable because it created the company, Nebraska Depository Investment Guaranty Corp., which insured but could not cover Commonwealth deposits.

At the Statehouse

Gov. Bob Kerrey made water and education top priorities in his proposed budget for fiscal 1985 by recommending significant spending increases in both areas.

These proposals and others will test the judgment of 49 Nebraska legislators during the next 87 days, as they decide where the state's money will go. Present revenues fall short of covering many proposed expenditures.

The governor's budget was drafted with a \$36 million deficit between projected revenue and spending proposals. After legislators form spending ideas, a game of give and take will determine if taxes need to be increased, if spending must be cut or both.

If substantial farm property tax relief is granted, revenue will decrease proportionally. Talk of broadening the state's tax base is already being heard from some legislators, namely Vard Johnson of Omaha, the newly elected chairman of the revenue committee.

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Administrators delay bookstore relocation

By Ward W. Triplett III
Sports Editor

At this time last week, the Nebraska Union and RecRoom, Chancellor Martin Massengale's office, a contractor or two somewhere and a bookstore consultant decided that the north end of the Nebraska Union basement would be closed and converted into an expanded and unified University Bookstore.
On Thursday, the university received contractor bids. One of them was good enough to lead all parties involved to believe demolition of the basement would begin today and the contractors, working on a "design-and-build" policy, would begin to figure out what would go where in the revamped space.
But Friday morning, plans changed.

The entire plan, starting with the approval of the bookstore relocation project, the contractors and the financial package, all depended on an affirmative vote by the NU Board of Regents on Saturday. However, the item was removed from the regents' agenda, and nothing will likely happen until February when the proposal is resubmitted to the board.
What transpired on the last few days of the semester break was the tail end of a whirlwind of decisions and meetings about the location of the new University Bookstore. Since Dec. 1, 1984, the two-year-old Chancellor's committee on bookstore relocation considered nine options for the new location. The committee finally concluded the union basement still would be the best place for the bookstore. Even this wasn't a quick or easy solution, since bookstore

officials wanted to move out of the basement entirely.
The committee finished the plan during fall semester's finals week. Union RecRoom director Rollie Hughes told his staff of 12 students and two full-time assistants that they would have to find other jobs — the plan called for the bowling alley and RecRoom to be torn out immediately.
Meanwhile, the bookstore management braced for the crush of first-week book buyers and at the same time, had to start thinking about where it would relocate the school-supply store until the new area was finished.
Then word of the plan leaked out slowly to students, who had missed the early decisions because of semester break.
One RecRoom patron said

she was unhappy students weren't informed.
"I find it real curious that they found a way to do this right when the students were supposed to be on break," said Susan Swartz, a sophomore international studies major who used to bowl in a Tuesday city league.
But others say they think it wasn't planned.
"I really don't think anyone intended it to work out that way," said RecRoom director Hughes, who used to manage the 10-lane bowling facility. "It's just amazing how it all happened so fast."
ASUN president Mark Scudder, who described himself as a strong supporter of the bookstore move does want students to have some say in the location of the bookstore.
That sentiment, combined with a need for better wording and a firmer

financial plan, led to Friday's decision to pull the item off the regents' calendar, Scudder said. For now.
When the regents next convene, an affirmative vote will close down the RecRoom and the rest of the north basement anyway. Between now and then, Scudder and the Nebraska Union Board plan to hear as many student opinions about the bookstore as possible.
"There isn't much about this that's set in stone," Scudder said. "If any students have opinions or suggestions on how to make this a better plan, everyone is willing to hear them."
On the other hand, if there is overwhelming student objection, a change of heart by the administration or if the regents turn down the plan, nothing may happen at all.
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