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Weather: Wednesday, early morning flurries, then becoming partly cloudy and windy with a windchill of near 0 (-17C) and a high of 26 (-3C). Wednesday night, very cold and not as windy, with a low of 7 (-13C). Thursday, partly cloudy and warmer with a high in the mid-30s (2C).
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UNL spared, Lied postponed

Kerrey trims budget

By Brad Gifford
Senior Reporter

UNL and the state's other post-secondary schools escaped spending cuts in Gov. Kerrey's reduced budget proposal, but the Lied Center for the Performing Arts didn't.

Kerrey presented the new spending plan to the Legislature on Tuesday during his State of the State address. He trimmed \$19 million from the budget he unveiled Dec. 6, lowering total spending to \$864.6 million, a 5 percent increase from last year. His first plan called for \$883.6 million, a 7.3 percent hike.

Education, one of Kerrey's budget priorities last year, was kept intact. He still allows \$11.4 million for improvement of teachers' salaries and \$9.3 for post-secondary education.

Kerrey also is asking \$3.3 million for the Nebraska Scholarship Fund. The fund was established in 1981, but appropriations to it have never won legislative approval.

Kerrey outlined a design for the state's colleges and universities, highlighted by:

- A faculty challenge fund at UNL. The university would raise funds from within via reallocation, and every dollar would be matched with two state dollars. The money would then go to teachers who had achieved outstanding records.
- Faculty renewal. Kerrey said reforming present retirement and pension requirements would allow teachers who were suffering "burn out" to leave the university without sustaining financial penalty.
- A superboard. The governor said he favors the recommendations made by the Citizens' Commission for the Study of Higher Education to put state colleges and the NU system under the same governing body. The move would put the state's limited resources to better use by eliminating duplication and allowing specialization, Kerrey said.

At the Statehouse

Kerrey plans to postpone for one year funding for the Lied Center, a move he estimated will save \$1.35 million in fiscal 1985-86. He also announced he would delay the state's scheduled takeover of Omaha and Lincoln municipal courts.

The governor's revised spending recommendations are funded primarily by the elimination of 54 existing sales tax exemptions. Kerrey said he is not proposing a general sales tax on services. Fewer exemptions will give the state a broader sales tax base, he said, and bring Nebraska "more in line" with neighboring states' tax codes while adding revenue.

Kerrey pledged to keep income and sales taxes at present levels, 19 percent and 3.5 percent respectively.

Kerrey favors letting the people decide whether the board would be appointed or elected. The state colleges' Board of Trustees is appointed, and the NU Regents are elected.

Sen. Peter Hoagland of Omaha said Tuesday he would introduce a bill calling for the "superboard." Hoagland last year introduced a bill to have the governor appoint the regents, but it lacked enough support for passage.

Bar owners expect fake I.D. problems

By Gene Gentrup
Senior Reporter

The state's new legal drinking age, 21 as of Jan. 1, will have little effect on local drinking establishments, according to some Lincoln bar owners.

Bob Russell, manager for Bo's, 27th Street and Cornhusker Highway, said the effect of the new law will come about slowly because of the "grandfather" clause.

"As each day goes by we'll lose that many more drinkers," he said.

Russell said he is unsure if raising the drinking age to 21 is a good idea but said he supported the legislature in 1980 when they raised the drinking age from 19 to 20.

"There are a lot of 19-year-olds in high school who were drinking and shouldn't have been," he said.

Russell said he doesn't plan to do anything different to make-up for the lower number of drinkers. He said drink specials will be for "competitive reasons only."

Ben Brett, general manager for P.O. Pears, 322 S. Ninth St., said he doesn't expect to notice any real problems for the next eight months.

"We won't have new people coming in," he said. "We'll just have an older crowd."

President Reagan last summer signed

a bill requiring states to establish a 21-year-old drinking age or lose some of their highway funds.

The legislature passed LB56 on Feb. 8, 1984, to reduce drunken driving deaths and injuries among young people.

In 1983, Lincoln police arrested more 20-year-olds for driving while intoxicated than any other age group.

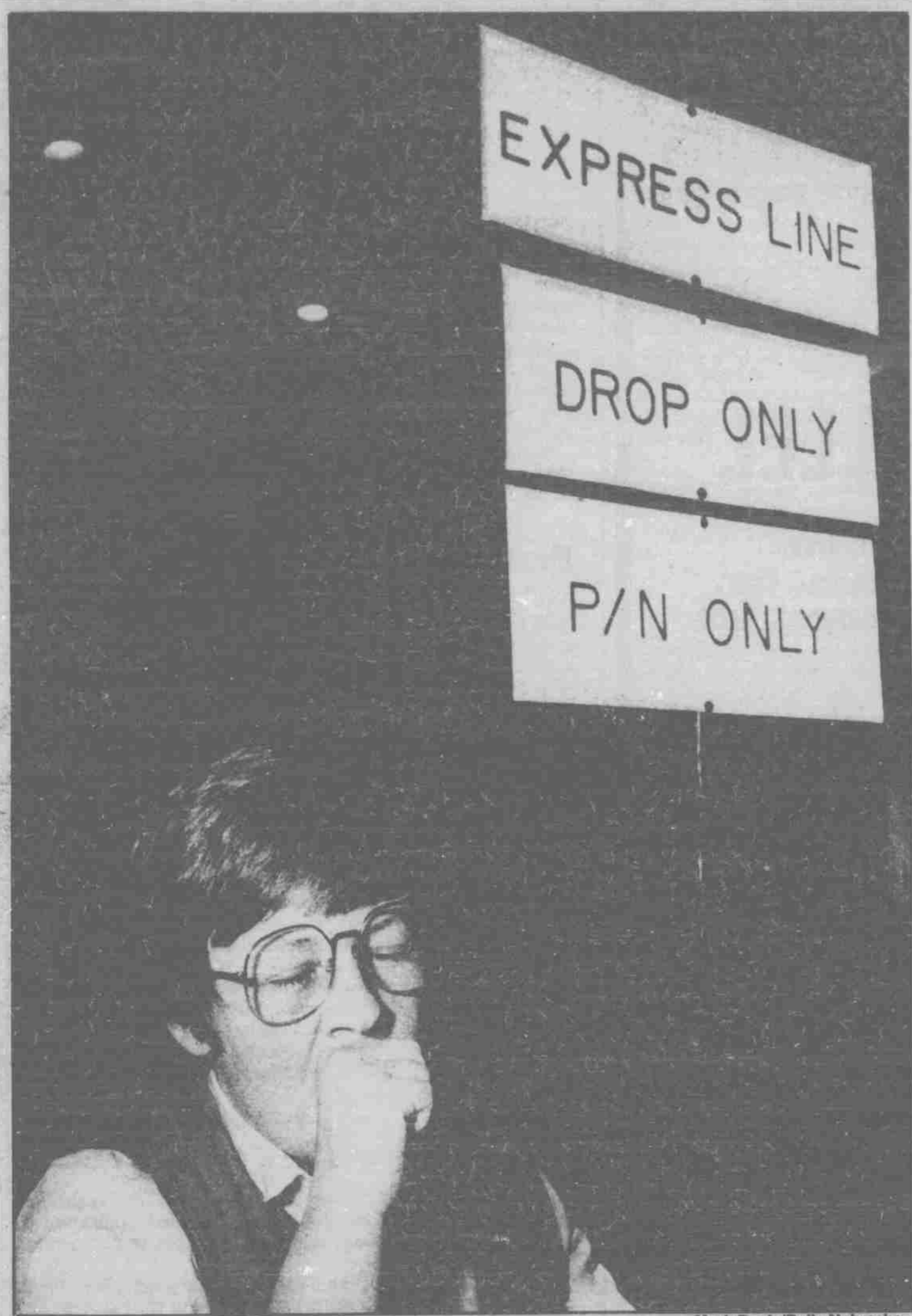
However, Brett and Russell said they expect to see more minors attempting to enter local bars using false identifications.

"There are people always trying to get in — always new ways to try and get in," Brett said. "Our doormen have a good reputation for checking identifications. We'll keep our reputation for spotting fake I.D.s."

Barb Felker, manager at Chesterfield, Bottomsley & Potts, 245 N. 13th St., said the new law will be "good for drinking and safety, but bad for business."

She said she doesn't expect any problems with minors during the day with the "older, business-type crowd in attendance." But, she said, when the younger drinkers come in, the bar could have problems with false I.D.s.

This is the fourth time in the state's history that the drinking age has been changed. After it was lowered from 21 to 20 in 1969, it was lowered again to 19 in 1972. In 1980, it was raised to 20.



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While hundreds of students lineup outside the doors of the Nebraska Union Ballroom waiting to go through the first day of drop/add, Dottie Rosenthal, in charge of the drop express line, yawns in anticipation of the coming "excitement." Rosenthal said the drop express line is a new addition to the maze of obstacles students run before completing drop/add course adjustments.

Drop/add participants suffer from bad timing, mistakes

By Gene Gentrup
Senior Reporter

Students dreading the drop/add process are often victims of their own mistakes, including rushing to add a class on the first day of drop/add.

"Students wishing to drop a class are not going to drop it until the lines go down," he said. "They have until 4 p.m. Monday, so why would they want to stand in line? The courses won't be open until a spot is dropped."

When drop/add doors opened at 1 p.m. Tuesday, the line stretched south down the stairs in front of the

ASUN and GLC offices, north in front of Union Square and ended just past the union's bakery shop. Schkade said the line was that long because students with time appointment cards did not come at their designated times.

"We handed out some time-appointment cards for 9:15 a.m. (Tuesday)," he said. "But when we opened the doors at that time, no one was in the hall. For some reason they all came at 10:30 a.m."

Although the line was long, Schkade said, the wait for most students was only about 10 or 15 minutes.

Bob Reid, associate director of registration and records, said 2,301 students went through drop/add Tuesday and from them, 1,459 "prob-

lem forms" were rejected.

One such student was Jerry Dillon, a junior geology major who went through the line six times over a period of 2 1/4 hours. Dillon said he tried to register for Psychology 181 and was rejected three times. The fourth time he was successful, he said, but couldn't find an open recitation for the course and had to go through the line two more times to register for the different classes.

Mike Cords, a freshman educational psychology major, said he had been through the line three times in three hours.

Tom Dierks, a senior industrial engineering major, said the whole process wasn't as bad as he thought.

"I'm just tired of hearing everyone else complain," he said.