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Weather: Cloudy and not as warm today with flurries and a high of 34 (1C). Tonight, windy and very cold with flurries and a low of -3 (-19C). Wind chill -40. Mostly sunny this weekend but very cold with a high on Saturday of 7 (-14C), 16 (-9C) on Sunday.

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ASUN will support bookstore move

By Jonathan Taylor
Staff Reporter

ASUN president Mark Scudder said Thursday he was "somewhat surprised" that no students attended Wednesday night's ASUN Senate meeting to express their opinions about the proposed University Bookstore relocation project.

Scudder said he thought several students would attend the first ASUN Senate meeting of the semester and said he had encouraged people concerned about the bookstore project to attend the meeting. He said only two students had stopped in at the ASUN

office and talked to him about the bookstore project.

Presentation of the proposal to the NU Board of Regents was delayed because the senate requested more time for student input on the plan.

Scudder said he plans to offer a resolution in support of the relocation project that will encourage its adoption by the regents. The project, which is on hold until it is resubmitted to the board in February, involves converting the north end of the Nebraska Union basement into a larger, unified University Bookstore. This would entail removal of the Nebraska Union bowling alley

and RecRoom, the Rostrum and the Cellar rooms as well as a vending area.

If the board adopts the plan, construction could begin after the third week in February, Scudder said. It would be finished by the beginning of the 1985 fall semester.

In other business, Paul Edens, ASUN second vice president, announced his plans to meet Monday with Bob Furgason, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, to discuss a proposal to build a new UNL student recreation center. Edens said a new recreation center, and a place for students to meet. University's 109,000-square-foot Kiewit

Center, would include a pool, weight room, multi-use courts, a jogging track and a place of students to meet.

Edens will talk to architecture professor Thomas Laging, UNL Dean of Students David DeCoster and Director of Campus Recreation Stan Campbell about possible locations for the recreation center. They also will discuss cost, publicity and funding.

UNL's present recreation facilities are "atrocious" and too spread out on the campus, Edens said. A new recreation center would give NU students a good place to get together, provide an alternative to drinking and could be a

powerful magnet to prospective freshmen still deciding what school to attend, Edens said.

The Senate also approved a proposal to form an ad hoc committee to start work on an Ambassadors program. Scudder said the program would involve sending groups of UNL student representatives to Nebraska and Iowa high schools to tell prospective college students about the university. Other schools such as Kansas University and the University of Iowa have this kind of "recruitment," Scudder said, and it's time UNL started presenting a case on its own behalf.

Press day to acknowledge student freedoms

By Ann Lowe
Staff Reporter

Student journalists across the country will get to acknowledge their First Amendment rights Saturday — Freedom of the Campus Press Day.

Free press day is sponsored by Campus Media Advisers, a national group for college press managers and advisers. CMA sets the observance on Jan. 19, the birthday of Robert E. Lee, who ordered the country's first journalism curriculum as president of Washington and Lee University.

"It's a day to increase awareness on campus that the Constitution passes those old school gates" and provides press freedom to students, as well as professional journalists, said Marc Abrams, executive director of the Student Press Law Center in Washington.

"Newspapers perform very important functions on college campuses," Abrams said. "Their rights are all of our rights."

According to the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, "Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press..."

But James M. Neal, associate professor of journalism at UNL, said freedom is limited for student journalists. And it varies with the school, he said.

Since private high schools and colleges are not run by the state, The First Amendment rule said.

In general, publications in state-supported schools have First Amendment protection, Neal said. Administrators usually may not legally censor material — unless they feel it will cause a disturbance in normal school operations, he

said.

High school newspapers are more tightly controlled than most college publications, Neal said. Journalism advisers decide what does and does not go in the high school papers. In some cases, principals and even superintendents may review stories before publication, Neal said.

Even in some state colleges, publications are linked to journalism departments, and professors make editorial decisions.

"There would be (administrative) control in the sense that the professor is working for the administration," Neal said.

Since 1918, editorial policy at the Daily Nebraskan has been left entirely to student editors. But students still must answer to the UNL Publications Board.

The Daily Nebraskan handbook advises that editors and managers should be "governed by

the canons of responsible journalism, such as the avoidance of libel, indecency, undocumented allegations, attacks on personal integrity and the techniques of harassment and innuendo."

The right of free press comes with responsibility for fairness and accuracy, Neal said. Student journalists can be sued for libel and invasion of privacy, just as professional journalists can, he said.

Abrams said the Student Press Law Center gets about 300 calls a year from students with legal questions. Some want to know if they are protected from censorship. Others want to know if their articles are legally safe to publish.

Abrams said most student journalists he deals with are responsible — "sometimes more responsible than the professionals" — because of the emphasis on ethics in their journalism courses.

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Unicameral roll call lights board

Nebraska Lt. Gov. Don McGinley peers from behind the speakers' podium before calling upon the Legislature for a vote.



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Legislature Briefs

Compiled by Brad Gifford

- A state fund would be established to pay teachers more and thus help Nebraska's colleges and universities attract the highest quality professors from across the country under a bill proposed by Sen. David Landis of Lincoln.

Following Citizens' Commission for the Study of Higher Education recommendation, Landis' measure calls for the state to match with \$1 every \$2 the schools raise through private endowments and contributions.

- Banks could open as many branch institutions outside their home city as they wanted under LB295, introduced by Sen. John DeCamp of Neligh.

The proposal increases the percentage of the state's total deposits one institution can hold from nine to 20 percent. Banks still would be limited to no more than five banks in their hometown.

If LB295 wins approval, healthy banks could buy ailing banks before they reach the point where they must be closed.

- The Legislature's Revenue Committee proposed two bills with different schemes to reduce property taxes on farm land.

LB270 would value agricultural land at 60 percent of the level suggested in the 1985 Department of Revenue tax manual.

LB271 would keep valuations down by devising a capitalization rate property tax system. Under the plan land would be valued by comparing its market value to income potential.