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Weather: Partly sunny, windy and warmer today, with a high of 18 (-8C), but with windchill still below zero (-18C). Tonight, clear and cold with a low of -1 (-18C). Tuesday, sunny with a high in the low 20s (-6C).

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Caramel corn craving wins Cadillac

By Lisa Nutting
Staff Reporter

With a box of Fiddle Faddle caramel corn and "pure luck," Larry Sparks won a Cadillac and a trip to today's parade celebrating the inauguration of President Reagan.

Sparks, a UNL December graduate and former Daily Nebraskan editor in chief, said that when he bought a box of Fiddle Faddle in August, he never imagined that four months later he would win the Grand Prize of a 1985 Cadillac and a trip for four to the Inaugural Parade.

Sparks, a School of Journalism graduate from Nehawka, said he picked up a box of Fiddle Faddle while grocery shopping and noticed the contest on the box.

"Politics — that's what caught my eye," Sparks said.

The contest entry form asked for the player's choice for president in the 1984 elections. Sparks mailed his marked entry for Reagan in August.

Sparks said he enters contests occasionally — when he comes across them — but doesn't seek them out like some winners do.

"I didn't think anything of it until December when I got a call," Sparks said.

The call, from VIP Services Inc., informed Sparks he had won a prize through the Fiddle Faddle contest. But he had to mail a notarized affidavit to VIP Services before they would tell him what he had won.

That call made Sparks curious, he said, and at 10 p.m. he went to B & R IGA in search of a box listing the Fiddle Faddle contest rules and prizes.

The Grand Prize was the trip for four to the Inauguration and a Cadillac. The second prize was a big projection-screen television and the third prize was a 10-speed bicycle.

"That's what I thought I won," Sparks said of the bicycle. But he was wrong.

On Dec. 19, 1984, another call from VIP Services Inc. informed Sparks that he had won the Grand Prize.



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With the money Larry Sparks will have after selling his new Cadillac, he'll have enough extra money to 'fiddle' around with — maybe even enough to keep him up to his ears in Fiddle Faddle for a lifetime.

"My folks were there (when he received the call) and said my face turned really red," Sparks said. "I was in a state of shock, basically. That's something you don't prepare for."

That was "definitely the most exciting week" of his life, Sparks said. But the Cadillac and the trip were only part of it, he said.

The night before VIP Services called about Sparks' prize, the Omaha World-Herald called

him — they wanted to hire him as a nightside copy editor. And the following Saturday was his graduation.

Sparks said graduating and getting the job meant more to him than the Fiddle Faddle prize because they are things he has achieved.

"But winning sure was a nice surprise," he said. "Being interested in politics, it's kind of a dream come true."

Sparks will return from Washington Tuesday night and start work at the World-Herald on Wednesday. He plans to sell the Cadillac when he gets it in February, pay the taxes on it and put the remaining money in the bank to earn interest. Sparks said he hopes to buy a new Firebird someday.

"My mom used to make fun of me (for entering contests)," Sparks said. "She doesn't anymore."

UNL proposes \$85 residence hall rate increase

By Kevin McCoy
Staff Reporter

UNL residence hall room and board rates will rise \$85 per student for the 1985-86 school year if the NU Board of Regents approves the Office of University Housing's rate study.

The study proposes a 4.4 percent increase over 1984-85 rates, bringing room and board rates to \$2,010. This would be the first time room and board costs have risen above \$2,000.

Most of the increase would go for raises and increased benefits for university employees. The study calls for an 11.5 percent salary increase as

part of a three-year plan to bring employee salaries to the level of similar land-grant universities. Most employees in the housing office received a 9 percent raise this year.

The study was approved by the Residence Hall Association's rate study committees and the RHA Senate.

However, the senate voted to send a list of additional recommendations to the regents. The most important one deals with cable television.

Rate Study Chairman Pete Castellano said the university is asking for an 11.5 percent faculty salary increase, but Gov. Bob Kerrey's current budget proposes only a 5 percent increase for

state employees' salaries. Castellano's committee recommends that the difference between Kerrey's figure and the amount the university gets be used to install cable TV in the halls.

Housing Director Doug Zatechka said that in the past, any money left over after salary increases went for improvements, such as new carpet or television sets. However, he said, before cable can be considered further, the administration needs to discuss it.

Zatechka said he favors reducing a room and board increase before installing cable. However, the Legislature probably will resolve the budget before the regents approve the rate study next month, he said. This means the rate increase

probably will pass, he said. Each 1 percent increase in salary means an additional \$5 on each student's room and board.

If cable is not installed, RHA recommends the chancellor and regents consider a university-wide cable TV system. In addition, RHA recommends that capital improvements money, which comes from a contingency fund, be used to put overhead lights in all residence-hall rooms in the next two years. Several rooms have been equipped with the lights on an experimental basis. Installing one two-tube fixture in each room would cost about \$40 per room and would replace the current headlamps.

Bills would provide student money

By Gene Gentrup
Senior Reporter

Two bills that would provide money for state scholarships and work-study programs will be "priority bills" for the Nebraska State Student Association, the group's executive director said Saturday.

Debra Chapelle, speaking at NSSA's monthly board of directors meeting, said the group will again lobby in the state Legislature for LB193, which would provide money for work-study programs in Nebraska postsecondary education institutions. NSSA is a student lobbying group representing students from

Chadron State College, Wayne State College, Peru State College, UNO and UNL.

In 1983, the Legislature passed a similar work-study bill, but Gov. Bob Kerrey vetoed it. According to Chapelle, Kerrey wasn't looking for new programs, only trying to fund the existing ones.

The same bill was reintroduced last year, but the Legislature never voted on it before the end of the session.

This year, Chapelle said, a new bill was written and has been introduced by Sens. Gerald Conway of Wayne and Tom Vickers of Farnam. Vickers is chairman of the Legislature's educa-

tion committee.

Also, Chapelle said, student lobbyists will support Kerrey's plan to increase the state's cigarette tax, assuming the federal government drops its eight-cent tax next fall as scheduled. Revenues from the tax increase could exceed \$10 million under Kerrey's plan and would establish the "Nebraska Future Fund."

LB190, sponsored by 18 senators, would set aside \$3.3 million from the future fund and provide scholarship grants for students in Nebraska's private and public colleges. The remaining money from the fund would finance economic development and natural

resource development in the state.

However, if the federal government does not drop its eight-cent cigarette tax, student lobbyists will support LB64, a "backup" to the future fund that would provide \$2 million in state tax dollars for scholarship programs, Chapelle said.

NSSA will watch education bills as they are introduced in the Legislature, Chapelle said. Student input is important in the process of a bill's passage, she said.

"When students come together through this organization in hopes of making things better for the future, people are going to listen," she said.

Bitter cold puts damper on parade

The Reuter News Report

WASHINGTON — The White House announced late Sunday that because of snow and freezing temperatures in Washington, President Reagan will take the oath of office inside the Capitol today, rather than on a specially constructed platform outside.

The two-hour parade, which Reagan was to lead riding in a bullet-proof limousine, also was canceled.