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Weather: Partly sunny, windy and cold today with a high of 21 (-6C). Friday night, clear with a low of 10 (-12C). Weekend outlook, mostly sunny skies with highs in the mid to upper 20s (-3C), lows of 10 to 15 (-12C).

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ASUN Senate urges NU Board of Regents to adopt bookstore plan

By Jonathan Taylor
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska Union RecRoom and bowling alley moved one step closer to their demise Wednesday night when the ASUN Senate passed a resolution supporting the University Bookstore relocation project.

The resolution encourages the NU Board of Regents to adopt the plan quickly. The plan "will better serve the students, faculty and staff of UNL" and create a more efficient Nebraska Union, the proposal states.

No students came to the meeting to express their opinions about the bookstore project.

Mark Scudder, ASUN president, said the lack of student input shows the project "sold itself."

"The unanimous approval by the senate and the complete lack of opposition shows widespread acceptance of the project," Scudder said.

Early opposition to the bookstore project was because of "misinformation," Scudder said. Many people didn't realize the absence of the RecRoom would be temporary and that the bowling alley had a deficit and needed repairs, he said.

The decision to continue the bookstore project rests with the regents when the proposal is resubmitted to the board in February. But the senate decision represents a "concrete expression of student support," Scudder said.

In other business, Union Board President Mary Marcy and ASUN Senator Lisa Edens told the senate that it might be possible for the Culture Center and the University Child Care Project to share space in the Commonplace Building, recently bought by UNL. Marcy said the Culture Center probably will apply for all of the space left in the building not used by the child care project, which will be allowed to use Commonplace until May 1986.

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UNL council considers common set of courses

By Gene Gentrup
Senior Reporter

All UNL students could be required to take a common set of courses by 1987, a university official said Wednesday.

Steve Hilliard, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said the biggest reason for the possible change is because of an "interest in greater cohesion."

"Students don't have an awful lot of common courses," Hilliard said. "Studying the same courses may enhance the quality of education."

Hilliard said the plan would call for a required "core curriculum" of six to 12 courses.

The council is studying courses in communications, freshman-level English, humanities and social and natural sciences.

Council members have studied the possibility of using these courses in a core curriculum for about one year, Hilliard said. Although the council members have accomplished a lot, it is a slow process, he said.

Council members include Teachers College Dean Jia O'Hanlon; School of Journalism Dean R. Neale Copple; College of Business Administration Dean Gary Schwandiman and Dean Gerry

Meisels of the College of Arts and Sciences.

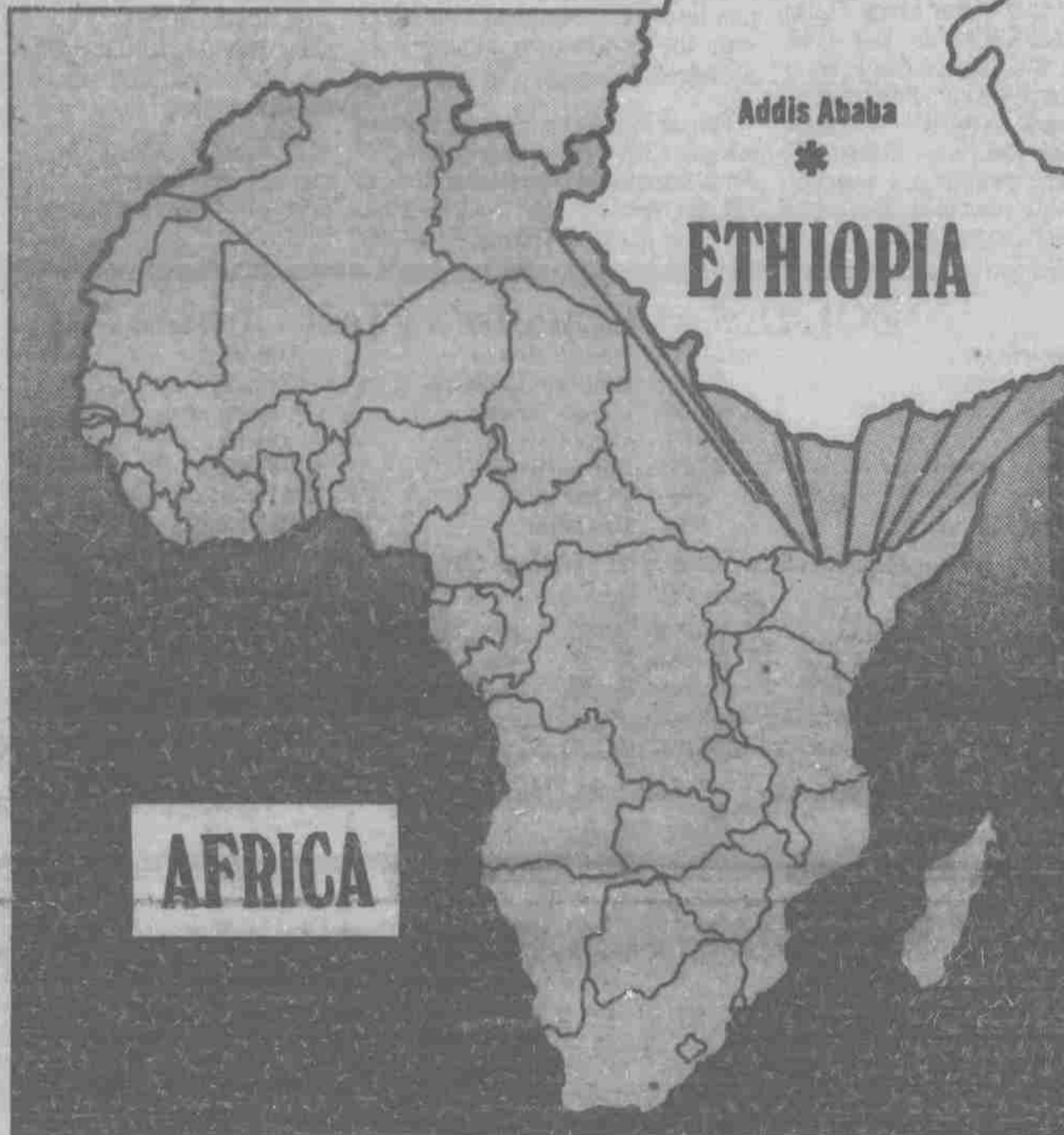
"We're making haste slowly," Hilliard said. "You figure that if general education is not as good as it should be, it must be re-evaluated, and it takes a long time to bring about changes if they are necessary."

Hilliard said council members will come up with a specific number of courses that may be necessary for their colleges. The final decision of which classes will be used for the core curriculum, will be decided by a special committee of UNL faculty members. They should decide by the end of the semester, Hilliard said.

About 200 courses are offered through the arts and sciences college and some faculty are concerned that the list may be too big, Hilliard said.

Schwandiman said business students are required to take 40 to 60 percent of their courses outside of CBA, and part of that coursework must be in liberal arts.

"We're trying to help students maximize their time when taking liberal arts courses," Schwandiman said. "We're trying to get them to take the best courses for the best possible education. We're asking arts and sciences if they should develop new courses, to meet students' needs."



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Drought, government cause major Ethiopian problems

By Eric Dodds
Staff Reporter

She was watching you. You tried to turn away but she caught your eye. You know, the other night on the news while you were eating dinner. The Ethiopian woman whose child was starving to death in her arms. That vision is difficult to get rid of.

According to Louis Picard, associate professor of political science at UNL, at least 1 million Ethiopians soon will starve to death.

Picard said Africa faces one of the worst droughts in history. Rain hasn't fallen in some areas for years. No water exists for crops, livestock and, tragically, for peo-

ple to drink, he said. According to World Health Organization figures, only 6 percent of all Ethiopians can get clean water.

The Sahara Desert is moving rapidly south into Ethiopia, smothering fertile land with tons of sand. Dane Kennedy, UNL assistant professor of history, said the desert's shift has buried some towns in only 20 years.

The country also faces political unrest.

The Ethiopian government of Mengistu Haile Mariam faces two main rebel groups in the Ethiopian Provinces of Eritrea and Tigre. One group, the Eritrean Liberation Front, has been waging war for 22 years. It is the second

longest war of the century, Picard said.

According to "Africa Report," the rebels have gained strength for peasants who are disillusioned by Mengistu's Marxist government.

Picard said reports say Mengistu is blocking shipments of food to rebel-controlled areas and is forcing the resettlement of millions of refugees from the rebel areas in the north to government-controlled South Ethiopia. This policy threatens the lives of thousands, Picard said. But using food as a weapon is not new in Ethiopia — a previous leader, Haile Selassie, did the same thing," he said.

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Community funds Lincolnite's quest for heart transplant

By Lisa Nutting
Staff Reporter

A sign on Phillip Jay's front door reads, "Caution: Oxygen in Use."

Inside his home, two oxygen tanks help him breathe easier. One tank sits next to his bed and he uses it during the night. The other is a portable tank he can take with him if he needs it.

But for now, the two tanks are turned off. Jay, a 38-year-old UNL agronomy graduate student, left Lincoln on Wednesday to travel to Cleveland (Ohio) Clinic Hospital — and a new heart.

Jay has suffered two heart attacks in the past seven years. His most recent attack, in April

1984, left Jay severely disabled. He has not been able to work or go to school since.

In August 1984, Jay's doctors performed a cardiac catheterization procedure to determine the extent of the damage to his heart. The results showed that 75 percent of his heart muscle is damaged.

The doctors told him that without a heart transplant, the chances of him living more than one year would be slim, Jay said.

In August, the money he needed to pay for a heart transplant just was not there, he said. It seemed to be out of the question.

But this fall, with help from a nurse in Bryan Memorial Hospital's cardiac rehabilitation program, Jay and his family found some hope for a transplant. The Cleveland Clinic would give him

a transplant for about \$80,000, with \$50,000 paid up front, Jay said. Another transplant that he had heard about cost about \$170,000 more, he said.

"That's quite a big difference," Jay said. "So after Thanksgiving, the fund drive began."

The first week in December, the Lincoln Foundation set up a fund for Jay. The agronomy department, where Jay worked part time, set up a private fund for Jay. And at Clinton Elementary School, where Jay's wife Harriet works as a teacher's aide, and his three children — Neil, Autumn and Andrea — attend school, a fund for Jay has been set up also. Together, the drives have raised almost \$40,000, Jay said.

Even though the Jays are \$10,000 short of the

first payment, the Cleveland Clinic decided to perform the transplant. They decided to do it because the fund-raising drive is going so well, Harriet Jay said.

The hospital told the Jays that a heart for transplant should be available within two weeks. "I'm really glad to be going," Jay said. "I've waited long enough. From reports I've read, most people don't make it to the transplant."

When asked if he had considered using an artificial heart, Jay said he had, "but not very long."

"I don't think I could stand being hooked up to a machine," he said.

Jay says he is optimistic about his new heart.

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