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Weather: Windy and cold today with light snow, high 15 (-3C) but falling to about 0 (-18C) by evening. Tonight very cold with flurries and a low of -7 (-22C), windchill -50 (-46C). Thursday mostly cloudy and cold with a high of 6 (-14C).

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Target Party aims for ASUN elections

By Gene Gentrup
Senior Reporter

The Target Party announced its candidacy for the 1985 ASUN election Tuesday in the Nebraska Union.

Gerard Keating, Target's presidential candidate, Rod Penner, first vice-presidential candidate and Jeff Fishback, second vice-presidential candidate, emphasized a "broadening of communication and advising between faculty and students."

Keating, a junior majoring in agribusiness, said Target will push for equal representation of all students on campus, including those in residence halls and the Greek houses. Addressing issues that benefit all UNL students also is important because it will attract a higher voter turnout, Keating said.

He said that traditionally voter turnout for ASUN has been predominately students from sororities and fraternities.

"We'll push hard for residence hall turnout and develop issues that they can relate to," he said.

Those issues include stronger development of student advising at UNL, student feedback on a possible new

UNL Recreation Center, security problems related to campus lighting and a campuswide computing system.

Fishback, a junior majoring in integrated studies for international management, said it is "inevitable that the whole university system will be computerized in the future."

Target will study the theory to determine "how far down the road" such a system could be installed at UNL, including residence halls and Greek houses, Fishback said.

Penner, a sophomore agriculture honors major, said Target will bring a "strongly enthusiastic, different style of leadership than in the last two years."

Penner said the party plans to improve communication between ASUN and students by continuing publication of an ASUN newsletter started last year and by submitting "hands on" information to the Daily Nebraskan.

Keating said the Target Party will unite representatives from all phases of campus life, including residence halls, Greek houses and off-campus representatives.

"We'll put together the most effective representation structure and im-



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Penner, left, Keating and Fishback of the Target Party.

prove the credibility of ASUN," he said.

Keating, a member of the Student Alumni Association, serves on the Interfraternity Council, College Republicans and is a member of Alpha Gamma Sigma Fraternity.

Fishback, a member of the Nebraska Union Board, also is treasurer of the Interfraternity Council and a member of Acacia fraternity.

Fishback said Target will deal with the issues within the power of ASUN.

"If you deal with issues outside your power, you lose credibility," Fishback said. "We plan to deal with the issues that we can work with. We plan to be a productive organization."

Penner, a member of the University Judicial Board last year, is also a member of the Student Alumni Associ-

ation and FarmHouse fraternity.

Penner said the name "Target" was chosen from the slogan of a former ASUN party, "Aim," which ran last year.

"Their slogan was, 'We're a good administration that will take aim,'" Penner said. "We'll take that a step further and with the goals we have 'aimed' for, we feel we'll hit the 'target' we have set."

Researcher befriends canines

Can pets reduce stress?

By Chris Burbach
Editorial Page Editor

They say dogs are man's best friend. Mara Baun is doing research to find out just how valuable that friendship can be.

Baun, an associate professor of nursing and director of nursing research at the NU Medical Center in Omaha, is testing the physiological effect befriending a pet has on people.

She said she thinks it's a positive effect strong enough to cause actual physiological change.

"We're trying to get some data to see if the interaction of animals with people is good for people," Baun said.

So Baun is studying what she calls "human-dog companion bonding." In one study, Baun had a group of people pet a familiar dog and an unfamiliar one. The group members had lower blood pressure rates while petting the dog they knew.

Baun and her assistants measure the subject's finger temperature and blood pressure and compare the results.

In another study, the researchers take dogs into Omaha nursing homes to see if the animal will increase social interaction among certain residents. In one case, residents responded more quickly to other residents' questions when the dog was present. One nursing home even has a resident dog.

Baun's curiosity originally was sparked by an Omaha nursing home's practice of bringing puppies from the Humane Society to the home for visit. Combined with her own interest in dogs and her appreciation for them, Baun was inspired to search for data to support her theories about the health benefits of companion bonding with pets.

"Most of us live in a very stressful world and we all need ways to relax," Baun said.



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Baun and her beagle, Belle.

UNL power outage darkens campus but inconveniences few

By Jonathan Taylor
Staff Reporter

The power outage that kept some parts of UNL's city and east campuses in the dark for up to 40 minutes Tuesday morning caused only minor inconveniences, university spokespersons reported.

A malfunctioning bypass switch at the Lincoln Electrical System's 8th and N Street substation caused a transformer to open, cutting the power to both UNL campuses and a 336 block area bordered by 1st to 17th streets and Van Dorn to H streets, said Becky Carr, a LES spokesperson. The switch "blew apart" at 9:51 a.m., Carr said, and LES repairmen restored power at 10:33 a.m.

Harley Schrader, power plant man-

ager, said two of the power plant's three generators had to be restarted after the outage. A third generator had to be speeded up to provide power to high-priority buildings like the University Health Center. Schrader said power was restored to the entire campus 15 to 20 minutes before LES began channeling energy to the university.

"I think our power plant people did a super job and reacted well," Schrader said.

Tuesday's power outage was the longest Schrader had seen in his twenty year history at the university. Previously, the longest the school had been without power was only 10 minutes.

While some professors taught in the dark or with the aid of a flashlight, physical plant employees rescued three

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Legislature Briefs

The Legislature's Banking Committee voted Tuesday to approve a bill that would allow Nebraska banks to buy other financial institutions in the state. LB 356, sponsored by committee Chairman Tom Halpin of Omaha, now goes before the entire Legislature for debate and possible enactment.

Under the bill, banks would be allowed to purchase other banks within the city limits of the parent institution. Generally, an institution outside the city limits can be purchased only if it is in danger of failing.

The original draft raised the percentage of all deposits in the state the bank can hold from 94 to 99 percent. The committee wanted that limit to be 14 percent in an approved amendment.

The Legislature's Committee on Institutions Tuesday rejected the 37

members who will go to the Legislature to lobby for the bill, officials about the financial crisis facing Nebraska agriculture.

Senators debated on: Don Johnson, Eugene Doolittle, Don Williams, Harold Lott, Don Benning, Lincoln, Earl Papp, Bruce Jolly, Chuck Gurnea, Harry Williams, Schaefer, Dale Conway, Wayne Johnson, Don Smith, Don Cook, Don Cook, Don Benning, Imperia, Bill Wolfe, Alvin, Harry Baker, Charles, and Phillips, Batten, Howard, Andy, Andrew, George, Howard, Donnie, Aron, Nelson, Grand Island, Philip, Michel, Scott, Paul, John, Richard, Scott, Carol French, Douglas, A. Wiley, Sammons, Auburn, Carter, Dyer, Don Lee, Perry, Hanson, Loren, Schultz, Edmond, Linda, Joseph, Lawrence, Bryan, Cook, Preston, Dale, Tom, Wick, Foster.