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Weather: It's spring fever time as we expect slightly above normal temperatures for the beginning of the week. Today will be partly sunny and mild with a high of 43 (6C). Clear tonight with a low near 22 (-5C). But don't forget — it's still February!
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Wildcats hold Huskers down...Page 8

Photo exhibit real bargain...Page 10

Regents discuss economy, 'superboard'

Regents adopt superboard plans, students, faculty protest action

By Suzanne Teten
Staff Reporter

The NU Board of Regents on Saturday adopted two "superboard" resolutions and approved a \$3 million bond issue for renovation of the University Bookstore.

The regents voted unanimously to oppose a legislative bill that would allow the governor to appoint board members. They voted 4-3 in favor of putting all four-year state colleges under the board's jurisdiction.

Regent Margaret Robinson of Norfolk introduced the resolution against a governor-appointed board.

Robinson said the university uses 23 percent to 24 percent of the state's tax dollars. The board's responsiveness to the electorate would be "lost forever" if the board were appointed, she said.

Regent Robert Simmons of Scottsbluff said LR32 stems from a misconception on the part of the Citizens

Commission for the Study of Higher Education in Nebraska.

Simmons said the commission thinks board members would have statewide loyalties if they were appointed by the governor, rather than elected by districts.

Regent John Payne of Kearney said he couldn't understand the implication that the elected board members are more loyal to their districts than to the state. He said there isn't anything in Grand Island, Norfolk, Kearney or Nebraska City — hometowns of four regents — that has much to do with the university.

Regent Robert Koeft of Grand Island agreed with Payne. Koeft said the regents do a good job of supporting the entire state, not just their own districts.

"If we don't blow our own horn, no one else is going to do it for us," he said.

Koeft said the board must take a stand because, if it doesn't the Legislature will pass the

resolution to appoint the regents.

"I don't think the people of Nebraska are stupid enough to vote for that," he said, "but you never know what's going to happen."

Regent James Moylan of Omaha said he thinks Nebraskans are "steeped" in the election process. He said they would "jealously guard" their right to elect the regents.

Regent Nancy Hoch of Nebraska City said having an appointed board wouldn't mean a better board nor a protection against problems. She said the University of Missouri and the University of Minnesota have had several problems with their appointed governing boards.

"There aren't any guarantees either way," Hoch said.

Regent Donald Fricke of Lincoln introduced a resolution favoring the placement of all four-year state colleges under the board of regents' jurisdiction.

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Extension programs aid debt-ridden farm families

By Suzanne Teten
Staff Reporter

In the next two to five years, demand for Nebraska's agricultural commodities will continue to weaken and the export market will become increasingly erratic, said the assistant director of the UNL Cooperative Extension Service.

Kenneth Bolen, also a professor of agricultural economics, told the NU Board of Regents Saturday that these problems stem from the record-level federal deficit, the high real interest rate (the difference between the nominal interest rate and the inflation rate), low grain prices and the reduction in exports.

Although net farm income has declined since 1972, Bolen said, all farmers aren't financially stressed. About 60 percent of farmers have a debt-to-asset ratio of less than 10 percent, he said. These farmers control one-half of the total farm assets.

Bolen said the debt is concen-

trated in few hands. He said 20 percent of the farmers hold two-thirds of the farm debt. Yet, Nebraska ranks number one in the nation with a debt-to-asset ratio of 30 percent.

"I recognize that Nebraska frequently ranks number one," Bolen said, "but in this case we wish that we were not in this category."

Bolen said the instability and continued financial stress on Nebraska farmers may force many of them to sell out. But, he said, the extension service is doing everything it can to alleviate some of the problems.

He said the extension service uses computer analysis, counseling, in-depth workshops and research to help farmers regain the "profitability" in agriculture.

Since Oct. 1, 1984, Bolen said, the extension service has conducted 29 workshops on farm stress management. More than 1,700 people participated in these programs, he said.

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ASUN supports proposal to attract 'quality educators'

By Jonathan Taylor
Staff Reporter

The ASUN senate has voted to support a legislative bill intended to "attract quality educators and renowned scholars" to UNL.

If passed by the State Legislature, LB246 would create an Eminent Scholars Program. The program, through private donations and matching state funds, would develop salaries attractive to outstanding instructors, said Andy Carothers, registered lobbyist for ASUN's Government Liaison Committee.

Carothers called the program "the most equitable system" of bringing prominent professors to UNL, because the university "has the ability to create the most donations of all the schools in Nebraska."

The program could benefit students and increase the quality of education at UNL because one eminent scholar may attract others, Carothers said. The money for the program also could be used to retain faculty members who want to leave the school. In the past two years, 80 faculty members have left UNL, he said.

"We have a good faculty, but it can be improved," Carothers said.

ASUN Sen. Jerry Roemer opposed the program, favoring instead a plan to increase the pay of all the school's instructors. Hiring a few prestigious teachers is only a "quick fix" solution, said Roemer, a sophomore agriculture major.

LB246 has low priority with the Legislature because of its late hearing date, which is March 12, he said.

"I don't think it has a chance," Roemer said.

In other action, the senate voted to support LB169E, which would provide money for the Morrill Hall renovation project. If the bill passes, \$815,000 would be appropriated to start the project. Renovation would include installation of a climate-control system.

The senate also passed legislation recognizing AIM II as an ad hoc student group at UNL. Mark Scudder, ASUN president and a member of AIM II, said the purpose of the group is to promote interest in the ASUN student government elections. The group wants to make sure students are aware of the relevant issues in the election, Scudder said.

The elections are March 13.

"We want more people to vote more intelligently," he said.

Some of these issues include a student recreational center and closing 16th and 17th streets, he said.

Scudder said ASUN first vice president Curt Oltmans and speaker Clark Osborn are coordinating AIM II, which has no members seeking ASUN executive positions.

In other business, Carothers asked ASUN senators to visit the Capitol and speak in opposition to the proposed "superboard," which would make one governing board for all state colleges and universities.

Both Carothers and Fran Grabowski, a UNL alumnus and former ASUN senator, urged senators and other student leaders to support a higher UNL operations and capital improvements budget. The budget hearing for the university will be at the Capitol on March 6 at 1:30 p.m.



Lane, left, Burke and Tatro.

'Look' enters race

Candidates emphasize four-point campaign

By Gene Gentrup
Senior Reporter

The Look Party announced its candidacy for the ASUN student government election Thursday. Look's executive candidates said UNL students need to "take a closer look" at what ASUN can do.

Presidential candidate Tim Burke, a junior advertising major, made the announcement at Chesterfield Bottomsley & Potts restaurant and bar, 245 N. 13th St., during a performance of Boys with Toys, an Iowa band.

Burke said Look stands for four points that the party will emphasize: leadership, organization, opinion, and the "key" — continued success of student government.

Leadership will bring a "positive, direct approach toward issues of growth and concern," he said. The party's organization will focus

on the issues that "directly concern the growth and quality of the UNL student body" and its opinion will "stimulate and utilize the entire student body," he said.

First vice presidential candidate Eric Lane, a sophomore psychology and English major, said ASUN should represent honesty and realism, and act as "an important liaison with the UNL faculty and the NU Board of Regents."

ASUN "should not make premature decisions or assumptions and should take the time and make a sincere effort to address each issue in an unbiased manner," Lane said.

Look wants to continue to educate the student body and their perception of ASUN," he said.

Phil Tatro, a sophomore broadcasting major and the party's second vice presidential candidate, said Look will achieve this through its communication chan-

nels on and off campus and "express concern where that concern is needed the most, thus strengthening ASUN, wherever and whenever we feel the need."

Tatro said Look will do this with "new ideas and strategic approaches," which he hopes will attract a higher voter turnout for the March 13 election.

Burke said Look proposes re-investigating the proposed UNL Recreation Center, including consideration of a student fee increase and the "general opinion of the student body."

Look also proposes improving the Union food service and having an open forum between students, the Nebraska Legislature and the regents.

Burke said there are many things ASUN can accomplish.

"All we ask is that in the upcoming week students take a closer look," he said.

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