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Weather: Expect nice weather the rest of the week, with mostly sunny skies and no rain. Today's high 54 (12C). Not as cold tonight with a low of 27 (-3C), and 57 (14C) for the high on Friday.

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Senators examine museum's erosion

By Jim Rasmussen
Staff Reporter

Six Nebraska state senators toured the State Museum in UNL's Morrill Hall Wednesday night, and viewed several examples of damage caused by humidity and dust.

Fluctuating humidity levels have damaged fossils, stuffed animal specimens, valuable scenery paintings and other artifacts. Wednesday's tour was part of an effort to obtain a \$4.3 million climate control system for the museum. LB169, sponsored by Sen. Don Wesely of Lincoln, would appropriate the 4.3 million over a three-year period. The bill is under consideration by the Legislature's Appropriations Committee.

Two members of that committee — Sens. Shirley Marsh of Lincoln and Gary Hannibal of Omaha — took the tour. Both said they thought LB169 is a good idea.

"I think it needs our support," Marsh said. "We can't afford to wait. My children and grandchildren come to

visit this museum, and I want their children to be able to come here."

Hannibal said he thinks the climate-control system is needed, but stressed that the bill must compete with others for state funds.

"Our committee hears a great number of worthwhile ideas," he said. "We have to make some very difficult choices. This year, with the budget we have, it's particularly difficult."

Others who took the tour were Sens. Dan Lynch of Omaha, Dennis Baack of Dix, Jerry Miller of Davenport, Wesely and NU Chancellor Martin Massengale.

John Janovy, interim director of the museum, told the senators a climate control system would help preserve many of the museum's fossils and other artifacts. Morrill Hall has no air conditioning, and its doors and windows remain open during most of the summer, he said. Fluctuating humidity levels damage the delicate exhibits over time, Janovy said, causing them to crack and split.

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No books required on wilderness trip

By Lisa Nutting
Staff Reporter

Editor's Note: This is the fourth article in a five-part series exploring ways students can spend the summer. The last article is on travel opportunities in the United States and abroad.

When Howard Wiegars retires next summer, UNL's department of forestry, fisheries and wildlife may tame down a bit.

Wiegars, a professor in the department, has brought UNL students to the Canadian wilderness since 1951 through a three-credit class called "Wilderness Experience."

Students in the two-week Wilderness Experience course have canoed across a Canadian lake and may have found moose antlers in the woods.

And they've learned to take "quick" baths in 40-degree water, Wiegars said.

Wiegars, 69 will retire a year from July, at the mandatory retirement age.

"They won't let me work anymore, so that's the end of it," Wiegars said.

Wilderness Experience is a summer course "taught" at Pooh Bah Lake in southern Canada. Wiegars and about 24 students take UNL vans to Canada, where they canoe 75 to 30 miles up Pooh Bah Creek to untouched wilderness.

In 1951 and 1952, Wiegars took students on the wilderness experience. It wasn't until 1965 that another group migrated north. But Wiegars and his students have been going every year since.

Wiegars organized the course for wildlife and natural resources majors. But once the majors sign up, any other UNL student can.

Because the course is so much fun, Wiegars said, many students want to go a second time. But to allow more students the chance to go on the trip, few are allowed to go more than once.

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Five projects considering city

Producer says Lincoln could win major film

By Brad Gifford
Senior Reporter

Chances are "very good" that Lincoln will serve as a backdrop for another major movie before year's end, film producer Jim Begg said Wednesday.

At a press conference at the mayor's office, Begg said that companies he is affiliated with have eight or nine projects slated for 1985. Of those prospective pictures, Begg said, five could be filmed in Lincoln or other eastern Nebraska sites.

"Unless a company has a financial collapse, which I don't think will happen, all nine will be done this year," Begg said.

Lincoln qualifies for five of the proposed projects, Begg said, because "they could be filmed in 'Anywhere, USA.'"

Not just anywhere, actually.

Begg said filming his latest work, "Playing With Fire," starring Cicely Tyson, was a trying experience because the city chosen as the location didn't deliver what it promised the production company. Consequently, the NBC movie, which will air in about two months, cost the city and the company a lot of money.

Begg will be more choosy this time. He said he has scouted several cities around the country and Lincoln was near the top of his list because:

- It's clean. "I was amazed, for a city the size of Lincoln, how clean it is," he said.

- The people are enthusiastic. "The thing that impressed me most was the enthusiasm of the people," he said.

- It has several appropriate physical attributes. "You have enough things in the Nebraska-Lincoln area that if you didn't like a house or a river, you could find two or three more that you would like," he said.

- It has a good transportation system and quality facilities. Begg said that Nebraska's ETV studios are better than any other state's networks except Cincinnati's.

- It has a coordinating film committee. "When you find somebody that is as organized as your film committee is," he said, "your job is a lot easier."

Mayor Roland Luedtke made certain Begg knew the admiration was mutual. He said he would unceremoniously give Begg the key to the city after the conference.

"Whenever he wants to come back, he's welcome," Luedtke said.

Lincoln netted about \$1.5 million last year when the Academy Award-winning "Terms of Endearment" was filmed here.

When, or if, he comes back, Begg said he will enlist the help of several Lincoln residents.

Begg is known for his family shows, especially those starring Gary Coleman. Begg has produced four Coleman flicks. Ironically, Coleman owns Zephyr Productions, one of Begg's employers.



After six hours of deliberation, the ASUN Election Commission declared Gerard Keating of the Target Party as the ASUN president-elect. Keating captured 40.3 percent of the vote.

Change Party candidate Kevin Goldstein garnered 30 percent of the vote and second place. Tim Burke of the Look Party captured 26.3 percent of the vote and write-in candidates picked up 3 percent. All other races were still too close to call when the Daily Nebraskan went to press at 2:30 a.m.

Voter turnout in the presidential election was 3,012.

Above: Some Target supporters party the time away while waiting for election results.

Below: The Target party's Jeff Fishback, Gerard Keating and Rod Penner.

ASUN election



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