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Weather: Mostly cloudy, windy and cool again today, with a high of 49 (9C). Cold tonight with a low of 33 (1C). Partly sunny this weekend with a chance of showers Saturday. Highs in the mid- to upper-50s (14C).

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Wildlife — first love of museum illustrator

By Ward W. Triplett III
Sports Editor

Before he opened the sole bid for a dinosaur painting Monday at the State Museum in Morrill Hall, Interim Museum Director John Janovy paused to explain the picture and praise its creator.

The picture, which showed three Allosaurs munching on a Diplodocus, was painted for a dinosaur exhibit at the museum. The artist had not only recreated the three reptiles — a painstaking process based only on fossils — but also a good portion of a Jurassic Age swampland.

"This was painted by Mark Marcuson, our museum artist," Janovy said. "I think he has a chance to become the next great museum artist in the country."

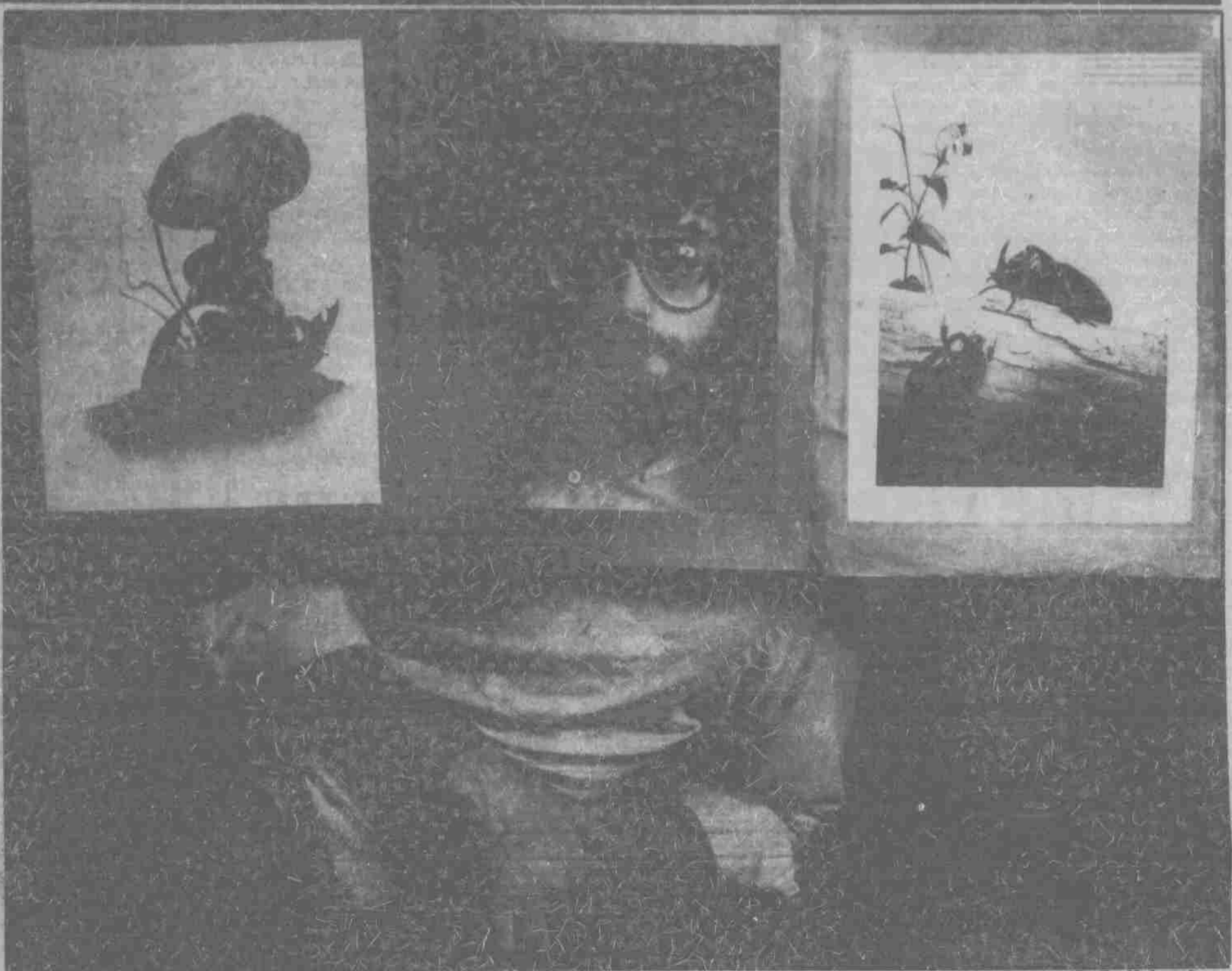
Marcuson, 25, said he isn't worried about being the best. But he admitted that making Janovy's assessment a reality wouldn't be bad.

"As I continue to work here, it would be my hope that the quality of my work continues to improve," he said. "But my real goal is to make a living with my wildlife art. I'm still several years away from doing that."

Marcuson is in his fifth year as scientific illustrator for the museum. His job requires him to do occasional watercolor paintings, such as the dinosaurs and the last three museum posters. But he mainly does graphs, charts, line drawings, pen-and-ink reconstructions and any other illustrations to help museum curators and life science professors with their research.

Marcuson was offered the position after completing two years of art instruction at Colby Community College in northwestern Kansas. He won a Best-of-Show award at a high school art competition at Colby and was rewarded with a two-year art scholarship.

"I had drawn and painted for as long as I can



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Marcuson poses with some of his recently commissioned beetle paintings.

remember. When I was offered the scholarship, I pretty much decided I would be an artist," he said.

Marcuson said that when he was hired, he knew little about scientific illustrations. But "the people here have been really helpful," he said.

"I've always had an interest in natural history,

so this is a good job for me," he said. "It gets a little tedious sometimes, but with seven curators who are always carrying on some type of research, I always have something to do."

The dinosaur picture came about when Janovy asked him to contribute something for the exhibit. The idea for depicting dinosaurs feeding developed because a Diplodocus fossil was part

of the exhibit, he said.

There have been some bones of this dinosaur found with large teeth marks in them," he said. "By that, they suspect there was a predator-prey relationship between these two dinosaurs, and it's very possible that that dinosaur was preyed upon. That was the inspiration for the picture."

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ASUN executives take office

By Jonathan Taylor
Staff Reporter

Although controversy hovered above this year's student government election, newly elected 1985-86 ASUN executives Gerard Keating, president, Rod Penner, vice president and Jeff Fishback, second vice president, received standing ovations after being sworn into their new positions Wednesday night.

Keating, who also was appointed student regent by UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale, said the controversy over the election results was based on "unfounded accusations" and would have no effect on the student body's view of ASUN.

Keating said that as he was taking the oath of office for student regent, he experienced a feeling of "challenge, and a hope that this will be an effective year for students."

The first order of business will be to appoint committee positions and work on a smooth transition from the old administration to the new, he said.

"We want to make our presence known right off the bat," he said.

Before presenting the oath of the student regents office to Keating, Massengale spoke to the former and new senators, lauding ASUN as "a model for other student governments."

"Your involvement is second to none from the campuses I've visited," he said.

Commenting on the road ahead, Vice President Penner emphasized the variety of views that such a "diverse group" of senators could contribute, while Second Vice President Fishback stressed that the senate should "welcome debate and not be afraid to delve into controversial issues."

Before the induction ceremony, in the 1984-85 ASUN senate's last meeting, speaker Clark Osborn was presented an award honoring him as the ASUN Senator of the Year.

"It's good to leave with this type of feeling," he said.

In other action, the senate approved seven resolutions commending treasurer Matt Nyberg, and members of the Government Liaison Committee and the Electoral Commission among others.

Women's Resource Center budget reinstated by Chancellor Massengale

By Jonathan Taylor
Staff Reporter

The Women's Resource Center has been about \$3,400 richer since March 23, when NU Chancellor Martin Massengale in a meeting with ASUN representatives and UNL administrators reinstated the organization's operating expenses.

According to new ASUN president,

Gerard Keating, Janet Krause, interim vice chancellor for Student Affairs, recommended the money be put back into the WRC's budget. Massengale had given his approval with the stipulation that the Student Affairs office form a review committee to study the WRC.

Present at the meeting were John Goebel, vice chancellor for Business and Finance, David DeCoster, dean of

Students, Mark Scudder, former ASUN president, Krause, Massengale and Keating.

Although the ASUN senate had voted to cut the funds from the WRC's budget, Scudder said, many of the senators who participated in the vote whom he had spoken to "were happy that the money had been put back into their budget."

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Program aids students who can't repay loans

By Gene Gentrup
Senior Reporter

Students who leave school and can't afford to pay their guaranteed student loans can get "NEBHELP" through the Nebraska Higher Education Loan Program, 4732 Calvert St.

Director Nancy Wiederspan said NEBHELP is a secondary market for guaranteed student loans that buys loans from lenders who use the money to make additional loans.

Wiederspan said NEBHELP buys 60 percent to 70 percent of all state GSIs and offers special deferment periods for people who have trouble repaying their loans.

If people are having trouble, they should contact NEBHELP to find a way of preventing a default on the loan, she said.

"NEBHELP is a last resort, but it's imperative students let us know before they default," Wiederspan said.

Deferments can be granted for many reasons, including physical or mental disabilities and temporary unemployment, which Wiederspan defines as "working under 30 hours a week." The loan also can be

deferred if students still are attending school, she said.

The money that NEBHELP earns from the interest on GSIs is used to make "PLUS loans," another function of NEBHELP, Wiederspan said.

PLUS loans go to borrowers who weren't eligible to receive GSIs, usually because they earn too much money. Borrowers begin to repay PLUS loans within 60 days of disbursement at a 12 percent interest rate, she said.

NEBHELP isn't limited to undergraduates. Eligible parents and graduate students can borrow up to \$3,000 per year, Wiederspan said. Undergraduate students can borrow up to \$2,500 per year.

The cost of education is so high now that more students than ever are applying for GSIs, Wiederspan said. NEBHELP alone owns more than \$175 million in outstanding GSIs.

Students can ask questions about their deferment options at two NEBHELP seminars scheduled for April 19 at UNL College of Dentistry and April 22 at the UNL College of Nursing, or they can call NEBHELP at 489-6521.