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Weather: Drier conditions are expected this week as high pressure moves into the area. Partly sunny today with a high of 74 (23C). 30 percent chance of thunderstorms tonight with a low of 56 (13C). Tuesday will be mild again with a high of 76 (24C).
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Sen. Warner aims speech at teachers

By Ward W. Triplett III
Sports Editor

State Sen. Jerome Warner of Waverly didn't tell delegates of the American Association of University Professors state convention what they wanted to hear Friday at the East Campus Union. Instead, he said, as the state's focus moves toward funding social programs instead of state programs, things at the university level will only get worse.

"Back in 1977, we envisioned a university where you had excess quality, not by letting professors do whatever they wanted, but by limiting what they couldn't do," Warner said. "But I think we're going to see a narrower scope in the future."

With the university's budget increase at an estimated \$1.8 million, university programs are facing cutbacks said Kenneth Eller, president of the UNO AAUP chapter. Eller, a UNO professor, said the group tries to get a speaker from the state's point-of-view for each of its two annual state meetings.

Warner, chairman of the state Legislature's Appropriations committee, said his job is not a bad job. ("You always know whatever decision you make will end up wrong.") Warner has sided with state funding causes through most of this legislative session. However, as he explained in his opening remarks Friday, changes in the way budgets are developed and the state's takeover of aid programs that used to be locally funded have made aid programs a state priority.

"I personally believe state programs (such as the university) should be given priority over aid programs," Warner said. "But it's more popular now to be supportive of these other things."

The state had to take over some local aid programs when the federal government pulled out. However, while the state continues to increase the number of aid programs, "no one is suggesting increases in state appropriation," Warner said.

Because of those changes, money for state programs has decreased, leaving higher education institutions on their own, Warner said. It will take threats on program elimination before other senators begin to see what effect the lack of a larger increase might have, he said.

One example was the recent controversy over budget cut proposals that would eliminate the State Museum at UNL's Morrill Hall. Warner said Morrill Hall was never in danger, but was on a long list of state museums and historical societies the state wanted to look at for possible reductions. The resulting arguments gave more attention to Morrill Hall and turned out to be a benefit to it, Warner said.

Warner answered several questions from the small audience, including one who asked why he was the only senator who seemed to recognize what was happening to the state's programs. Warner said other senators who currently are backing aid programs may need a visual aid in the near future to see what was happening.

When asked about the proposed regional veterinary school, passed by the NU Board of Regents although the faculty has been largely against it, and the proposal to appoint, rather than elect regents, Warner said he had "no interest" in the latter but admitted people are "really excited" about the idea.

"I am totally uninterested in how the regents are appointed," he said. "If you have the right people, it's going to work."

Warner said he was against the veterinary school plan, and he didn't think it would pass. The bill is up for consideration in the Legislature sometime this week.

"Nebraska students tell me they have a slick deal right now," Warner said, telling of one student at Ohio State who said Ohio students have to go to that school and some lose out because of registration limitations. Nebraska students can go anywhere they want, he said.

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Anderson and her \$14,500 llama, Teardrop.

Joel Sartore/Daily Nebraskan

Llama sale draws hundreds Wooly pets bring big money in Tecumseh

By Joel Sartore
Photo Chief

It's hard to believe, but they were selling llamas in Tecumseh this weekend for \$10,000 and more.

It's the only llama show and sale in the country, and it's big. Over 1,500 people, 250 llamas and NBC television showed up at the Fred Hartman Farm just west of Tecumseh for the two-day event which includes judging, awards ceremonies, and an auction that can command llama prices of more than \$15,000 for a top animal.

Rick Hartman, who co-manages the farm

with his dad and his brother Mike, shared his theory why these semi-exotic pets bring in so much money.

"It's just an attachment," he said. "They can get attached to llamas just like a cat or a dog. You ask some dog or cat owners and they wouldn't take \$100,000 for their pets."

Hartman said llamas need very little space (one can raise three or four per acre), and they're extremely gentle.

Both are qualities that make llamas great, he said.

Joyce Anderson, one of the event's participants, heartily agreed.

"I've had them in the house, and we've diapered little ones," she said. "We've had rabbits, dogs, hogs, cats, everything. We've got 400 animals. But llamas though, they're the best."

Anderson and her husband, Leon, drove from their dairy farm in Jamestown, New York, to show and sell two of their 22 llamas.

Though all of her llamas are just like family pets, she said she's especially proud of one of the animals she brought with her. It's an eight-year-old white llama named Teardrop, and it placed second in the adult female category.

Teardrop sold for \$14,500.

\$50,000 gift

Tulsa firm donates to Lied Center

The Williams Companies Foundation of Tulsa, Okla., has announced a gift of \$50,000 to the NU Foundation for development of the Lied Center for Performing Arts.

The foundation is nearing the halfway point in an \$8 million campaign to complete funding for the \$20 million project on the UNL campus, Chairman D. B. "Woody" Varner said.

"We are very pleased to contribute to the construction of the Lied Center and believe it will benefit all the people of Nebraska," said Joseph Williams, chairman of The Williams Companies Foundation and chairman and chief executive officer of The Williams Companies.

"Through two subsidiaries of the Williams Companies — Williams Pipe Line Company and Agrico Chemical Company — we have enjoyed a long and gratifying record of service in Nebraska," Williams said.

Williams Pipe Line provides transportation and distribution services for petroleum products, liquified petroleum gas, crude oil and fertilizer solutions. In Nebraska, it operates pet-

roleum products terminals at Doniphan, Omaha and Lincoln and ships agrico fertilizer solutions to terminals at Nebraska City, Falls City, Blair and Doniphan.

Agrico also markets various fertilizers at Omaha, Greenwood and Culbertson. It is one of the world's leading producers and marketers of nitrogen and phosphate fertilizers, which are used extensively by Nebraska farmers.

With assets of \$4.5 billion, The Williams Companies is engaged in the energy, energy transportation and chemical fertilizer businesses.

The Williams Companies Foundation has a long history of giving to broadly beneficial organizations and to education.

Varner has been a member of the Tulsa company's board of directors for the past 10 years.

"I know The Williams Companies values highly its long-term association with the people of Nebraska and is pleased to join in this activity which promises to improve the quality of life for Nebraskans everywhere," Varner said. "The uni-

versity and our foundation are proud of the relationship, too, and we're grateful for the support."

Construction is expected to start next spring on the Lied Center, with the grand opening scheduled for the spring of 1988.

The project is the outgrowth of a \$10 million gift from the Lied Foundation Trust of Las Vegas. The late Ernst Lied was an Omaha car dealer and Las Vegas businessman.

The Lied Foundation Trust stipulated that Nebraska interests must match the \$10 million. The Legislature committed \$7 million, and the foundation accepted the challenge for the remaining \$3 million, plus another \$5 million for a maintenance and program endowment.

The eight-story Lied Center will be built on the southwest corner of 12th and R streets and will complete the arts complex on campus that includes Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery and Gardens, the Temple Dramatic Arts Building and Howell Theater, Woods Art Building and Architecture Hall.