

Weather:

Partly cloudy and windy today. Northwest winds 20-30 mph with a high of 53. Clear and cold tonight with a low of 35. Sunny and warmer for the weekend with a high on Saturday near 60.

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UNL libraries ranked low among peers

By Todd von Kampen
Senior Reporter

Lagging budgets for staff, salaries and new materials contributed to the UNL library system's low ranking among Big Eight and peer land-grant universities in a recent Association of Research Libraries study.

In a composite of ARL rankings for the 1983-84 academic year, UNL libraries ranked last among the 11 schools belonging to the American Association of Universities, which includes land-grant schools with a similar educational mission. UNL's law library was not included in the study.

The University of Wisconsin ranked first among the peer-group schools in the study, while the group's only other Big Eight schools, the University of Missouri and Iowa State University, ranked eighth and ninth respectively. In the Big Eight, the University of Kansas ranked first, while UNL outranked only Oklahoma State University. Kansas State University, which is not an ARL member, was not included in the study.

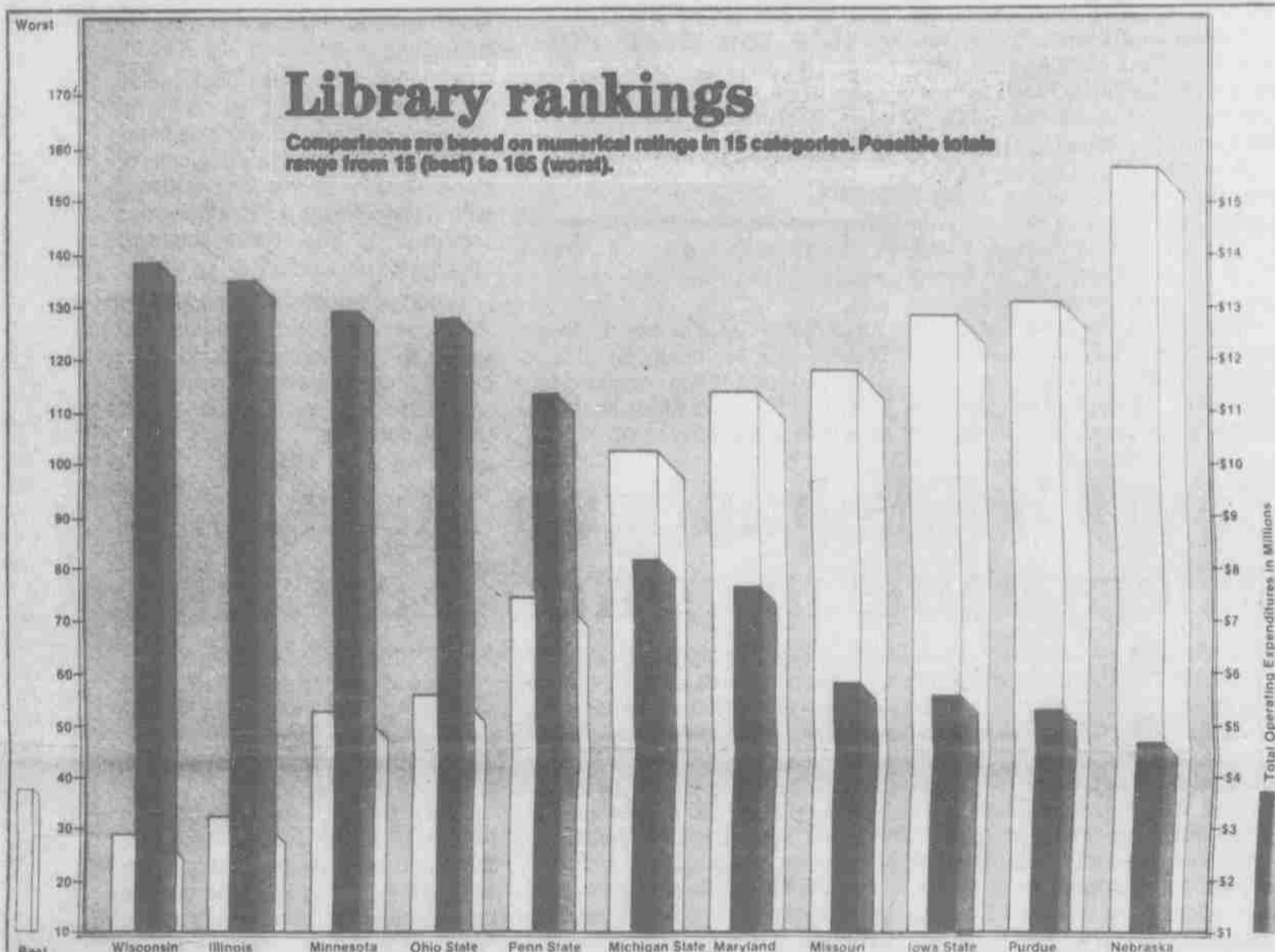
UNL's standing cannot be blamed on any shortcomings of university or library staff, said Kent Hendrickson, newly-appointed dean of libraries. UNL administrators identified the library system as one of their top priorities, he said, but those who make the budget decisions have not been convinced.

UNL spent about \$4.7 million on libraries in 1983-84, about half that of Big Eight leader Kansas and \$9 million less than Wisconsin, the study showed.

James Ford, associate professor of English and chairman of the UNL Faculty Senate's University Libraries Committee, said ARL rankings are "sort of a spiritual barometer of the ranking of academics." If a university's library ranks low, he said, the ranking indicates the university's other programs are not being supported as well.

Specific library problems identified by Ford and Hendrickson include:

- Physical space. UNL will run out of library space within five years unless expansion is approved, Ford said. The library also needs many more cubicles and desks for students to use while handling library materials and studying, he said.
- Hendrickson said the library system needs about \$11 million to expand and to renovate existing space. Ford said possible expansion plans include filling in the space under the link between Love Library's two wings and adding two floors to Love's north wing.
- Card catalog. Several universities are automating their card



catalogs to give faculty offices and residence halls automatic access to the library, Hendrickson said. For UNL to automate, he said, the library system needs between \$1.5 million and \$2 million over several years.

● Materials. The ARL study showed UNL spent about \$1.9 million on books, periodicals and binding in 1983-84, about two-thirds the amount Kansas spent. To improve the library's offerings and provide computer access to research Hendrickson

said, the library needs a materials budget increase of \$500,000 a year.

● Staff and salaries. Among all ARL institutions, UNL ranked 90th of 104 in payroll. Ford said the library has boxes of archive materials that cannot be unpacked because the library lacks funds and staff to handle them.

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Selleck students protest officer's use of profanity

By Ad Hudler
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Selleck Quadrangle officials will meet today with UNL police about a confrontation between students and police officers who used profane language in settling a noise dispute at 1 a.m. Wednesday. No one was arrested.

UNL Police Chief Gail Gade said officers Wayne Farrin and Greg Meyer were called to Selleck to quiet students who were yelling from their room windows to some students camping in the Selleck Quadrangle courtyard.

The campers — John Williams, Bobby Eden, Craig Hulke, Steve Katelman, Becky Spawn, Lisa Bolin and Deborah Vollmer — said Farrin used profane language in the dispute.

Farrin said he asked the campers to leave and told them they needed a camping permit to spend the night on state property. Everyone but Katelman went inside. As Farrin

talked to Katelman, students began to gather in the courtyard.

Charles Lieurance — a student who was watching from his window — then went outside and sat in the courtyard to protest what was happening. He said Farrin eventually took him and Katelman to another part of the courtyard to talk with them.

Lieurance said the police "man-handled" him before they took him and Katelman across the quadrangle.

"They actually lifted me up by the arm, pulled me up and started pushing me to the side, away from the crowd," he said.

But Farrin said that action wasn't improper. He said Meyer put his arm on Lieurance's shoulder and pulled him up from the ground.

Farrin said about 20 students were yelling from their windows in Selleck, calling him and Meyer names. He said some of the residents camping in the courtyard provoked the officers.

Sometime during the dispute, Ray Korpi, Selleck president, step-

ped outside to ask the police to turn their car radios down. He said he was speaking as a resident, and that the radios were waking up other hall residents.

Korpi said Farrin, using profanity, asked him to go back inside the residence hall.

Korpi said he didn't hear the remark.

"I was sort of in shock," he said. Farrin said he knew the remark was "improper."

"I realized it when I said it," he said.

Gade said he doesn't know all the details of the incident yet, but he said a full report will be made today.

Glenn Gray, director of Selleck, said he is concerned about the incident. He said Farrin's "inappropriate actions" could destroy rapport between residence hall students and police. That's one reason Selleck officials will meet with the police, he said.

Gray said residents and police will have a larger, more formal meeting early next week.

RHA execs decide against filing lawsuit

By Diana Johnson
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Although the Residence Hall Association could press charges against the UNL athletic department for violating residence hall building-use policy, RHA executives John Danforth and Pete Castellano said they will not file a lawsuit.

Danforth and Castellano met with Nebraska State Ombudsman Marshall Lux Thursday, who told them they could file suit because the athletic department had violated a landlord/tenant agreement.

"We sought the advice of him (Lux) because the administrators we've been meeting with kept pointing to public pressure and the legislature as their reasons for building the women's athletic facility so quickly," Castellano said.

Castellano said he also felt the Smith women's athletic facility issue "wasn't worth arguing about with the university."

Lux's advice was also sought because Castellano and Danforth wanted to find out "what kind of credibility student rights had outside this system."

"If we did fight this with the university, it would only put everyone on the defensive," Castellano said.

Castellano said he and Danforth were encouraged to find they do have rights outside of university policy.

Filing a lawsuit could be expensive and time consuming, Lux said.

However, Lux did not discourage RHA from seeking further legal advice, Castellano said.

Castellano said he and Danforth are undecided about what to do next but are considering speaking informally with the NU Board of Regents.

"We're not backing down from this issue. We're trying to leave more chances open for productivity between us and administrators," Castellano said.

He said he is also confident that the UNL athletic department will pay for a replacement piano/study area in the Harper-Schramm-Smith complex.