

Weather:

Partly cloudy and mild today with a 20 percent chance of afternoon showers. Winds southerly 10-20 mph with a high of 73. Cloudy tonight with a 40 percent chance of rain. Low of 51. Cloudy on Friday with a high near 70.

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New admission policy won't alter enrollment

Stricter UNL standards help prepare students for college

By Michael Hooper
Staff Reporter

UNL's new higher admission standards, which go into effect this summer, will not decrease the number of students admitted, a UNL admissions official says.

Alan Cerveny, UNL assistant director of admissions, said the tougher standards were intended to prepare high school students for college, not to deny students admission to the university.

High school students now will be required to take more courses in language arts, mathematics, science and social sciences to be admitted in full standing as UNL freshmen, Cerveny said.

"A lot of times students (at UNL) find out after they get here that they will have to have these requirements to graduate anyway," Cerveny said. For example, he said, many students do not take high school algebra, but end up taking it as a remedial course because it is often required to graduate.

Many U.S. universities have toughened admission standards to increase the quality of high school and college education.

Cerveny said UNL did not raise admission requirements because of declining academic quality.

UNL has not noticed a slip in the academic quality of applicants, Cerveny said. He cited a report showing

that UNL freshmen's average composite scores on the American College Test (ACT) were more than two points higher than the national average of 18.6 last year. UNL freshmen have maintained this standard for the last nine years, he said.

Norm Michaels, University of Colorado associate director of admissions, said CU adopted tougher standards in response to a national concern about the quality of education.

"Everybody is interested in improving the quality of education at all levels, and that is why you're seeing modifications in (admission) requirements" at some universities, Michaels said.

CU will soon toughen its current standards, Michaels said.

CU's current admission requirements vary from college to college, Michaels said. For the college of Arts and Sciences, applicants must:

- rank in the upper 40 percent of their graduating class.
- have a combined SAT score of 1,000 or an ACT composite of 23.

Admissions requirements at the University of Oklahoma also are becoming more stringent.

This year OU turned away about 270 of its 7,462 applicants.

OU requires incoming freshmen to have either a 3.1 grade point average on a 4.0 scale in high school courses, be ranked in the upper half of their graduating class or a minimum score of

NEW ADMISSIONS STANDARDS

(Effective Fall 1986)

Students wanting to attend UNL now must have:

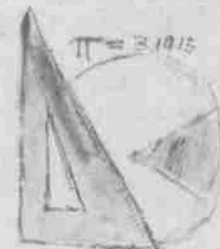
Language Arts

4 years; which include 1 year of composition and one year of speech, journalism, literature or foreign language.



Mathematics

2 years; which must include 1 year of Algebra and one year of geometry, advanced algebra, trigonometry, calculus or computer science.



Science

2 years; which must include biology, physics, chemistry, earth science or life science.



Social Science

2 years; which must include American government, American history, world history, psychology, sociology, economics or anthropology.



For those who do not successfully complete the above requirements, admission will be granted if: the high school student graduates in the top half of the graduating class or the student has an ACT score of 18 or a combined SAT score of 850.

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17 on the American College Test (ACT) or a combined score of 760 on math and verbal on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), said Barbra Kousins, OU director of admissions.

If applicants do not meet any of the criteria, they must have 24 credit hours from another acceptable college. The students also must have a GPA of 2.0 or better on a 4.0 scale before they could transfer to OU, she said.

New statewide requirements go into

effect in the fall of 1988 for all Oklahoma state colleges. Applicants will be required to have completed certain courses in English, mathematics, lab science, social science and history, she said.

The OU State Board of Regents still is reviewing the plan, which was passed in July 1985, Kousins said.

OU does not accept applicants with General Education Diplomas (GED),

which are equal to high school diplomas. University of Kansas and Iowa State University officials said they foresee no admission requirement changes.

At the University of Kansas, in-state applicants must be high school graduates or have GEDs, said Jim Stinson, KU assistant director of admissions.

Applicants must present ACT scores, but they are used only for advising and placement, Stinson said.

Two senators say NU likely to share cuts

By Todd von Kampen
Senior Reporter

Two state senators disagreed Wednesday whether NU can make the \$5 million in budget cuts proposed by Gov. Bob Kerrey without causing lasting damage to the university.

Both Speaker of the Legislature William Nichol of Scottsbluff and Lincoln Sen. David Landis, however, agreed that the Legislature is unlikely to spare NU from the 3 percent reduction in state support for most state agencies that Kerrey proposed Tuesday.

The Legislature convenes in special session this afternoon to consider ways to balance Nebraska's budget.

"The university will be hard-pressed to make a case sufficient to receive an exemption," Landis said. "They may well deserve one, and I and my colleagues will be on our feet trying to make that case." Lincoln's other senators feel as he does, he said.

Landis said senators are looking at the entire package of budget cuts without focusing on what individual cuts would mean.

A 3 percent reduction, however, can be handled better by agencies

such as NU that have large budgets, Nichol said, "because they have more to cut from."

Taxpayers believe the university can adjust to a smaller budget without eliminating entire programs, Nichol said. NU, he said, should increase its efficiency by dropping sparsely attended classes and programs that teach no students but cost money.

"The university is there to educate students," Nichol said. "All this extracurricular stuff doesn't educate students; it serves only a few people and most of them are out-of-state."

But Landis said his conversations with faculty members and administrators at the three NU campuses indicated the university has little room to tighten its operation. Landis has proposed a compromise in which NU would reallocate \$10 million in spending over five years and the Legislature would agree not to cut the \$10 million from the budget.

Nichol said senators will introduce bills Thursday through Saturday before adjourning to give legislative committees a week to work through them. Debate on budget bills will begin Oct. 28, he said.

Union plaza policy questioned

By Milli King
Staff Reporter

Union Board members decided Tuesday night to take emergency action at their next meeting on a proposal that would regulate the use of the plaza on the north side of Nebraska Union for student events.

Some Selleck Quadrangle residents complained at the meeting about noise from plaza events. Julie Gathmann, Programs and Activities Committee, presented a proposal that was written by some Selleck residents.

Board members, who couldn't vote on the proposal because a quorum wasn't present, will vote Oct. 29 on the policy for plaza activities.

The policy says recognized student organizations that schedule programs on the plaza with sound equipment — excluding microphones — will have to follow the following rules:

- There will be no performances during dead week or finals week.
- The program will begin no earlier than 3:30 p.m. and must end by 10 p.m. on weeknights and 10:30 p.m. on weekends.
- There will be no more than three plaza performances a week, and those scheduled preferably will be on Friday and Saturday. Events scheduled during the week will not be on consecutive evenings.
- Organizations sponsoring an

activity on the plaza must give a two-week notice to the Selleck Quadrangle residence director and a copy of the registration form. This would enable the director to notify residents about the activity.

● Student organizations are encouraged to exercise courtesy and respect for others regarding program sound levels.

Three consecutive plaza performances were scheduled during the first week of school this fall.

"Party on the Plaza," sponsored by ASUN, was held Tuesday, Aug. 27. "Music and Melons," an annual event sponsored by FarnHouse Fraternity was on Wednesday afternoon. A Muscular Dystrophy benefit on Thursday evening was given special permission to last from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The third plaza event was "the straw that broke the camel's back," said Glenn Gray, Selleck Quadrangle resident director.

The biggest demand for the plaza always is the first week of school, said Frank Kuhn, Nebraska Union assistant director of operations.

Most students don't have anything to do at night during that first week, Kuhn said.

Ray Korpi, Selleck government president said students in Selleck are serious about their studies.

"Selleck houses a bigger swath of campus student-grouping," including

many graduate students, foreign students and a higher percentage of returning students, he said.

Korpi said he agrees with the two-week notice so that Selleck residents could plan to be somewhere else during plaza events.

Three scheduled events in one week is unusual, said Daryl Swanson, Nebraska Union director.

"It will probably never happen again," but the revised proposal makes it impossible.

The revised programming policy is still subject to modification at the next Union Board meeting before it is voted upon, Swanson said.

Group to protest psychologist's talk

The UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Association has scheduled a protest rally tonight at 6:30 p.m. outside of the north entrance to the Nebraska Union.

GLSA is protesting Lincoln psychologist Paul Cameron's presentation on aids. Cameron is an anti-gay activist.