

Weather:

Sunny and mild today. Winds southeasterly 5-15 mph with a high of 58. Clear and cool tonight. Low of 33. Becoming partly cloudy on Tuesday. High near 64.

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Horses sprint for the finish line during a Sunday afternoon race at the State Fairgrounds racetrack in Lincoln.

Big bets on fleet feet

By Martha Miller
Staff Reporter

Despite some unseasonable weather, attendance at the State Fairgrounds racetrack has increased 1.5 percent from last year's total, the spokesman for the track said Saturday.

"Considering the weather we had to start with, the cold, rain and snow, I think we did great," said Henry Brandt, racetrack manager.

Horsing in Nebraska apparently is big business. A fan can attend the races 193 days of the year at one of five thoroughbred racetracks: Fonner Park in Grand Island, Ak-Sar-Ben in Omaha, Atokad Park in South Sioux City, the Columbus Fairgrounds and the State Fairgrounds. In addition, Broken Bow, Deschler and Hastings have small quarterhouse racetracks.

Dennis Oelschlager, executive secretary of the Nebraska Racing Commission, said horse racing revenue in racing circles throughout the nation dropped.

"In relation to our population base, racing is incredibly successful

at all levels," Oelschlager said.

However, competition is getting tough. On March 1, a greyhound dog track will open in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Oelschlager said the dog track will draw many horse-racing fans because it is cheaper and easier to make money at dog races. He said Iowa, Missouri and Oklahoma will pass legislation to allow horse racing within the next year.

"The whole game is changing," he said.

When neighboring states begin to operate tracks, there will be competition not only for patrons but for the quality racing stock. He said last summer's opening of Canterbury Downs in Shakopee, Minn., attracted several horse owners who had raced at Ak-Sar-Ben.

Because of the added competition, the Nebraska Racing Commission appealed to the Legislature for a reduction in the state pari-mutuel tax. Oelschlager said a reduction from the present 5 percent tax would make Nebraska racetracks more appealing to patrons and horse owners.

Oelschlager explained the tax

process in the form of a wager. On a \$2 bet, the track takes 15 percent or 30 cents for a win, place or show bet and 16 percent for "exotic" bets such as daily doubles, exactas and pick-sixes. Taxes for the racetrack come out of the "take-out" money, he said.

Whatever is left is used for purses, track improvements and maintenance, he said.

A reduction in the 5 percent tax would allow the track to offer competitive purses, Oelschlager said.

"If a track can't do that, then horsemen will go somewhere else," he said.

Oelschlager said the 5 percent tax does not start until the first \$7 million is bet each racing season. He said this keeps the smaller tracks equal in proportion to the larger tracks.

Oelschlager said the racing commission also is looking into trifecta wagering in Nebraska. This is when a bettor must select the first three winners of the race in order.

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Radio company sues NU Regents

By Joe Dejka
Staff Reporter

Musicradio of Nebraska Inc. is suing the NU Board of Regents, KFAB Broadcasting Co. and KFOR Radio for allegedly violating the federal antitrust act by broadcasting Nebraska football games only on the Nebraska Football/Basketball Network, the Lincoln Journal reported Saturday.

Musicradio, which operates radio station KZKX in Seward, seeks money damages of "at least \$450,000" from each of the parties named, and an additional \$150,000 in damages from KFAB Broadcasting Co. for alleged breach of contract, the Journal reported.

The lawsuit alleges that KFAB Broadcasting Co., which owns exclusive rights to broadcast Nebraska football and basketball games, acts as a "wholesaler" of Nebraska football broadcasts, the article said.

KFAB signed a contract with the regents for the rights in 1982.

KFAB and KFOR sell advertising for broadcast during the games, the article said.

The suit alleges that when KZKX acquired KSRD Radio Co., KZKX also bought the one-year contract KSRD had with KFAB, the Journal said. The suit alleges that KFAB refused to honor the rights that KZKX acquired in the

contract.

The suit claims Musicradio sold advertising under the rights bought from KFAB, but when Musicradio's KZKX sold advertising in Lincoln, where KFAB and KFOR have exclusive rights, KFAB terminated KZKX's right to broadcast the games, the Journal reported.

The suit alleges that because of KFAB's actions, advertising competition for broadcast during the games has been restricted, KZKX's broadcast rights have been curtailed and KZKX has been denied the right to compete with other stations for the sale of advertising during such broadcasts, the article said.

Richard Wood, NU general counsel, said he is surprised Musicradio named the regents in the case. He said he considers the contract between the regents and KFAB valid.

"We will vigorously defend it," Wood said.

He said the university has not received a summons yet, but he expects to receive that and a copy of the petition this week.

Regent Donald Fricke of Lincoln said KFAB has been "an outstanding radio station in the past and I have a lot of faith in them."

A spokesman for KFAB was unavailable for comment.

ASUN, GLC urge protest of budget

By Jen Deselms
Staff Reporter

ASUN and the government Liaison Committee met Thursday to inform and organize students in protest against the proposed 3 percent university and state college budget cut.

A phone bank is planned for Tuesday in the Nebraska and East unions. Students will be able to call anywhere in the state for two minutes. ASUN President Gerard Keating said the bank will give students a chance to call their parents to ask them to contact their state senator and express concern about the proposed cuts.

Keating said 10,000 "I Support NU" stickers were handed out at the NU-Colorado football game. A similar effort is planned for the Iowa State game Saturday. Stickers for the Iowa State game will say "Save the State — Support the University." Keating said the blue-and-white stickers will stand out more than the red ones given away at the Colorado game.

He encouraged students to wear blue to the Iowa State game to show support for the battle against budget cuts.

A schedule for legislative attendance was arranged. Keating said each Greek house and residence hall was assigned a time to attend the special

session. To find out the time your residence hall or Greek house is scheduled to attend, call the ASUN office in the Nebraska Union.

Despite what students might think, they do have an impact because senators aren't used to students attending sessions, Keating said.

Deb Chapelle, Nebraska State Student Association executive director, said it is important for students to talk to senators during the second stage of debate, which begins today.

"Tell them your story. Speak from the heart," Chapelle said. "Speak with the intelligence and convictions that have brought you to this campus to better yourself as a citizen. That's what is going to win it for us."

Kelly Kuchta, GLC president, said students should tell senators that when money needed by the university is cut, students are the ones who are hurt most because they pay for cuts with tuition increases and the elimination of university programs.

Kuchta said Gov. Bob Kerrey should be contacted also. He said the governor often does not feel the pressure that state senators do.

Keating said residence halls and Greek houses will display signs in windows and make banners that express support for the university.

NETV faces variety of budget cuts

By Jody Beem
Staff Reporter

Editor's note: This is the fourth article of a five-part series that tries to examine how proposed budget cuts would affect some of UNL's programs. The Legislature has proposed a 3 percent, or about \$5 million, cut in state support for the university.

The Nebraska Educational Television network budget will be cut in several ways if the Nebraska Legislature passes proposed budget reductions, said an NETV official.

"We'll be double-impacted," said Paul Few, NETV assistant general

manager of administration and finance.

NU President Ronald Roskens said \$100,000 could be cut from the NETV budget if the Legislature passes a 3 percent reduction in the NU budget. The Legislature also has proposed a 3 percent reduction in NETV's state funding.

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In addition, Few said, several UNL departments provide funds for NETV programming. If those department budgets are cut, it would probably cut into NETV's funds, he said.

Few said he doesn't know where

NETV could find alternate funding. Outside contributions make up 45 percent of NETV's budget and 30,000 Nebraskans donate funds to NETV, he said.

Cuts would be felt statewide because they would decrease public awareness about Nebraska, the university and its programs, he said.

Locally produced programming would be hurt most by budget cuts, he said. Cuts also could affect staffing and possibly NETV's broadcast hours.

"It's fruitless at this time to say where cuts would occur," Few said. "NETV won't know what changes will be made until they see the extent of the cuts in funding."