

Weather:

Continued cloudy and cold today. Light rain possible this afternoon with a high of 42. Continued cloudy tonight and Wednesday with a 40 percent chance of snow or freezing drizzle. Low tonight near 30. High on Wednesday near 40.

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A day to remember...

Col. Toby Corey of UNL remembers the POWs and MIAs on the eve of Veteran's Day. About 120 nationwide squadrons, including the Arnold Air Society of the Air Force ROTC at UNL, kept a candle burning during an overnight vigil ending at sunrise with the raising of a POW/MIA commemorative flag.

Senators reconvene; students give final push for lower budget cuts

By Todd von Kampen
Senior Reporter

Student groups will be at the Capitol today to begin their final push for smaller NU budget cuts, ASUN President Gerard Keating said Monday.

The Legislature is scheduled to consider bills to raise the state's income tax and cigarette tax rates when it reconvenes today after a three-day weekend. Senators will decide late today or Wednesday whether to allow further amendments to the main budget bill or vote on the bill's final passage. The special session might adjourn by Friday, said Scottsbluff Sen. William Nichol, speaker of the Legislature.

Richard Brown, assistant to Clerk of the Legislature Patrick J. O'Donnell, said Friday that no amendments to further reduce NU's budget cut have been submitted to the clerk's office. The Legislature voted Nov. 4 to lower the proposed cut in state support for NU and the state colleges from 3 percent to 2 percent.

Keating said members of ASUN and UNL's Government Liaison Committee plan to give each senator a blue balloon and pamphlet that says NU students and faculty members oppose the budget cuts. The balloon and pamphlet, he said, are meant to remind senators of Saturday's Nebraska-Iowa State game at which students and football players

wore blue in protest of the cuts and released blue balloons when Nebraska scored its first touchdown.

ASUN will continue encouraging students to call or write senators about the cuts and to lobby at the Capitol until the session adjourns, Keating said. Students, he said, must keep fighting for lower cuts, because even a 2 percent cut will mean the elimination of necessary programs.

"I feel it's been a tremendous success getting it down to 2 percent," he said. "But I'm optimistic that senators will introduce another amendment if, in fact, an income tax increase is passed."

Senators who support NU will be concentrating their efforts this week on winning passage of the two tax-increase bills so Gov. Bob Kerrey will accept the budget bill, said Lincoln Sen. David Landis. Without an indication that a further reduction in NU's budget cuts would be passed, supporters probably will not offer an amendment to do so, he said.

Input from students and parents will make the greatest difference in persuading senators to reduce the cuts even further, said Joe Rowson, NU director of public affairs.

"I think students have done a terrific job on all our campuses (in winning lower cuts)," he said. "They've communicated well, and what you've seen is a result of that."

Home Economics Dean Anthony announces plans for retirement

By Jane Campbell
Staff Reporter

Hazel Anthony, College of Home Economics dean, said on Monday that she will retire in June 1986.

Anthony, the only woman dean at UNL, took that job in 1972.

She said the most exciting part of her career at UNL was when the college moved into its new building in 1974. The quality of faculty members that the college has acquired and the growth in the master's degree program and increased enrollment also have been

exciting for her, she said.

"It hasn't been bad," she said. "It's been frustrating at times, but enjoyable."

Anthony said recent budget cuts frustrated her because they limit what the college could accomplish.

"But it's gratifying to see what we can do with limited funds," she said. After she retires, Anthony said, she

plans to travel and do some of the things she has put off.

John Yost, UNL associate to chancellor Martin Massengale, said an advisory committee will be appointed to search for a new dean.

Anthony received her bachelor's and master's degrees from UNL. She earned her doctoral degree from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

Anthony became chairwoman of the UNL home economics education department in 1963. In 1970, she became associate dean of the college.

Instructor hopes to raise retention

Class planned to help new students

By Molly Adams
Staff Reporter

A new course on academic programs that would give new students an idea of what the university offers is being planned.

Jim McShane, associate professor of English and organizer of the program, said the course would help students understand the university's system better.

The course would cover information about student services, academic programs, libraries and learning centers,

he said. McShane said it is important for students to know how to take full advantage of the university.

"In order for the university to retain students, we have to enable them and let them know they're worth something," he said.

The course is being modeled after a course at the University of South Carolina. McShane said USC has better student retention rates.

He said UNL students have expressed a need for a similar course.

"I haven't been anywhere where it's been discussed that students don't

think it's a good idea," he said.

McShane has talked to campus representatives and received favorable responses. However, a few problems — such as faculty recruitment — still must be solved before the curriculum committee will consider the course for final approval, McShane said.

He said the course would consist of a 2-credit-hour seminar and a 1-credit-hour lecture.

"Information from the lectures would feed back into the seminar," McShane said. "We want to start with and lead back into academic discipline."

UNL joins network

Computer system links the world

By Jane Campbell
Staff Reporter

UNL computers have opened up communication lines across the nation.

Last June, two of UNL's main-frame computer systems joined BITNET, a computer network that links more than 600 U.S. universities and several U.S. businesses. Counterpart networks in Canada and Europe also are linked to BITNET, which stands for the "Because It's Time Network."

"(BITNET) is a way of hooking up main-frame systems all over the country and the world," said Michael Ruhrdanz, programmer analyst at the UNL Biometric and Information Systems Center.

Files, messages and research can be sent through BITNET to universities across the United States, Canada and Europe, Ruhrdanz said. BITNET also is used to exchange information between U.S. and French medical centers that are researching acquired immune deficiency syndrome, he said.

At UNL, BITNET is used primarily to send information between two of the university's main-frame computer systems — the International

Business Machines Corp. and the Control Data Corp. systems, he said.

Although the UNL systems are only about 200 feet apart, information must pass through eight connecting links on the network before it reaches the other system, Ruhrdanz said. To go from the CDC system to the IBM system, a file travels through the University of Iowa and the University of Wisconsin before it reaches the central United States link at Central University in New York. CUNY translates the CDC file to an IBM file and sends it through five more nodes before it reaches the IBM system. The process takes about five minutes, he said.

"We've found it's a very quick network," Ruhrdanz said.

BITNET charges no fees for use of its network, he said. However, computer systems hooked up with the network must buy their own communication software and pay rent for a telephone cable to the university they are linked with.

There is only one path from one node to another, he said, and every system in the network must agree to be a connecting point for another system.

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