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Breezy today with more snow expected this afternoon accumulating from 1 to 3 inches. High today, 30, low tonight around 10. Partly sunny Friday with a high around 30.



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Budget cuts will be discussed at forum today in union

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NU's budget cut is the topic of a forum today at 1:30 p.m. in Nebraska Union's main lounge.

"The Importance of the Budget Cuts," sponsored by UPC, will include panelists UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale, Dean Stan Liberty of UNL's College of Engineering and Technology, and Deb Chapelle, executive director of the Nebraska State Student Association.

"We are giving the speakers the opportunity to address the ways the university should deal with the cuts," said John Coffey, UPC's Talks and Topics Committee chairman.

"We'll get the chancellor's input on the cuts, Mr. Liberty's view on the possible filter-down effects on his college, and Deb's opinion on what the budget's going to mean for students and the quality of education," he said.

Coffey said the forum is a logical thing to do.

"It seemed like a lot of people were concerned but didn't know what would be cut," he said. "There were a lot of myths" about what would be cut, he said.

He said Talks and Topics committee members wanted to let people know what will happen with the budget cuts.

The forum is the students' "chance to talk to the chancellor on as close a level as they're ever going to get," Coffey said. The speakers will be able to give students concrete information about the budget cuts.

"It'll give people an idea of what direction the university will take," he said.

Coffey said he wishes the forum could have been scheduled before the budget cut took place. But he said conflicting schedules made that impossible.

Kelly Kuchta, president of the Government Liaison Committee, said he thinks the forum is important because it gives students a starting point in learning about the university's budget. He said students shouldn't stop thinking about the budget because it is a problem that will return.

ASUN President Gerard Keating said the forum will bring leaders together to explain to students what budget cuts will do to different programs, and what students can do to prevent cuts in the future.

A question-and-answer period will follow the panelists' speeches.

"Hopefully, students will gain a better understanding of the real and potential effects of the budget cuts, and give them an opportunity to speak to the chancellor," Coffey said.

Recommends 'flat tax' Kerrey says separate state tax can work

By Todd von Kampen
Senior Reporter

A state income tax system that doesn't ride "piggyback" on the federal system can be fair and progressive without being complex, Gov. Bob Kerrey said Wednesday.

At his weekly press conference, Kerrey said Nebraska inevitably will move away from figuring its income tax as a percentage of federal income tax liability — a method also used by Vermont and Rhode Island — and move "up the line" to a different federal figure. Omaha Sen. Vard Johnson, chairman of the Legislature's Revenue Committee, said his committee will begin looking at figures such as taxable income as possible bases for figuring Nebraska's income tax.

Kerrey said Nebraska could simplify its tax system and bring in more money by eliminating some of the state deductions that copy those of the federal government. Contrary to statements by some Washington economists, he said, a system with fewer deductions would treat people more equally than they are treated now.

"Bring them on with their pencil-pushers and I'll argue that a flat tax is more progressive than the system we

have now," he said.

Kerrey said he anticipates some people will oppose eliminating deductions on the grounds that various minorities would be hurt. However, studies show that only 35 percent of Nebraskans itemize deductions and most Nebraskans don't like the loopholes in the present system, he said.

A state lottery would set a bad precedent for Nebraska, despite its potential for extra revenue, Kerrey said. Instead of sponsoring something that brings little money into the state and encourages its winners to become unemployed, he said, state government should encourage businesses to come into the state and improve the economy.

Kerrey said sales tax on services would not only bring in more money but would help lower- and middle-class people more than some experts believe. He said he will allow the Revenue Committee to develop a sales tax on services and not introduce a bill himself.

The overall shape of the fiscal 1986-87 budget depends on how much the Revenue Committee can accomplish in its search for more revenue, Kerrey said. The Revenue Forecasting Council should give him its revenue projection for the next fiscal year by Dec. 20, he said.



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Stan Flowerday and Steve Callaghan look at the model of the Lied Center for Performing Arts.

Lied on display

Students show 'cautious optimism' over model on exhibit in unions

By Lise Olsen
Senior Reporter

Incased in a plastic cube, a table-sized plastic model of the Lied Center for Performing Arts is surrounded by a cluster of coated, curious students.

They touch the case and point to the model's open roof, which reveals a tiny auditorium, complete with seats and a glass elevator.

"If they're going to spend \$20 million they should at least get a roof," one jokes.

"They could play basketball in there," someone else says.

Some linger, others leave. One drums his fingers on the plastic top of the case.

A detailed model of the Lied Center for Performing Arts displayed this week in the Nebraska and East unions has drawn extra attention to the Lied Center proposal.

A constant throng of about 10 people gathered around the model at noon Thursday. A few gave the center's pyramid-like exterior a leer and hustled away with their backpacks. Others asked questions of two UNL Student Foundation members stationed near the model.

Although the passerby's sentiments varied, several expressed appreciation for the display. They said

it helped them get a clearer picture of a clouded, distant plan.

"It (the display) makes things a little more concrete," said Randy Lambrecht, a graduate student in math. "But maybe the money could be spent better in other ways."

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Randy Lambrecht, graduate math student

Joel Ita, a member of the parking advisory committee, voiced another concern.

"I'm just a little worried about parking facilities," said Ita, a senior geology and anthropology major.

Others praised the Lied Center plan.

"It think it's something that will really benefit our campus," said Kevin Orth, a senior speech communications major.

Ninh Phan, a senior math major, said the plan is "very great." But

Phan and several others admitted that they don't know very much about the Lied Center proposal.

"Right now, I think it's a waste of money," said Sandy Hotovy, a senior animal science major. Hotovy said she wanted to find out more about the center before she would support or oppose it.

Overall, the students seemed cautiously optimistic.

"I like it," said Tim Rose, a sophomore economics major. "I've always been one to support various cultural events."

Lynn Didonato, an ASUN member and a senior pre-med major, said she thinks the Lied Center would be great for the university and would help the art and music departments recruit more students.

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"I wish they would have built it earlier," Didonato said.

The Lied Center is set to be completed in 1988. Demolition of buildings to clear the area is scheduled to begin in January.