

Weather:
Mostly cloudy and very cold today. Southwest winds 5-15 mph increasing to 20-35 mph by afternoon. High of 18. Decreasing cloudiness tonight with a chance of flurries. Low of -3. Mostly sunny and continued cold on Friday with a high of 10.

Horror flicks are best of bad films, fans say

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Research, learning go hand in hand, Yost says

By Linda Hartmann
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An emphasis on meeting students' needs in introductory, undergraduate-level courses doesn't indicate a de-emphasis on research and graduate programs at UNL, a university official said.

As a member of the UNL Chancellor's task force on general liberal education, John Yost, associate to the Chancellor, said he and others have been giving as much attention as possible to attracting and retaining undergraduate students and offering as many sections of introductory courses as possible. But he said this does not mean fewer resources will be available for research.

"Our first responsibility is to educate undergraduates, but we have a distinctive mission to engage as best we can in basic research, applied research, creative and professional activities," said Yost, who is also interim vice chancellor for research and graduate studies. Research has a great impact on the quality of undergraduate education because it brings in many reputable scholars doing research in

their fields, he said.

Yost said students gain more knowledge and excitement by learning from instructors who are active in research. He said faculty involved in research also affect undergraduate education by preparing graduate students who teach many undergraduates.

Earl Freise, assistant chancellor for

affect the amount of research that can be done. He said Nebraskans with economic concerns want immediate results from their tax investments in research. But Yost said useful application of research takes a long time.

"While we must do the best we can to be responsive to state priorities, we need to guard against rushing into

quick fixes," he said.

Freise said he doesn't think the average taxpayer analyzes how far down into the educational institution their tax dollars go, so they don't realize the long-range effects of budgets.

Yost said UNL needs to communicate research results to the public so they will see its importance.

Of the three-fold mission of the university — teaching, service and research — research is the least understood by the public, he said. Communicating basic research results puts the univer-

sity in a better position to respond to societal needs, he said.

Freise said the public can learn about research results through publications and faculty awards. Yost said the university can communicate results to the public through the speaker's bureau.

Yost said although external sources

nology

- center for humanities research
- center for franchise studies
- center for agribusiness studies

and

- center for professional ethics.

Yost said the centers represent an attempt to draw different resources, departments and colleges together.

Outside funding for developing the centers' needs to be a compliment — not a replacement — for state funding, Yost said. When developing areas important to the economy, like agricultural biotechnology, increased state funding is needed, he said.

"It won't be possible to achieve the university's goal of contributing to the economic development of Nebraska without substantially greater support from the state," Yost said.

Yost and Freise said higher faculty salaries are needed to retain faculty engaged in long-term research.

Freise said quality faculty members who can compete for external sources of research funding also are mobile and attractive to other institutions. If UNL's economic situation doesn't improve, more faculty are likely to go to other schools, he said.

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Associate to the Chancellor and
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research and graduate studies, said a university with strong research programs helps bring quality faculty and material into the classroom.

In addition to improving education, Yost said the university is important to the state for economic development. He said in times of budgetary concerns, research is crucial in biotechnology, food processing, materials and surface sciences and educational telecommunications.

Yost said the recent 2-percent cuts in state support to the university will

Kerrey: Regents must cut programs sooner or later

By Todd von Kampen
Senior Reporter

Gov. Bob Kerrey said Wednesday that financial problems and declining enrollment eventually will force the NU Board of Regents to eliminate university programs.

Kerrey said he would not "get involved in a shouting match with the regents" over NU's plan for handling its 2 percent reduction in state support. The regents Saturday will consider a budget-cut plan that includes a delay in hiring new faculty and staff members and cuts in equipment and travel expenses.

Nebraska does not have the resources to expand NU as many people would like, Kerrey said. When university supporters point to states like Florida that have passed large budget increases for universities, they forget

that those states' populations are expanding while Nebraska's is shrinking, he said.

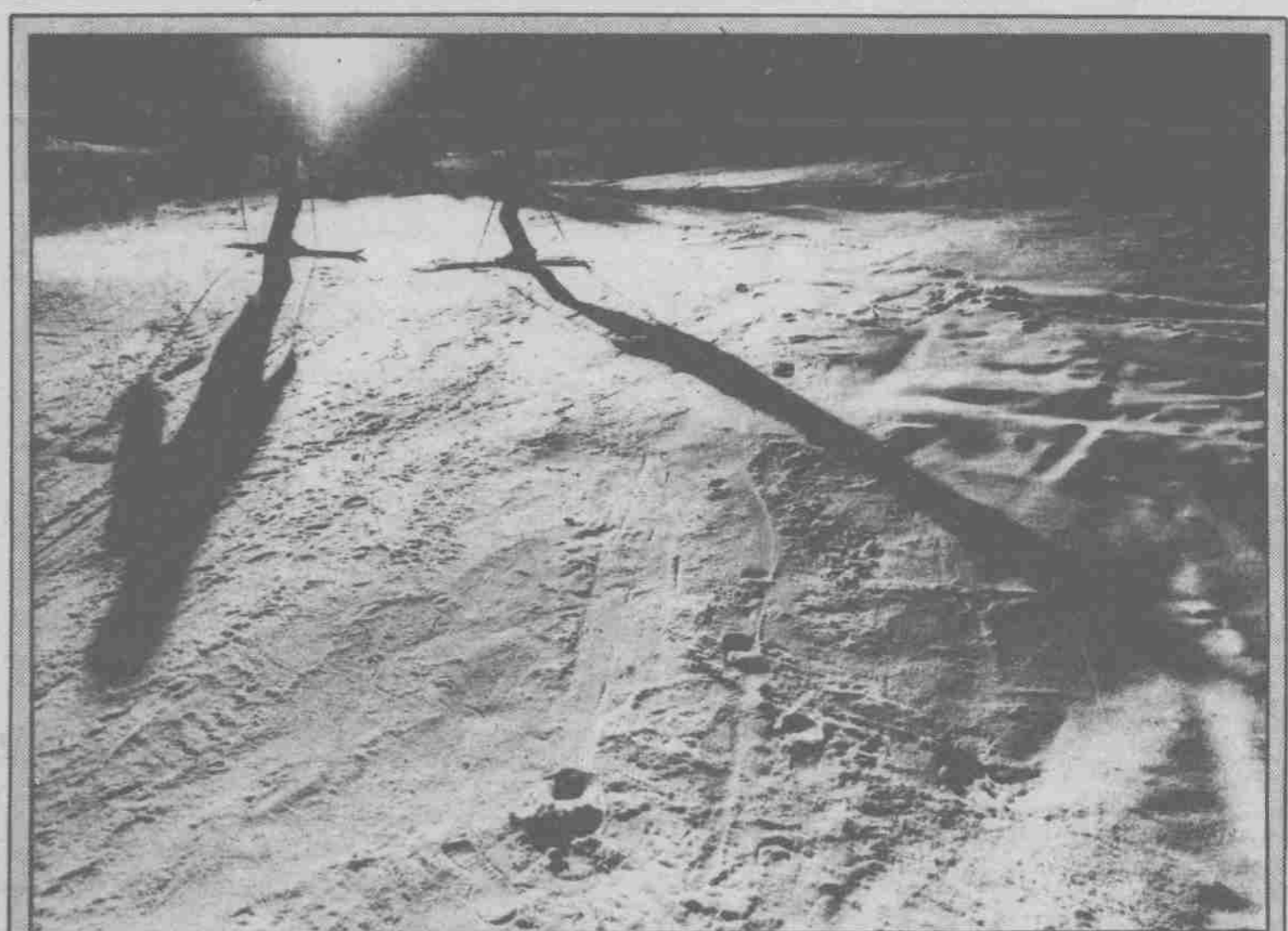
Although university budgets probably will continue to shrink, Kerrey said, NU can remain strong if the regents consider upgrading enrollment requirements as they reduce programs.

Government reorganization

"I'll go to the people and say it's not bad news and that we can still have a good university," he said.

Kerrey said his proposal to reorganize state government is not meant to bring NU and other constitutionally independent agencies under his control, Don Nelson, Kerrey's chief aide, said Tuesday the plan tentatively includes creating four "super agencies" from several smaller ones, bringing

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David Creamer/Daily Nebraskan

Two Trailridge ski instructors ski at night.

Ski Nebraska...really

Two ski areas thrive in state

From Staff Reports

With winter vacation less than two weeks away, skiing in Nebraska could be a nice break from tests and school pressures.

Nebraska has two ski areas. Trailridge, about midway between Omaha and Lincoln on Interstate 80, and Prairie Hill Golf and Ski Club, located near Kearney.

Trailridge owner and manager Tom Valasek said this is the fourth

winter of operation for the 60-acre resort. Last year, he said, the resort's \$300,000 gross income exceeded his expectations.

When Valasek opened the resort, he said, he hoped to attract 12,000 skiers. This year, Valasek said, he expects about 20,000 people to ski at Trailridge.

John Weber, owner and manager of Prairie Hill, said his club draws skiers from Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota. During a good week,

he said, 2,000 people ski at the club.

Prairie Hill's weekday rates are \$10 for lift ticket and equipment rental. The weekend rates are \$12, he said.

Last year, Weber said, the ski and golf club had a gross income of \$250,000. He said being closer to a metropolitan area would be better for business. But, Weber said, Kearney State College students boost business during the week.

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Dec. 30 arraignment date set in 3 gambling cases

From Staff Reports

Arrestment has been set for three men arrested Monday on charges of promoting gambling.

Mark Sage, 21, of 420 University Terrace, Joel Lonowski, 21, of 1425 R St. and Michael Pvrdek, 23, will be arraigned Dec. 30 in Lancaster County Court.

Jim McKinney, city-county jail superintendent, said they were jailed and released on 10 percent of \$500 pre-arrestment bonds.

Ten students have been arrested since Monday on gambling charges in connection with a gambling raid conducted by the Lincoln Police Department, the organized Crime-Intelligence Unit of the Omaha Police Department and UNL police.

Terrance Alexander, 23, of 1811 Normandy St. was arraigned Tuesday in Lancaster County Court on one count of second-degree promotion of gambling. He pleaded no contest. Alexander was found guilty and fined \$272.