

**Weather:**

After a chilly morning of 18 degrees, expect more mild weather. Mostly sunny today with a high of 48. Tonight, expect some clouds with a low of 23 degrees.

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## NU budget increase likely will pass

By Todd von Kampen  
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Several state senators said Friday that the Legislature probably will approve Gov. Bob Kerrey's proposed 2.3 percent increase in NU's state support for 1986-87 — if Kerrey's revenue assumptions are close to reality.

The senators agreed that passage of the budget that Kerrey outlined Thursday in his State of the State address depends on an end to shortfalls in state tax receipts. Kerrey called for \$165.6 million in state money for NU as part of an overall \$841 million state budget.

Waverly Sen. Jerome Warner, Appropriations Committee chairman, voiced his colleagues' skepticism when he

said the budget "presumes a number of things happening" that may be too much to expect.

"There are so many variables at this point," he said, "but there's no question that we're looking at a tight year."

If passed without changes, Kerrey's budget would give NU \$3.7 million more in state money next year than in 1985-86. The university had requested a \$7.9 million increase, or 4.9 percent, for 1986-87.

Kerrey's request, however, is only \$430,000 higher than the amount the Legislature granted NU last spring for the present budget. Senators cut the university's state support for 1985-86 by 2 percent during November's special session to help meet a \$41 million short-

age in tax receipts.

Scottsbluff Sen. William Nichol, speaker of the Legislature, said the proposed NU budget was "within the realm of reasonableness" given Nebraska's economic situation.

Lincoln Sen. David Landis agreed. "If we can fund a budget based on that revenue," he said, "I think those numbers are not bad, and I think the body would not be disagreeable."

Imperial Sen. Rex Haberman said the response of NU officials to Kerrey's budget indicated that they would accept the 2.3 percent increase.

Haberman favored a 3 percent cut in NU's state support during the special session.

"As long as the university doesn't

seem to be upset, I won't fight it," he said.

But Warner said Kerrey's entire budget rests on revenue forecasts that probably are too rosy. The Economic Forecasting and Advisory Board, he said, is likely to predict a greater shortfall in tax receipts when it meets Jan. 20. The board's most recent report said tax collections would be only \$8 million less than projected.

The budget also assumes, among other things, that the Legislature will keep the state's cash reserve at 3.3 percent and refuse to allow a \$10.8 million homestead exemption, Warner said.

In addition, Nichol said, Kerrey wants senators to approve between \$12

million and \$13 million in additional relief for depositors of the failed Commonwealth Savings Co.

If Kerrey's assumptions fall through, the senators said, the Legislature probably will have to cut the budget again.

Nichol said, however, that he doubted NU would face budget cuts comparable to last year's.

The senators, however, indicated that the debate over NU's size and scope will continue this session. Even if the 2.3 percent increase passes intact, Landis said, NU will face a more intense "quality vs. quantity" dilemma regarding university programs.

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**Argh**

Scott Happel, a junior in chemical engineering, mourns over his 1974 Datsun 260ZX after he was involved in a two-car accident Saturday afternoon at 16th and R streets. Happel said he struck a car that ran a red light as he was traveling south on 16th Street.

## Roskens says he won't leave NU for position at Texas A&M

By Kent Endacott  
Senior Reporter

NU President Ronald Roskens said Sunday that there is "nothing" to report that he is considering leaving NU for the chancellor's post at Texas A&M University.

"I am truly amazed at what I have been reading," Roskens said.

The Omaha World-Herald reported Saturday that Roskens had allowed a colleague to submit his name as a candidate for the Texas A&M job.

Arthur G. Hansen, the current Texas A&M chancellor, announced his retirement, but a date has not been set.

Roskens said he had no intention of interviewing for the position at Texas A&M and that he does not know who submitted his name as a candidate.

"I am not going to comment on this because I don't want to make a story out of nothing," Roskens said. "I place no credence in rumors. That's all this is based on."

The World-Herald quoted a Texas A&M official as saying the chancellor's

salary is in excess of \$140,000 a year. Roskens earns \$90,000 a year at NU. In November, the NU Board of Regents extended Roskens' contract two years, through 1987.

Roskens said Nebraska's troubled farm economy has encouraged other institutions to more actively recruit NU faculty and administrators.

"Whenever a great university like ours experiences budget problems," he said, "other institutions seek out our best talent to recruit."

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## Gambling probe will continue

By Lise Olsen  
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Police will continue to investigate gambling at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, but declined to say what methods would be used.

The 14-month investigation, which led to the arrest of 11 UNL students last month, has had far-reaching effects on campus, Lt. Joe Wehner said.

Wehner said there was "probably a high probability" that gambling activity would decrease because of the arrests.

The fate of nine of the 11 students has not yet been determined.

Two of the 11 pled guilty in December and were fined.

Two others face a "docket call" in Lancaster County court today. According to a deputy county attorney, "docket call" requires that the two appear in front of a judge with their lawyers to "decide what they want to do."

One other student was supposed to appear in court today. But last week his charges were dismissed when he was assigned to the Pre-Trial Diversion program, in which people charged with minor crimes work in the community. Thursday County Attorney Mike Heavican said the dismissal was a mistake because program rates exclude those charged with gambling.

The status of the other six students involved in the Dec. 9-10 arrests is unknown.

The investigation was prompted by a number of reports that students were becoming financially desperate because of gambling, Wehner said.

According to reports, a fraternity president complained of 20 thefts in 45 days. He attributed these thefts to students' efforts to pay gambling debts.

Others also reported gambling-related thefts. Police were told that students sold their cars and other property to pay off debts.

These tips and other information were collected over "a long period of time," Wehner said.

After the arrests police uncovered evidence that one of the arrested students had been in contact with a

"major gambling figure," in Omaha. Although the arrested students may have known each other, Wehner said they were not part of an organized network of gamblers. Wehner said any connection between the students and professional gamblers was indirect and remote.

The students collectively handled \$52,000 a week in bets. Police determined the figure from seized gambling records.

One bet runner, who was not arrested, reportedly handled \$112,000 in 12 weeks. He reportedly served 40 to 50 students.

Wehner said the \$52,000 figure was determined from a study of gambling records seized by the police. Typical bets were in the \$100 to \$200 range, but the total amounts handled weekly varied widely for each student.

UNL police estimate that 500 to 1,000 of UNL's 24,000 student population is involved with sports betting. Thirty students are suspected runners. One is a suspected bookmaker who may have four runners working for him.

Runners collect and accept bets for a bookmaker.

Wehner described the students arrested as nice men who were very businesslike.

Wehner also dispelled several myths about the investigation:

- Wehner said the 14-month investigation was not an "eight-hour-a-day operation." Instead, it often involved one or two officers making a few phone calls or meeting with students for a few hours each day, he said.

- Wehner also said the investigation was not centered on fraternities and the majority of arrested students were not members of the Greek system.

- The investigation was not prompted by an increase in gambling activity on campus, Wehner said.

"We know gambling has been on campus for a long time," Wehner said. The December raid simply was the "best opportunity to date to be in a position to impact (campus gambling)," Wehner said.

"We're not naive enough to think we wiped it out," Wehner said. "We will deal with it again in the future to the best of our ability."

Queuing up to see the comet