

Tuesday

Weather:

Partly cloudy and cold today with a high of 16. Winds light and variable. A low of 6 below tonight. Continued cold Wednesday with a high of 20.

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Minority faculty welcome fund

By Todd von Kampen
Senior Reporter

Two UNL minority faculty members said they welcome the \$25,000 fund set up by Robert Furgason, vice chancellor of Academic Affairs, to bring more minority faculty members to campus.

But Jessie Myles and Miguel Carranza said UNL officials should follow through with their plan, which was announced last week, by assigning people to oversee recruiting efforts and offering minority candidates incentives to come to UNL. Those candidates need to see such efforts to be convinced of UNL's commitment, they said.

"I'm not going to say I'm totally convinced that the university has taken a right turn to bring minority faculty members to the university," said Myles, assistant professor of sociology and ethnic studies. "But it's a start, a new direction."

Carranza, director of UNL's Institute for Ethnic Studies, said the fund will make minority recruiting efforts more visible than before. In the past, search committees could obtain extra money

for recruiting minorities, he said, but they had to make special requests to get it.

Myles and Carranza said assigning administrators to minority recruiting would encourage deans and search committees to actively seek minorities. Search committees should advertise faculty vacancies in a wider range of academic publications so minority candidates are more likely to read them, Carranza said.

Special incentives for minorities would help UNL compete with other institutions looking for minority faculty, Myles and Carranza said. Such incentives, they said, might include moving expenses, research seed money, assignments working with minority communities and higher starting salaries.

Minority candidates should know "up front" that Lincoln has a small minority population, Myles said. But Carranza said UNL can overcome that problem by improving the ratio of white to minority faculty members in each department. UNL presently has 1,062 white faculty members and 70 minority faculty members.

Man charged with false imprisonment

By Eric Gregory
Staff Reporter

A female UNL student allegedly was confronted Sunday by an armed man at 18th and R streets. He ordered her to take off her clothes and get into his car police said Monday.

The victim fled from the scene and called police at about 11 p.m. Minutes later campus police spotted a car that matched the woman's description of the suspect's car. It was on R Street between 16th and 17th streets.

Police stopped the car and arrested the driver, who allegedly had a pellet gun.

Lawrence L. Gavre, 19, 2525 Y St., was arraigned on a charge of first-degree false imprisonment in Lancaster County Court on Tuesday at 2 p.m.

First degree false imprisonment defined as restraining, restricting or detaining a person's movement, is a class-four felony punishable by up to five years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$10,000 or both.

Police commended the victim for being "quick-witted" and getting a detailed description of the suspect and his car.



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Gavre

Governor's aide says report puts Commonwealth in clearer light

By Jeff Apel
Senior Reporter

A claim by some state senators that a recently published report on the failed Commonwealth Savings Co. is nothing but old news is incorrect, an aide to Gov. Bob Kerrey said.

Mike Breiner, who was hired by Kerrey to act as an aide on Commonwealth, said that the report, which was delivered to legislators last Friday, contains a lot of new information that could help answer some of the depositors' questions surrounding the collapse of Commonwealth in 1983.

Although parts of the report were purposely omitted for fear of lawsuits, Breiner said some state senators judged the report too hastily.

"Some senators called it (the report) to the attention (of the) legislature before some of the senators even had a chance to read it, and said there was nothing new to it," Breiner said. "I polled six senators in this area and only one of them said they were knowledgeable about the report."

Breiner said the report, which was issued in conjunction with the Nebraska State Patrol, shows that Commonwealth President S.E. Copple was not incompetent during his tenure over the now defunct savings and loan.

S.E. Copple, along with his son Marvin and several other Commonwealth officials, are accused of embezzling more than \$76 million from Commonwealth depositors.

"In one day alone he (Copple) wrote checks to Commonwealth for \$2.6 million," Breiner said. "One can only stand

back and admire."

Nebraska Attorney General Robert Spire said that he has also examined the report, and has found it to be very helpful.

The report, Spire said, lays out the Commonwealth situation in a very clear fashion.

"My own personal view is there is a strong moral and ethical obligation on the part of Nebraska to do something about Commonwealth," Spire said. "I always have believed that."

Although none involve Commonwealth matters, Spire said the Nebraska Supreme Court will soon review two major lawsuits.

A case involving the increase in state income tax approved by the Legislature in the last session will come before the court about Feb. 28.

The court will review John Joubert's death sentence at the end of March, Spire said.

Although Spire said the issue surrounding the proposed student regent vote is a fascinating one, he declined to comment on the constitutionality of the matter because the Attorney General's Office is investigating the matter.

"We (the attorney general's office) realize that if this (student regents vote) was amended to the state constitution it could possibly be a violation of the federal constitution," he said. "It's an important (issue), not only from a legal side."

Spire agrees with state senator Shirley Marsh by saying that he opposes having a state lottery in Nebraska.

The state of Nebraska, Spire said, should not be in the gambling business.

\$2.7 million cut proposals to be presented Wednesday

Five NU administrators will present a \$2.7 million budget reduction plan Wednesday from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Great Plains Room of the East Campus union.

The meeting will be the Ad-Hoc Budget Review Advisory Committee's first review of the cuts.

The meeting will be open to the university community, but is not designed as a forum for debate, said Robert Furguson, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Speakers will explain the rationale and projected impact behind the cuts, Furguson said. Among the speakers will be vice chancellors Furguson, Jack

Goebel, Business and Finance; Roy Arnold, Institute of Agriculture; Rudy Lewis, Student Affairs; and John Yost, assistant to the chancellor.

The committee, appointed by Chancellor Martin Massengale, includes members of the Academic Planning Committee, four representatives from business and service sectors, and tentatively, four students.

The committee will approve eventual permanent cuts.

Open discussion forums on the cuts will be held later this spring, Furguson said.

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Cyclist injured

Rhonda Jo Stiefen, a UNL sophomore, is assisted by Lincoln firemen after she apparently slid under the car of Robert Becker (in the background) while riding her bicycle on "R" street east of the Student Union. Stiefen was taken to Lincoln General Hospital.