

Weather:

Partly cloudy today with a high of 53. Winds light and variable out of the south and southwest. Continued mild tonight and warm again Wednesday with a high in the upper 40s.

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Mary Zuerlein, left, and Mary Trouba pose in the speech team meeting room with the first place trophy.

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UNL speech team dominates competition

For the last eight years, the 70-member UNL speech and debate team has been a regional power, said Jack Kay, assistant professor of speech communication.

And although most Nebraska colleges have a strong speech and debate program, Kay said, UNL has captured the state championship for seven of the past eight years.

The most recent win was this year's state championship tournament Saturday, sponsored by the Nebraska

Intercollegiate Forensics Association. This year's speech and debate team has already won four regional tournaments at Kansas State University, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Midland Lutheran College in Fremont, Neb., and the University of Oklahoma.

Mary Trouba, a semi-finalist at nationals last year, showed her winning technique in competition Saturday in a critique of the press coverage of Reagan's colon cancer surgery.

Trouba, a third year member, placed

in five individual events Saturday earning a trophy for the "Pentathlon," best overall performance by a student in five events.

Another UNL speaker, Jim Kimble, finished third in pentathlon competition with a first place finish in After Dinner (humorous) speaking and informative speaking.

UNL students dominated extemporaneous speaking competition in which

they were given 30 minutes to prepare seven-minute speeches. UNL students won first, second, third, fifth and sixth place.

Interest, not experience, is the most important quality for membership on the UNL team, Kay said. The 70 members (35 of whom are highly active) represent diverse majors, including engineering, journalism, teaching, political science and speech.

Budget hearing scheduled at Capitol

By Diana Johnson
Senior Reporter

UNL students will have a chance to voice their concerns at the final formal hearing of the Legislative Appropriations Committee hearing Wednesday.

The committee will meet at 1:30 p.m. in Room 2414 of the State Capitol.

ASUN president Gerard Keating said he expects 75 to 100 students to appear at the secondary education appropriations hearing.

He said ASUN senators and all UNL students are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Deb Chapelle, Nebraska State Student Association executive director, said student representation is important "to show that the university is not just an entity, but a community of people."

Keating and Chapelle said students must remember they can speak to senators following the meeting and Chapelle said students should continue to contact senators by phone and mail.

But NU Board of Regents Chairman Robert Koefoot of Grand Island said he thinks "a mob of students" at the hearing would be ineffective.

"In such circumstances, demonstrations of such would have no value," Koefoot said, "It is important to have student representation, though, which you already have."

UNL will be represented by Jackie Matthews, a graduate student; Richard Metcalf, professor of accountancy; Mike Riley, director of Nebraska Technical Assistance Center; and Desmond Wheeler, faculty senate president. Representatives from UNL the NU Medical Center also will testify.

Peace march practicum: Educational value debated

By Kent Endacott
and Diana Johnson
Senior Reporters

A six-credit-hour practicum granted to a UNL student for her participation in a nine-month peace march has raised questions about the march's educational value.

Regent Margaret Robinson of Norfolk said she isn't sure Sheila Stratton, a senior with a double major in political science and social work, deserves six credit hours for marching cross-country.

"I'm not sure it's enough work to get six hours of credit, although I've never seen Stratton's practicum request," Robinson said. "I want to see the rationale that went into the decision."

Robinson said she hasn't consulted

with any other regents on the matter, but she has asked UNO Chancellor Del Weber to discuss the practicum at the Feb. 22 meeting of the NU Board of Regents in Lincoln.

Stratton, who will join 5,000 other marchers in Los Angeles on March 1, is doing her practicum through UNO's School of Social Work. Her practicum was approved by two professors and a 10-member practicum committee, said Sunny Andrews, director of the social work program.

Andrews said the department granted six hours of credit because the march for nuclear disarmament will provide "excellent experience that will help her become a valuable social worker in the community."

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Architecture considers consolidation as 'least damaging' budget-cut option

By Jonathan Taylor
Senior Reporter

Editor's note: This is the third in a series of articles examining possible budget cuts by department.

Although the Architecture college faces a potential \$150,000 budget reduction, Dean Cecil Steward said he and his colleagues are considering only one of the two options UNL officials have recommended.

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Steward said if the college successfully transfers and consolidates duplicated course offerings, it will save enough money to avoid eliminating its work-study program.

The consolidation option, which

Steward called the "least damaging" to the college, has been on the drawing board a long time.

"It has been the position...of faculty and the administration for a number of years that these programs should be together," Steward said.

Under the consolidation proposal, the department of construction management would be transferred to and combined with programs in the Architecture College at a savings of \$70,000. Another \$80,000 would be saved by combining existing Architecture and Home Economics programs and courses to form a single department of interior design.

The second option would require the elimination of the Community Resource and Research Center at a saving of \$150,000.

Steward said the program provides

architecture and construction students "clinical experience" by having them work on construction projects throughout the state. Without it, he said, architecture students would lose many work opportunities.

Steward said consolidation would ultimately strengthen the Architecture College because it would train architecture, construction and design students to understand each other and work better together. Also, he said, about 50 percent of the architecture colleges in the country that offer construction and design programs integrate them.

Because of consolidation, fewer course sections would be offered, Steward said, meaning a reduction in faculty. But no current faculty members' jobs are in jeopardy, he said.

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