

Weather:

Mostly sunny today with light northerly winds and a high of 65. Clear and cool tonight with temperatures dipping to 35. A chance of rain later Thursday with highs in the mid-60s.

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The mane event

Bruce Karmazin talks with King at the Folsom Children's Zoo display by Broyhill Fountain on Tuesday. King weighs about 2,000 pounds and has feet the size of a medium- to small-sized girl's head. Karmazin works at the Children's Zoo.

NU programs face possible veto of money

By Todd von Kampen
Senior Reporter

For officials at the NU School of Technical Agriculture at Curtis and West Nebraska General Hospital in Scottsbluff, the waiting is the hardest part.

The two institutions were among the beneficiaries of about \$2 million that the Legislature added to the 1986-87 budget. UNSTA got \$245,000 as protection against deep budget cuts, while the NU Medical Center got \$100,000 to begin an already-approved bachelor's degree nursing program at Scottsbluff. The budget won final passage Friday.

But on Monday, Gov. Bob Kerrey said on an Omaha TV station that the extra spending "will have to go" as part of \$45 million to \$50 million in line-item vetoes to avoid a tax increase. The added uncertainty increases the tension of awaiting the budget's fate, said officials in Curtis and Scottsbluff.

"You know what it's like waiting for a government or organization to do something," said Jeanne Moriarty, vice president of patient services at WNGH. "It's kind of nerve-racking."

"It's terribly tough," said UNSTA Associate Director for Academic Affairs Jerry Huntwork. "I'll tell you, this last year has been pure hell. Certainly, on staff and on students, this last year has been real tough."

As passed, the budget bill gives UNSTA the money it needs to stay open, Huntwork said. The amendment that added the \$245,000 directs the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources to spend a total of \$1.245 million on UNSTA's 1986-87 budget. Farnam Sen. Tom Vickers, chairman of the Legislature's Education Committee, sponsored the amendment.

Even the \$1.245 million budget represents a 10 percent drop from this year's spending, Huntwork said. Without the added \$245,000, he said, UNSTA will have to leave faculty positions vacant and push even harder for cooperative programs with community colleges. UNSTA has contacted every community college in Nebraska about possible cooperation, he said.

Huntwork said UNSTA did not press Vickers, whose district includes the

school, to propose the amendment guaranteeing UNSTA funding. But he said he was not surprised senators voted to approve the amendment.

"I really feel that the state senators realize that we have a problem," he said. "The thing to be addressed now is the revenue (to pay for it). We've got to alter something."

Moriarty said the money for WNGH's nursing program is intended to avoid future problems. National nursing groups are pressuring states to require a bachelor's degree in nursing before a nurse can be licensed. North Dakota already requires a degree.

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"The difference is that licensed graduates will be able to work versus not being able to work," Moriarty said. If some states continue to limit licensing requirements to a diploma, like the one WNGH offers, nurses with diplomas might not be able to work where they want.

Many of WNGH's nursing graduates do not have the money to go anywhere else for school, Moriarty said. If licensing requirements change and the Panhandle does not have a nursing program, some students will be unable to enter the field, she said.

Moriarty said the \$100,000 will go toward beginning courses for the sophomore year of study. She said WNGH eventually will need \$500,000 a year, divided between the hospital and the state, as the students move into their junior and senior years. Freshman courses can be taken at Scottsbluff's Nebraska Western College or other schools.

Candidates look at alcohol, meals

1986-87 RHA elections today

By Linda Hartmann
Staff Reporter

Two parties have presented presidential candidates for the Residence Hall Association in today's residence hall election.

Students will vote for Ken Libby from the Unity party or Mike Baacke from the Advance party.

Libby is running alone, but Baacke has three other executive candidates on his ticket. Students also will decide on members of individual complex governments for the 1986-87 school year.

No referendum or survey questions have been placed on the ballot this year.

Libby, a sophomore business administration major, is an RHA senator and was this year's co-chairman for Residence Hall Week.

Baacke, a senior computer science major, is RHA secretary. He is also chief

executive of the Harper-Schramm-Smith complex.

Both presidential candidates said the campus alcohol policy is an important issue facing RHA. Libby said although a change in policy allowing alcohol in the residence halls is not likely for several years, RHA needs to study the issue and set goals for having the policy changed if ASUN fails to set up a task force on the issue.

Baacke said banning alcohol on campus hinders alcohol education in the halls.

The candidates also said they want residents to be more aware of RHA activities by having meetings and open forums in the halls periodically instead of limiting RHA meetings to the Nebraska Union.

Libby said low-occupancy rates in the halls concern his party. He would like RHA to work with deans and pre-admissions officers to attract more students to the university, in turn

attracting more students to the residence halls, he said.

Baacke said his concerns include working for different meal plans that would let students pay for fewer meals if they choose. Currently, students must pay for 20 meals a week as part of their contracts.

Baacke said he also would try to develop a priority system for assigning single rooms. Current policy doesn't let some students who deserve single rooms get them, he said.

Advance party vice-presidential candidate Pete Castellano is a sophomore political science major, Castellano is RHA vice president, an ASUN senator and a UNL delegate to the Nebraska State Student Association.

Polls will be open at different times in each complex: Harper-Schramm-Smith, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Burr-Fedde, 5 p.m.-7 p.m.; Cather-Pound-Neihardt, 4:30-6:15 p.m.; Abel-Sandoz, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Selleck, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Phonathon pledges pass half-way mark

By Michael Hooper
Staff Reporter

The phonathon is on.

On Monday, five days after UNL's Student Foundation started the phonathon, the Class of 1986 had pledged \$27,465 to support the UNL library system, said the foundation's adviser, Tom Ash.

All pledges, which the group hopes will exceed \$50,000 by Friday, go toward the senior gift, Ash said.

The pledges are scheduled to be collected over four years, with each contributing senior donating \$100. After four years, Ash said, the money will be put in the bank as two endowment funds, one of which will be used to buy books and periodicals. The other will

buy needed library resources.

With these difficult economic times, 1986 graduates wanted to leave something more academic than last year's senior gift of two clocks, Ash said.

Ash said the foundation set up a 22-member committee last fall to research possible senior gift ideas.

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Bill to fund Lied passes

The Legislature recently passed a bill that assures funding for the construction of the Lied Center for Performing Arts and provides for safety improvements at NU.

On a 41-4 vote, senators gave final round approval to LB 1252, which appropriates \$350,000 for the construction of the Lied Center.

Tom Ash, NU Student Foundation adviser, said passage of the bill confirms the Legislature's earlier commitment to provide \$5 million to build the Lied Center.

The bill also appropriates \$325,000 from the Nebraska Capital Construction to NU to be used for fire and life safety improvements.