

Weather: Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. High near 80. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. A 20 percent chance of evening thundershowers tonight, then clearing. Low around 60.

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Spire to investigate gymnasts' complaint

By Mike Reilley
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Nebraska Attorney General Robert Spire has begun an investigation into possible illegalities when two UNL women gymnasts lost their scholarships because they were injured.

In a letter to NU President Ronald Roskens, Omaha Sen. Ernest Chambers demanded that gymnasts Janet Holling and Renee Gould have their scholarships restored. He charged that the university violated state law.

Spire said Tuesday that restoring the scholarships "was a possibility," but that further investigation was necessary. He said he has contacted Chambers and Richard Wood, NU general counsel, about the matter.

"My interest is to be sure that the law is followed," Spire said.

Chambers said the law wasn't. He said the university violated a state law

that he supported in the 1984 legislative session.

The law states: "No public post-secondary educational institution in the State of Nebraska shall, prior to graduation, reduce, cancel or refuse to renew an athletic grant-in-aid to a student during his or her period of eligibility to compete in intercollegiate athletics solely because of an injury which prevents the student from participating in athletics."

Chambers referred to a story in last Wednesday's Daily Nebraskan, in which Walton said he revoked the gymnasts' scholarships because they were injured.

"In both cases it was cut and dry," Walton said. "They couldn't compete with the injury problems they had. We had to open up the scholarships and bring in new people."

"As far as we're concerned, the whole situation was handled exactly as it should be."

When the scholarships were revoked last April, Holling said, she questioned Walton and Assistant Women's Athletic Director Barbara Hibner about the law.

"They acted like they weren't aware of it," Holling said. "If it's a law, then we shouldn't have to appeal anything. That's stupid."

Hibner said Holling never asked about the law. She said the injury wasn't the only reason for not renewing the scholarship, but refused to disclose what they were.

Wood, NU general counsel, said the university knew about the law.

"I have no further comment until they've completed the investigation and have responded to Senator Chambers," Wood said.

Chambers said the university should have told Holling about the law. Because of that, Chambers will seek additional legislation in January that would assure that the athletes are told of their rights and benefits.

"I made the mistake of trusting the university to deal ethically with its students," he said.

Chambers also wants documentation from the university about other situations where athletes have lost their scholarships.

A recurring back injury ended Holling's gymnastics career. She said the pain grew worse last season, but continued to compete because the team was short on personnel.

"I've injured my back a lot worse," she said. "I was pushed harder than I should have."

Holling said Walton considered offering her a disability scholarship, but funds from the program's budget wouldn't allow it.

"I thought if I got my scholarship back, I was going to have to go back in the gym," Holling said. "I didn't want to do that."

"The way I understood it, there was nothing that could be done."

Even if the budget couldn't cover the cost, Chambers said, Holling still should have retained her scholarship.

"The point is that the money she (Holling) was entitled to rely on wasn't there," Chambers said. "That's why I have to come down on them (athletic department officials) the way I do."

Gould, the team's captain last year, missed most of the last two seasons because of wrist injuries. She said Monday that she doesn't want her scholarship back.

"It was sort of a mutual agreement," Gould said. "I just want this whole thing dropped."

Gould said that personal problems between her and Walton were the main factor in losing her scholarship.

"Maybe my injury had something to do with it," she said, "but it was mainly personal."

Gould said she didn't understand why Walton said that the injuries were cause for losing the scholarships.

Relations VP named

By the Associated Press

NU President Ronald Roskens said he will recommend that William R. "Rudy" Lewis fill the newly created job of vice president for university relations.

Lewis is vice chancellor for student affairs at UNL.

Lewis would be responsible for communications between the university and its constituencies, Roskens said, including government relations and liaison with the Legislature.

"Rudy Lewis is a highly competent administrator with a distinguished track record and he is very familiar with the operation of the Nebraska Unicameral," Roskens said. "We anticipate that he'll be able to hit the ground running."

The new position will replace the post of vice president for governmental relations, formerly held by Bill Swanson. Swanson will continue as corporation secretary for the NU Board of Regents.

Creation of the new position was recommended by Peat, Marwick and Mitchell and Co. after it conducted a four-month study of administrative functions at the university earlier this year.

Lewis has been vice chancellor for student affairs at UNL since Aug. 1985. Before then, he directed university relations and was an assistant to the UNL chancellor for three years.

The Board of Regents is expected to act on Lewis' appointment when it meets Saturday.

Video classes in accounting

By Lisa Rood
Staff Reporter

Because of a faculty shortage, some 500 accounting students will be taught completely by video this semester.

Students in two out of the six Accounting 201 classes offered this fall will be taught with tapes made last year by George Holdren, a UNL ac-

counting professor who is in charge of the program.

Thomas Hubbard, director of the School of Accountancy, said the change to video lessons came from necessity.

"If we had not done it this way, approximately 250 to 300 students would not be able to take the class," Hubbard said. "I would much rather have live sections with 30 students.

That is the ideal situation, but we can't do that."

Hubbard said he wants students in the video classes to know, however, that they won't be shortchanged.

"The professor teaching in the tapes is our best lecturer. . . . He is fully qualified," Hubbard said.

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UNL club busy at fair

Members have food stand, music group

By Jen Deselms
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A cardboard sign hangs on the front wall of the concession stand in the State Fair's Youth Complex.

"Forgive us if the service seems a bit slow, but we are students first and food stand workers secondly. We are sorry that academic commitments have left us short-handed but please bear with us. Thank you and have a wonderful day at the Nebraska State Fair."

The sign was made by University 4-H Club members.

The state fair is a busy time for the University 4-H Club members. Their sign shows some of the difficulties the 50 members have in fitting UNL classes, 4-H activities and jobs into their schedules during the fair.

The University 4-H Club differs from high school 4-H clubs because its members no longer exhibit projects at Nebraska fairs. The UNL club is mainly a service organization, said Loren Swanson, member and co-chairman of the 4-H concession stand.

Club members help out by working at the concession stand, which funds the club's activities and projects for the whole year.

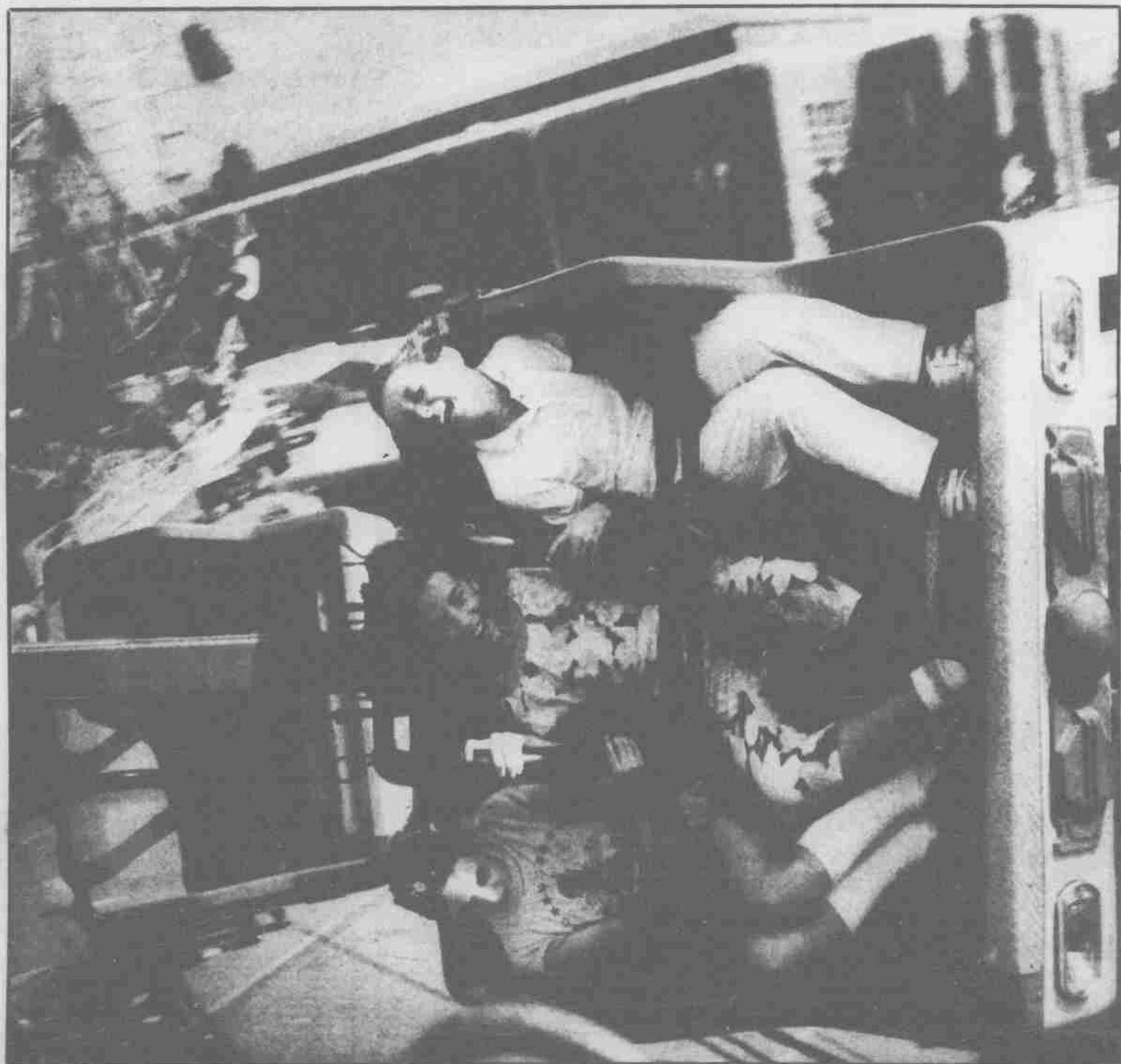
The state fair demands much dedication from club members, especially over Labor Day weekend, Swanson said. With the long weekend, club members can go home, he said, but many stay to work at the concession stand.

"We rely 100 percent on volunteer help," Swanson said. "Everyone works around their class schedule."

Some University 4-H Club members help other 4-H projects at the fair, Pam Ruwe, chairman of leadership workshops said. Some were escorts for a 4-H fashion show and others helped move animals for 4-H judging team contests.

The University 4-H club's singing group, the Outreachers, performed at the fair.

Many members of the Outreachers were unable to either practice or perform because of conflicts with other activities, said Cindy Wortmann, chairman of the group.



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From left, David McPhillips, his sister Sarah and friend Kelsy Valasek hang on for dear life on the Force 10 ride at the State Fair, Monday.