

Weather: Mostly sunny and warmer Friday. High in the mid to upper 70s. Partly cloudy and not as cool Friday night. Low in the mid to upper 50s. Increasing cloudiness Saturday with the high in the upper 70s.

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Born to be wild

Tim Chapin parks his Honda Windjammer with dozens of warm-weather wheels along the R Street cycle parking area. "It's easy to park at this school," Chapin said.

Faculty diversifies UNL hires seven minority instructors

By Geoff Goodwin
Staff Reporter

Because of a new minority recruitment fund, UNL has added seven new minority faculty members to the staff this fall.

The \$25,000 fund was established at the direction of Robert Furgason, UNL's vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Furgason said the fund was established because he felt it was important for the university to put more emphasis on recruiting minority faculty members.

"I felt we needed to develop greater visibility to our program," he said. "We're trying to build awareness and a mechanism for building minority recruitment."

Martin Bradley Munn, director of UNL's Office of Affirmative Action, said the new faculty members include four blacks, two Asians and one Hispanic-American.

Furgason would not disclose the names of those faculty members attracted by the funds.

Munn was enthusiastic about the success of the fund.

"To increase our black faculty from three to seven is a tremendous jump for us," Munn said.

Munn said the university generally has a disadvantage in recruiting faculty members in general because it is unable to pay the salaries found at other schools.

"Our biggest problem is dollars," Munn said.

"We're just not competitive with other universities."

Munn said other difficulties in recruiting minorities are Nebraska's location — far from a major metropolitan area — and the lack of a large cultural, ethnic community.

"We don't offer that important identification group for them," Munn said.

Munn said the lack of minority faculty members is not a problem unique to Nebraska.

"Everybody assumes that because there are no minorities at Nebraska there are minorities at other schools," he said.

Munn said there are few minorities at several state universities in the Midwest.

"Another problem is availability," he said.

"You can't hire them if they're not there. In some fields there are practically no minority teachers."

Furgason said he expects the fund to be renewed for the next fiscal year.

"I see a lot of progress and a lot of good things coming out of it," he said.

Munn mentioned several colleges that he would like to see add minority faculty members.

"Teachers college could use some attention," he said. "And we could probably do a better job in the colleges of business administration and architecture."

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Campus campaigns:

Democrat, Republican students go all-out for their candidates

By Todd von Kampen
Staff Reporter

They are the proxies who fight the battle for governor on Nebraska's college campuses while Kay Orr and Helen Boosalis slug it out across the state.

As in the principal race, the leaders of the student campaigns are women — two women against one, in this case. But it's not a lonely battle for Chris Gunderson, state coordinator for Collegians for Kay Orr, and Patricia Savage and Becky Boswell, co-coordinators for Students for Boosalis. They're supported by hundreds of student volunteers, both men and women, at UNL and many others at other campuses.

Although they're on opposite sides, Gunderson, Savage and Boswell share a few similar views. They each feel they have the best organizations and that their candidate will best serve students and the state. None of them feel they're in their jobs just so that a woman can run a female

gubernatorial candidate's college campaign.

"I think it's wonderful that Helen's running," Savage said, "but I think she's a great candidate whether she's a female or a male. I think people are making too much of this (two-woman race)."

Gunderson, a senior elementary education and human development major from Omaha, runs a campaign with a year's experience behind it. She said Collegians for Kay Orr started last November after a phone call from Orr. Gunderson worked for Orr in the state treasurer's office in 1984 as an intern.

"I'm interested in education, not exactly in political science," she said. "But I really like Kay Orr. That's my main motivator."

Boosalis didn't have a formal student campaign until after her primary victory, said Savage, a senior political science and Spanish major from Omaha. Boswell, a sophomore news-editorial major from Lincoln, joined her as co-coordinator after leading former Lincoln Sen. Chris Beutler's student campaign for governor. Shawn Boldt, a senior speech communications major from Hoskins, became UNL campus coordinator. Before the primary, Boldt worked for David Domina's campaign.

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Death shocks students

Student 'quiet,' didn't get around much

By Jen Deselms and Michael Hooper
Senior Reporters

Two days after UNL freshman Bryan Sherlock was found dead in his seventh-floor Cather Hall room, some floor residents are shocked and wondering what happened. Residents say the floor is quiet and Sherlock's roommate has moved out.

The seven residents from the floor who were interviewed, two of whom asked not to be identified, said they didn't know Sherlock well. Sherlock, 24, died apparently of asphyxiation due to hanging.

"I'm sure I saw him but I didn't know him," said Tom Beck, a junior civil engineering major. Beck said he'd heard Sherlock was quiet and didn't get around much.

The night before he died, Beck said, Sherlock arrived late at the floor meeting, but didn't talk

to anybody.

"It's kind of scary," he said, "but it is more weird than anything else," he said. "I didn't even know what floor he was on until I got up here and someone said, 'A guy just tried to kill himself.' Jeez. I didn't know what kind of problems he was having."

Mark Warnock, a sophomore electrical engineering major, said he was surprised when he found out about Sherlock's death.

Cather Seven resident Steve Spriester said he and the rest of the floor felt the same. Spriester said he was watching TV when he heard sirens. He said he thought there was a fire somewhere. Spriester said residents were told to stay in their rooms.

Spriester said he had seen Sherlock Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. and he didn't notice anything strange about him.

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Festival celebrates heritage of the prairie

"As I looked about me I felt that the grass was the country, as the water is the sea. The red of the grass made all the great prairie the color of wine-stains, or of certain seaweeds when they first washed up. And there was so much motion in it, the whole country seemed, somehow, to be running."

"I wanted to walk straight on through the red grass and over the edge of the world, which could not be very far away. The light air about me told me that the world ended here."

By Kate Pritchard
Staff Reporter

These words from Willa Cather's book "My Antonia" describes the awesome vastness of a prairie so large, only a few decades ago, that it was all that could be seen as far as the eye could go.

All that is left of that vast prairie are tiny patches of land lost among the monuments of Western man. The largest patch is Nine-Mile Prairie, five miles northwest of Lincoln. The prairie plot is about one-third of a square mile.

Sunday is the first day of Prairie Appreciation Week, and "A Festival

of Life" will be celebrated from 1 to 6 p.m. on this preserved sample of life that is about 10,000 years old. The sponsor, Wachiska Audubon Society of Lincoln, has invited anyone to see Nebraska's heritage.

Out among the wild flowers and auburn grass will be teepees complete with paintings, rugs cushions and fire.

The voice of Willa Cather will come alive through the readings of UNL associate professor Sue Rosowski. Rope makers, quilters and folk musicians will also be there.

Though this is the sixth annual Prairie Appreciation week, this will

be the first time it will be celebrated on Nine-Mile Prairie. The name Nine-Mile Prairie came from the fact that it lies nine miles from Lincoln's city square, as was written in 1928 by a graduate student of the well-known Dr. John E. Weaver, an NU plant ecologist. The prairie was used for teaching and research from that time through the 1950s, out of which came interationally published studies of grassland ecology, and the effects of drought and grazing on prairies.

In the early 1950s, the federal government took over the land, which at the time was a square-mile plot,

using it as a bomb storage area. It was then used as a Strategic Air Command base through the 1960s. In 1968 it was sold to the Lincoln Airport Authority for \$268 per acre.

In 1982 the Lincoln Airport Authority sold 230 acres of virgin prairie for \$600 per acre to the NU Foundation. Now it is being used for teaching and research again.

Tickets for the festival can be bought at Pickle's Records, Tapes & Compact Discs, 220 N. 10th St. and 237 S. 70th St., for \$1 or at the prairie gate Sunday for \$1.50. Children 12 and under get in free.