

Weather: Partly sunny Wednesday. Increasing cloudiness late in the day. High in the upper 60s to 70. Wind southeast 5 to 15 mph. Partly cloudy Wednesday night with a 30 percent chance of showers. Low in the lower 50s. Mostly cloudy Thursday with a 40 percent chance of rain. High in the mid-60s.

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Freshman quarterback fights boredom in Lincoln

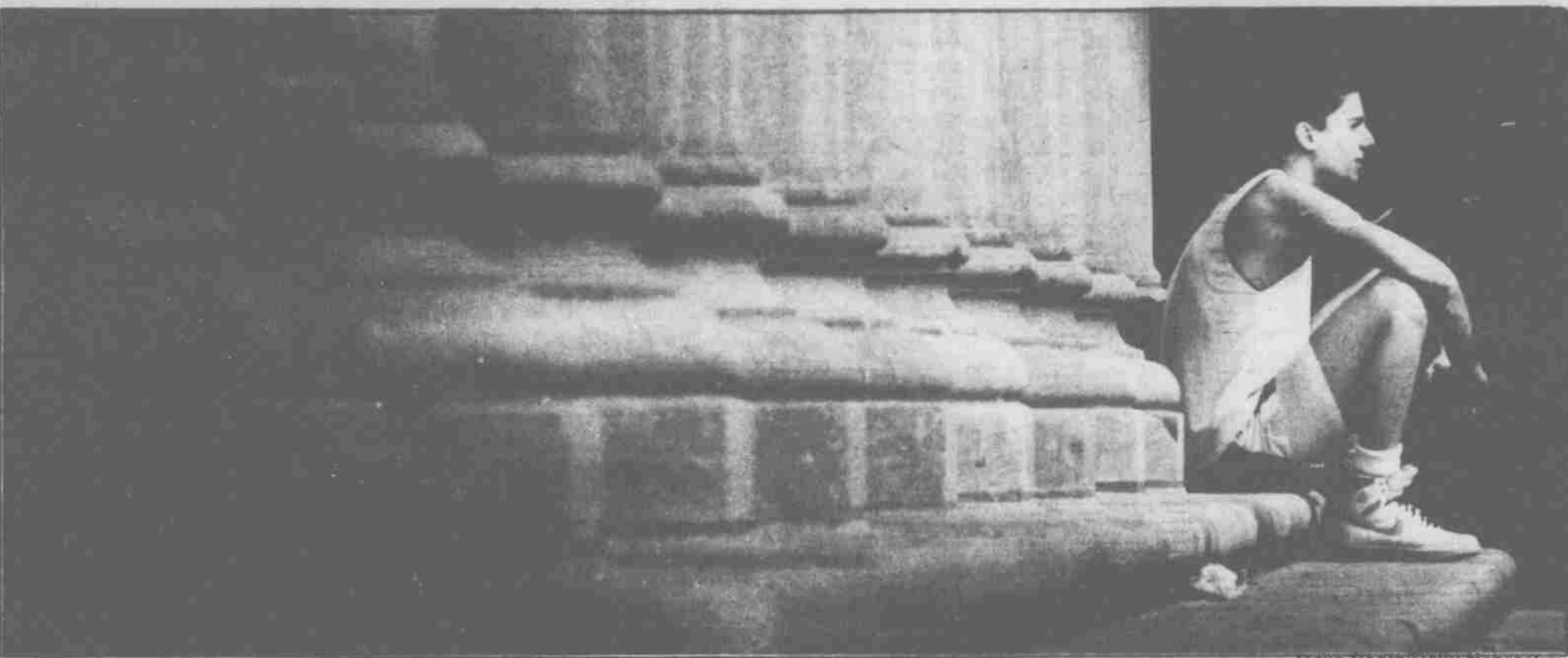
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Let's play

Craig Condello, a UNL freshman, sits outside the Coliseum Tuesday waiting for a friend to play a game of basketball.

Student aid available for the fall

Financial aid is still available for the fall semester through the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid.

Students still can apply for Pell Grants, Guaranteed Student Loans and Plus loans.

Applications for Pell Grants, GSL and Plus loans are available at the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, Administration Building 22.

Students should return all applications as soon as possible to receive aid for the present semester, said Mary Kerber, assistant director of the financial aid office.

Applications for academic scholarships for second semester will be available at the financial aid office during October.

Wednesday sirens not emergencies

Beginning today and continuing each first and third Wednesday for about three months, the university will test the disaster alarm system in all buildings equipped with such equipment. The alarm will sound simultaneously with the civil defense alarm, which is tested each Wednesday at 10:15 a.m. This test is a system test only. No evacuation is necessary. For more information, call 472-3141.

Meister: Farmbill means less income

By Andy Jacobitz
Staff Reporter

Farm income will drop at a greater rate and government expenses will skyrocket as a result of the 1985 farm bill, said Barb Meister, president of the UNL Farm Action Concerns Tomorrow's Society (FACTS) group.

But Dr. Roy Frederick, UNL professor of agricultural economics, said more time is needed before the farm bill's effects can be judged. The bill, which sets federal farm policy for a five-year period, aims to lower market prices for farm products through lower loan levels and support prices. It also uses direct deficiency payments to help maintain farm income.

Due to its design, Frederick said, the farm bill could have been expected to be expensive. The bill hopefully will make U.S. farm products more competitive internationally and encourage the development of a free-market system for farmers, he said.

But John Sullivan, chairman of the Nebraska Wheat Board, said the farm bill's basic theory is mistaken. Sullivan, who farms near Wallace, said a free market doesn't exist because all farm markets are controlled by governments. Farmers from Argentina, he said, have told him the Argentine government can pay interest on its debts only by selling farm products, even if the U.S. price is undercut.

The U.S. can set international prices

for farm products because it exports so much food, Meister said. The farm bill's approach of increasing sales of farm products by lowering prices, she said, could lead to a drop in the world price without helping American farmers in the least.

"The number one problem with the '85 farm bill is that it encourages overproduction," she said. "This is also the main problem with agriculture today. The current farm bill has nothing (in it) . . . to reduce this problem."

Mandatory production controls of normal, productive farmland could lead to a fair market price, she said.

Farmers in Nebraska both need and want production controls, Sullivan said. He noted that 59 percent of Nebraska

farmers producing 40 or more acres of wheat voted in a recent U.S. Department of Agriculture wheat poll for mandatory production controls and a higher support price for their product.

Sullivan said he was disappointed the USDA has taken no action on the non-binding poll, which was required by the farm bill. Although the USDA has not acted, he said, Congress probably will.

But Frederick said the farm bill does not need congressional tinkering because no one knows the bill will be detrimental. Chances are the farm bill will work differently in the future and may be beneficial in the long run, he said.

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UNL group sponsors trip to ag conference

From staff reports

The UNL group Farm Action Concerns Tomorrow's Society, is sponsoring a trip to Iowa City, Ia., for a University Rural Crisis Conference, Oct. 16 through 18.

Barb Meister, president of the FACTS, said unlimited room is available and most expenses will be paid for from money donated from the Farm Aid drive. Traveling expenses may be free too, if a sponsor is found.

The meeting will include representatives from most Midwest universities and other schools, including representatives from the University of Auburn, University of California at Berkeley, and Oregon State University.

Meister said the conference was set up so that students, faculty and staff can develop a cohesive plan to deal with the rural agricultural crisis.

Keynote speakers for the conference include Sen. Tom Harkin, D-

Iowa, who introduced to the U.S. Congress the 1985 Farm Policy Reform Act, and Helen Waller, chairwoman of the National Save the Family Farm Coalition.

Scheduled workshops include:

- the economics of the rural crisis,
- a forum on farm-labor relations,
- the effect of defense spending on the rural economy,
- roles of women in U.S. agriculture in the present crisis,
- effects of the rural crisis on mental health,
- environmental effects of pressure for higher production,
- responsibility of universities and land grant colleges in a time of rural crisis,
- basic organizing techniques for students and campus activities.

FACTS is organizing the UNL trip and interested students, faculty or staff can contact Lee Wagner for further information at 467-5132. Deadline to sign-up is Friday.

University fund available to worthy philanthropies

By Michael Hooper
Senior Reporter

A committee for the defunct All University Fund is taking applications for all or part of \$20,000 that will go toward activities and programs.

The committee, made up of representatives from groups who had donated to AUF, will review applications and hear presentations this month. With the proposals, the committee will decide which programs, organizations or ideas merit funding.

AUF used to screen charities that asked UNL groups to coordinate the fund raisers for them, said Sara Boatman, director of Campus Activities and Programs. AUF dissolved in 1983 because student groups lost interest. It became officially defunct last fall, Boatman said. After it was defunct, then-Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Rudy

Lewis appointed a board of trustees to make recommendations for the disposition of the AUF fund balance.

The \$20,000, which is now collecting interest in certified deposits, is money AUF had been putting on reserve during the 20 years the organization functioned, Boatman said.

The money should be used for a project that will benefit the UNL community, primarily students, she said. The proposed project cannot be funded by other sources, and it should have a lasting impact on UNL.

Individuals or groups can apply for any portion of the fund.

Boatman said AUF was formed about 20 years ago because different UNL organizations, primarily fraternities and sororities were being asked to do fund-raisers by charity groups. Sometimes the groups needed to be screened to see if they were credible, she said. So

AUF began doing this as well as coordinating the fundraisers. As the groups raised money, they always saved a portion that would be kept on reserve.

Boatman said that in 1980 AUF stopped coordinating the fund-raisers, but kept on researching the charity groups until 1983.

Proposals for the \$20,000 will be taken until Oct. 27. From Nov. 6 to 13 the AUF committee will hear presentations on proposals. Boatman said AUF committee will decide who gets the money.

Members of the committee include Chris Scudder, ASUN president; Jerry Roemer, ASUN speaker; Mike Baacke, RHA president; Tom Bowen, a member of the IFC; and Lisa Maneely of Panhellenic, a governing body for UNL sororities.

Applications are available in the CAP office and in both unions, or call 472-2454.