

Weather: Partly sunny, breezy and warmer Friday. High in the lower to mid-60s. Wind south increasing to 15 to 25 mph and gusty. Cloudy and colder Friday night with brisk winds and a 50 percent chance of rain. Low in the mid to upper 40s. Windy and colder Saturday with a 60 percent chance of rain. High in the lower 50s.

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Policy causes controversy

Pastor: non-discrimination clause shouldn't apply to churches

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In the spring of 1985, the Equal Opportunity Coalition, an ad-hoc group, sought to insure that all UNL students would have an equal opportunity to participate in student organizations. A bylaw was written and approved by ASUN requiring all recognized student organizations to have their constitutions revised to include a non-discrimination clause approved by ASUN.

The text clause says, "This organization does not discriminate in the selection of members or appointments when discrimination is defined as denying individuals membership or appointment on the basis of a person's age, race,

national origin, color, gender, creed, handicap or place of residence."

The clause is only a fraction of the required revisions but has caused controversy with a number of student organizations.

Any organization that fails to make the required change is classified as "inactive" and is not allowed to reserve rooms on campus, register events or use Student Activities and Financial Service accounts.

Over half of the 270 student organizations on campus have submitted acceptable constitutions. Of the 130 organizations that have not, 50 have tried and failed.

The non-discrimination clause has met strong opposition from UNL stu-

dent organizations, including religious groups. Religious leaders say it is not in their best interests to extend membership to individuals who may not share that group's beliefs or convictions.

Jim Bauer, pastor of the University Lutheran Chapel, said the constitution of his group was rejected by ASUN because of church policies regarding officer appointment. Not all offices, Bauer said, are open to women or non-Lutherans.

Bauer said he does not think the non-discrimination clause can be eliminated, but an exception should be made for religious groups.

"In trying to be fair, they've perhaps gone overboard," Bauer said.

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Alcohol policy questioned

Senator asks ASUN to review NU's drinking laws

By Eric Paulak
Staff Reporter

A bill to establish a committee to study and suggest changes in UNL's current alcohol policy was introduced at Wednesday's ASUN Senate meeting.

Teachers College Sen. Richard Burke introduced the bill saying alcohol use is out of control at UNL. The current alcohol policy is inadequate and promotes the use of alcohol, he said.

UNL's alcohol policy now states that no alcoholic beverages are to be carried across UNL property, nor are they allowed in any fraternity, sorority or residence hall.

Burke presented six points to the senate:

- The current policy misleads parents into thinking that because UNL has a "dry" campus, meaning that stu-

dents cannot drink on campus.

- The policy encourages students to drink just to defy the administration. Burke said students sneak alcohol on campus because "it is fun to beat the system."

- Younger students think that alcohol tastes better when the administration doesn't know they have it.

- The current policy invites minors to drink.

- The administration is not efficient in enforcing the policy. Burke said that some residence hall floors have systems set up to inform people if someone is coming to break up a party.

- The current policy promotes drunk driving because it causes students to drive off-campus and drink.

ASUN First Vice President Dan Hofmeister moved the bill to the Campus

Life Committee for study because, he said, it deals with a serious issue, and the senate should not rush a decision.

Burke moved to overrule Hofmeister's decision. He said it would be an act of cowardice if the senate did not act immediately on the bill.

The motion to overrule Hofmeister failed, and the bill moved to the Campus Life Committee for further consideration.

Heidi Bergmeyer, Campus Life Committee chairwoman said she was glad the bill moved to committee because it was too one-sided. The bill was pushing too much towards making alcohol legal on campus, she said.

Burke said he would like to see alcohol legalized on campus.

ASUN President Chris Scudder said the bill is in the infant stage for changing UNL's alcohol policy.



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Lenora Letcher, cook for Beta Sigma Psi fraternity, gets dinner ready for the troops.

Fraternity cooking

40 years of meat, potatoes, friends

By Kevin Freadhoff
Staff Reporter

In her 40 years as a cook for Beta Sigma Psi fraternity, Lenora Letcher has seen a lot of meat and potatoes.

In fact, each meal for the house consists of about 50 pounds of meat and 40 pounds of potatoes, she said. She cooks it all herself, she said, but the pledges help her peel potatoes and lift heavy things.

Letcher said she enjoys cooking for the house for a number of reasons. All kids have some good in them, she said.

"The biggest thing that impressed me was the first meal I ever cooked for the house, all the boys sat down and said grace, and they still do today," Letcher said.

Things were different when she started in 1946, Letcher said. The Beta Sigma Psi house was at 1401 R St., and then moved to 2224 U St. in fall 1971. The move meant better equipment for Letcher.

"Students were older when they came to the university," she said.

The war and the depression caused the men to enroll when they were

older, she said. Today the new students she sees are 17 or 18 years old. Back then they were 20 and 21.

Letcher said she cooks two meals a day during the week and brunch on Saturday. The house members all call her "Babe" or "Cook," but she does more for the house than just cook. The house members come down and ask for advice, Letcher said: "'Cook, what can I do to get this stain out?' or 'Cook, do you have anything for a cold?'"

In the summer Letcher attends church conventions and other church activities.

"I'm the sort of person who just does things and doesn't expect any kind of flare to be made over me," she said.

Letcher said she plans to cook for the house for only another year or two. Letcher will be honored on Saturday by members and alumni. Letcher said she cooked for a lot of sons and their fathers. All of the alumni are special to her, she said.

"When you cook for them for nine months you get to know them and become attached to them," Letcher said.

Parade takes to the streets

The 1986 UNL Homecoming will feature a parade and displays outside campus living units Friday and Saturday with competitions today for both housing displays and parade floats. The parade will begin at 6 p.m. Friday at 10th and T streets.

Following the parade, students and Cornhusker fans will hold a pep rally on the plaza north of the Nebraska Union.

Before Saturday's game, entertainment on the plaza from 4 to 5:30 p.m. will feature UNL's Scarlet and Cream Singers, the UNL Pep Band, the UNL Men's Glee Club, and the Cornhusker cheerleaders. Also featured will be participants from Wednesday's Homecoming talent show.

