

WEATHER: Mostly sunny and warmer Thursday, and becoming windy late in the day. High 25 to 30. South wind increasing by late afternoon to 15 to 30 mph. Partly cloudy and not as cold Thursday night with a low 20 to 25. Partly sunny and warmer Friday with a high 40 to 45.

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State Sens. Elroy Heffner and Wiley Remmers talk to each other on the legislature floor Wednesday.

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Legislature opens special ag session; adjourns Thursday

By the Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — The Legislature opened a special session Wednesday to deal with proposed changes in state law involving farm foreclosures and liens on agricultural commodities.

Speaker of the Legislature William Nichol of Scottsbluff said he hoped the session could be concluded by next Thursday.

Sen. John DeCamp of Neligh predicted the Legislature would reject proposed changes in the foreclosure law "because it goes from one ridiculous extreme to the other."

DeCamp said proposed changes in the law, passed in the 1986 regular session as LB999, "will either be stalemated in the special session, or else the provisions of LB999 will be repealed altogether."

DeCamp said he would propose repeal of the law. Gov. Bob Kerrey has said he would veto any repeal measure. Thirty votes would be needed to override a veto.

The Farmstead Act was designed to allow farmers and ranchers to keep their home and portion of their land, in some circumstances, when confronted with foreclosure.

The other issue before lawmakers centers on creation of a central filing system for agricultural liens. Kerrey vetoed such a bill, LB603, in the regular session. He now favors its passage.

DeCamp sponsored the new measure, LB1.

His Banking Committee will conduct a hearing of the bill Friday. DeCamp said he wanted to see the bill sent to the floor without proposed committee amendments.

Sen. Peter Hoagland of Omaha also scheduled a Friday hearing in the Judiciary Committee for LB3, the measure involving farm foreclosures. It was sponsored by Sen. Rod Johnson of Sutton, chairman of the Agriculture Committee. He also sponsored the original LB999.

Nichol said the Legislature would meet briefly on Thursday and Friday. Debate on the two bills should begin Monday, he said.

"We should be able to get our debating done, get to the heart of the bills, and vote them up or down next Thursday," Nichol said.

Johnson said he had expected DeCamp's opposition to the bill that would rewrite the farm foreclosure law.

"All I've said from the word go is that the compromise, the proposed changes in the law, should be given a chance," Johnson said. "The lenders didn't say they had a problem with the law until the last day of the regular session. They have offered some compromises and I can't say that all of them will be what people like, but I'm saying we should look at this and give the bill a chance."

UPC approves gay committee

Group would help start educational, culture programs

By Michael Hooper
Senior Reporter

The University Program Council Executive Board approved Wednesday of the formation and financing of a Lesbian/Gay Committee that would organize educational and entertainment programs for UNL students under UPC's city council.

Seven members of the board unanimously approved of the Lesbian/Gay Committee, which would function on a one-year trial basis.

The Nebraska Union Board, however, must approve of the committee's formation before it can be established.

Union Board members plan to discuss the committee's formation Tues-

day and vote on it Dec. 2, said Daryl Swanson, board adviser and director of the Nebraska Union.

If the board approves it soon, the Lesbian/Gay Committee would begin its programming in fall, 1987, said UPC Program Coordinator Tim Moore.

Before the board approved financing the committee for a year, a member of the Gay/Lesbian Student Association said: "I would encourage the board not to reject a budget before you see it," said Marc Seger, coordinator of internal affairs for the Gay/Lesbian Student Association.

"I don't feel like we're trying to sneak a committee in and do whatever the hell we want," Seger told the board. Money would be helpful, if not necessary to get the committee to work, he said.

After the meeting, both Seger and Vicki Jedlicka, vice president of the Gay/Lesbian Student Association, said they were pleased with the board's decision.

There is a lot of ignorance surrounding the gay community, Seger said, and the committee would be able to dispel some of it through education programs. "This is a homophobic campus, make no mistake," Seger said. "That's why this is controversial."

Rodney Bell, president of GLSA, said that during the past 16 years a gay student group has been on campus, but UPC "has never had a program for the gay community." The board's decision was "a nice change for the university," Bell said.

Bell said that between 25 and 30 students are involved in GLSA. He said, however, that there are more homosexual people than that on campus. Some of them may not be involved because they are afraid of exposure, Bell said.

Jedlicka predicted long-term benefits to having a Lesbian/Gay Committee. It may help other "closet gays" to come out and be a part of the group, she said.

UNL begins public-policy lectures

By Linda Hartmann
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UNL has received a \$200,000 grant from the SmithKline Beckman Corporation to begin a new public-policy lecture series at the university, officials announced Wednesday.

NU Foundation executive vice president Ed Hirsch said the lectures will be named in honor of Lewis E. Harris, former chairman of the board of the worldwide SmithKline Beckman Health Care Company, and Norden Laboratories, Inc., of Lincoln.

The lecture series will allow the university to bring three or four prominent American and foreign scholars to campus each year starting in the fall of 1987.

"Each year, the goal of this series will be to stimulate serious, objective discussion and research univer-

sity-wide on the specific issues to be addressed by the visiting lectures," said UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale. "Public policy is an area that we want to enhance at this university."

Massengale said the lecture series may be the start of efforts to establish an interdisciplinary public policy center at UNL, combining the work in public policy studies in different colleges at UNL, such as the College of Business Administration, the College of Arts and Sciences and others.

"I hope this university can become a major center . . . for public policy," he said.

Harris, a native of Cedar, Kan., received a bachelor's degree in pharmacy from UNL in 1932, a masters degree in 1933 and an honorary doctorate of science in 1970.

Harris joined Norden Laboratories, SmithKline Beckman's veteri-

nary medical products subsidiary, as director of pharmaceutical research and control in 1939. He became president of Norden in 1961 and served in that position until becoming chairman of the Norden board in 1969.

After serving as a consultant to SmithKline Beckman, Harris was named group vice president and a member of the board of directors in 1971. He became vice chairman of the board of directors in June, 1972 and chairman in September of that year.

After his retirement in 1976, Harris continued to serve on the board until January 1981.

Harris currently is a member of the board of directors of the National Bank of Commerce in Lincoln and a member of the board of the Nebraska Association of Commerce and Industry.

AIDS media disease Hysteria out of proportion, expert says

By Jen Deselms
Senior Reporter

Two completely different problems occur with the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), guest lecturer Dr. Richard Keeling said Wednesday: the actual medical problem, frightening to those who have AIDS, and the wave of hysteria, often out of proportion.

Despite medical reports and studies that show AIDS only can be transmitted by intimate contact, the news media has described the disease as "every parent's nightmare" and said that no one is safe from AIDS, Keeling said.

Keeling is director of the Department of Student Health and associate professor of internal medicine in the Division of Hematology/Oncology at the University of Virginia — Charlottesville.

Keeling serves as chairman of the Task Force on AIDS for the American College Health Association and is a member of the ad-hoc advisory committee on AIDS for the U.S. Public Health Service.

AIDS started in the United States in 1981, Keeling said, but cases probably occurred before then that were not



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Dr. Richard Keeling, director of student health at the University of Virginia, talks about AIDS Wednesday in the Nebraska Union.

identified.

The general public was not aware of AIDS until April, 1983, when Newsweek magazine ran a cover story on AIDS, Keeling said. The cover called the disease an epidemic. It is no wonder people were concerned, he said.

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