

WEATHER: Partly cloudy and becoming breezy Monday. High 30 to 35. Mostly cloudy with snow flurries Monday night. Low 10 to 15. Partly cloudy and colder Tuesday. High 25 to 30.

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Former NU teacher freed

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Paul Stewart, a former UNL and UNO criminal justice instructor, was freed by New York authorities Saturday.

Stewart voluntarily returned to New York in December to finish serving one year and seven months remaining on a sentence he received in connection with a forgery charge a decade ago. Stewart was released after arguing in a writ of habeas corpus that if he had not been accidentally released in 1975, his sentence would have expired in 1976. Stewart also argued that he should be given credit for a decade of good behavior and that the New York authorities forfeited their rights to hold him by mistakenly releasing him during a 1975 New York Supreme Court appearance.

Lincoln attorney Kirk Naylor, who has represented Stewart, said Stewart was fully aware of possible arguments and procedures he might use to obtain his release before he returned to New York. Stewart holds a law degree.

Although New York attorney William Kunstler, who knew Stewart in the days when he was a member of the black militant group the "Black Panthers," told The Associated Press that Stewart returned to his family in Lincoln Saturday, the Daily Nebraskan was unable to verify his whereabouts Sunday.

Attempts to call his home were met with his wife's voice on an answering machine, and a neighbor contacted said she did not know Stewart or his wife, Ruth Witherpoon, assistant dean of the UNL College of Law.

At present, Stewart faces no more legal difficulties.

"He's all taken care of," Naylor said.

Stewart's former immediate supervisor at UNL, criminal justice professor Robert Holbert, said he has not been in contact with Stewart and does not know whether Stewart would be interested in returning to teaching at UNL.

"I don't think at this point anybody should speculate about that. I think he's got to get his life together first," Holbert said. "I think it would be difficult to come back."

Lou Cartier, director of university

relations at UNO, where NU's criminal justice department is based, said Stewart apparently has not contacted anyone there about getting his job back.

"We've filled the position and life goes on," Cartier said. "But I can't say that we wouldn't reconsider it. He's done a good job."

Stewart, who taught at UNO and UNL from August 1985 to May 1986, resigned after he was charged with burglary last July in connection with an alleged break-in at a Lincoln doctor's office.

A routine fingerprint check showed that he was wanted on a fugitive warrant in New York, and the burglary charge was dropped after Stewart returned to New York in December.

Although Stewart has a prison record dating back to 1952 that includes numerous charges, he has spent the last 10 years in universities.

Stewart holds a bachelor's degree, a master's degree and a law degree. He also worked on an advanced degree in criminal justice at the University of Wisconsin, where his thesis was "in the area of release from prison by mistake," according to a Kansas City Star article.

Roskens proposes programs for ax

By Christine Anderson
Staff Reporter

Five university programs may be consolidated, reduced or eliminated to compensate for the \$3.1 million budget cut that NU will face in the 1987-88 fiscal year, NU President Ronald Roskens told the NU Board of Regents Saturday.

The programs that were reviewed, and the funding they receive include:

1. College of Nursing-Lincoln Division, \$575,000.
2. Continuing Education, \$1,739,000.
3. Family Practice Program-Lincoln and Creighton Components, \$535,000.
4. Intercollegiate athletics, \$940,000.
5. University School of Technical Agriculture - Curtis, \$1,245,000.

"The list is only a starting point," Roskens said. The campus chancellors are urged to "examine all possible alternatives."

State aid to these programs total nearly \$5 million, which exceeds the \$3.1 million requirement mandated by the Legislature. This gives the regents and campuses room for decision-making, Roskens said.

Outside of the 1987-88 budget proposal, the 1986-87 fiscal year budget cut of \$1.5 million will leave vacant positions left unfilled, travel and supply funds reduced, and operations and maintenance funds cut.

Because NU has suffered from budget cuts in four of the last six years, "I have determined that what little maneuver-

ing room we might once have had has vanished," Roskens said.

Roskens said future reductions in programs (1987-88) will have to be made in the form of "permanent vertical program eliminations."

"There is no doubt that this will be a very painful, stressful experience," Roskens said.

The previous cuts have placed a burden on the university, Roskens said.

"The fiber of this institution has been damaged, and our ability to do many of the things associated with academic excellence has been sharply curtailed," he said.

For example, cuts in the intercollegiate athletics department would put a strain on the operation of the Bob Devaney Sports Center and the women's athletic program, said NU Athletic Director Bob Devaney.

Additional fund raising would be needed to develop the student-faculty recreation center and the indoor practice field, Devaney said, if more money was needed to maintain the state-supported programs.

Earl Green, director of the statewide programs of the Division of Continuing Studies, said that he feels saddened and concerned about the chance of losing state support for the program.

"I hope our programs continue," Green said. "I think we need to serve the people of the state."

Campus chancellors will submit proposals for budget cuts by March 2 for discussion by the regents on March 14.

NSSA finds 'spirit of compromise'

By Michael Hooper
Senior Reporter

OMAHA — Adjourning with a spirit of compromise, the Nebraska State Student Association's 12th Legislative Assembly Saturday passed several bills, one of which advocates the concept of voting student members on the NU Board of Regents and State Board of Trustees.

In a 38-8-5 vote, more than 50 delegates from five four-year public institutions passed Assembly Bill No. 5, which calls for NSSA members to work together for voting student members on their institution's governing boards. "If we have students who are voting

members, the other board members will see us as partners" rather than subordinates, said Pat Herrick, a delegate from Peru State College.

Presently, student regents and student trustees can give only advice and recommendations at board meetings; they cannot vote.

The students from UNL, UNO, Peru State, Wayne State and Chadron State Colleges met Saturday for a special session because NSSA's last November meeting erupted in argument and little got done.

Gaining support for the bill advocating the student-regent and trustee vote, a bill sponsored by UNL delegates, was not easy. It has been voted down at

NSSA's last meeting.

Those opposed to the idea, primarily students from Wayne State and UNO, argued again Saturday that student board members neither have the time to understand the issues affecting their schools nor the experience to make intelligent votes.

Dan Hofmeister, an NSSA board member from UNL, said student board members can make the time to understand the issues and are capable and intelligent. He said student board members deserve the vote because they best understand the student point of view.

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Hirsch predicts Foundation will continue its success

By Kent Endacott
Staff Reporter

It's never easy to follow a legend. Just ask Ed Hirsch.

Hirsch, who was named president and chief executive officer of the NU Foundation earlier this month, refuses to leave his old office facing East Campus on the north side of Varner Hall. The office across the hall will remain much the way it was left by D. B. "Woody" Varner, 70, who is retiring. Varner served as president of the NU system from 1970 to 1977 and then as president and chairman of the foundation from 1977 until Jan. 1, 1987.

Hirsch has a lot of respect for the man who many consider to be the greatest fund-raiser and spokesman in the university's history; the man who in 1977 took over a fund-raising campaign with a goal of raising \$25 million and ended up netting more than \$50 million in contributions to NU; the man who saw the foundation's assets grow to more than \$155 million in 10 years under his direction.

But Hirsch likes his old office. Besides, he says, he wants Varner to feel free to drop in any time.

"Mr. Varner has been a great asset to the University of Nebraska and to the NU Foundation," Hirsch said. "He's

just such a genuine person. There's no one that can replace him. I'm going to succeed him. But to tell you the truth, I just like this office a little better. It's bigger and it has a better view."

Hirsch, who has been with the foundation for 23 years, has a clear view of what lies ahead for the foundation: building on its traditional success. When Hirsch came to the foundation in 1963 to serve as annual-giving officer, planned-giving officer and public relations officer, the foundation had a staff of three. Its assets totaled about \$5.4 million and it paid out \$710,408 to NU. Last year, the foundation, with its staff of 25, received \$22.5 million in donations.

Varner says that Hirsch, as much as anyone, deserves to take credit for building the foundation into what it is today.

"I think he's admirably equipped for the job," Varner said. "He's a keen observer. He knows the university and the history of the foundation. And he's a man of integrity."

Varner, who will remain with the foundation as a consultant, said that as foundation president, he was often given credit for Hirsch's work. But this time, he vows, he's stepping aside for good.

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DN holds abortion forum

On Jan. 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled all laws restricting abortion to be unconstitutional. The public controversy over this action has continued unabated since this action.

In recognition of this fact, and wishing to facilitate the exchange of reasonable debate on this impor-

tant issue, the Daily Nebraskan has reserved the editorial pages of the Jan. 22 edition for pro and con letters (and others) on the issue.

In order for letters to receive consideration for inclusion on the page, they must be turned in by 1 p.m. Wednesday.



Hirsch

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