

WEATHER: Partly sunny and mild Wednesday. High in the mid-40s to 50. South wind increasing to 10 to 20 mph and gusty in the afternoon. Increasing cloudiness and mild Wednesday night. Low in the lower 30s. Partly cloudy and cooler Thursday with a 30 percent chance of showers. High in the lower 40s.

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Lincoln's 'Vintage Dangerfield'

By Tami Schuetze
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The stage is set. Out walks an energetic, gray-haired man with a bright red tie around his neck and two pingpong balls with holes in them over his eyes.

He greets his audience, tugs on his tie and complains: "Doc, I can hardly walk. What can I do about this bum leg?" He said, "Limp." ... No respect, I tell ya, no respect at all."

For more than a year, Leonard Focht, 71, of Lincoln has entertained groups of people at large conventions and small gatherings with his comic "Vintage Dangerfield" act, an impersonation of Rodney Dangerfield.

"I like comedy, and something about Rodney just appeals to me. That is why I started impersonating him," Focht said. "I

picked the name "Vintage" because it means the best of the crowd."

The 34-year veteran of the U.S. Postal Service said he had walked around his house for years mimicking Dangerfield. Two summers ago, Focht decided to perform for a small group of friends.

Surprisingly, his friends showed some respect.

"They liked it and suggested that I perform in front of a larger crowd. I guess that's how I got started," Focht said. The next weekend he displayed his talents at the senior-citizen center on 14th and O streets. From there he went on to parties and larger organizations. But Focht said he likes performing for smaller groups best, especially for his family.

"My wife, Marie, wasn't in favor of my performing at first; she thought I might make a fool out of myself," he said. "After she saw

that the people liked it, she changed her mind. Now she is pretty supportive. My kids just chuckle about my act. They think it's funny."

Focht said he has never seen Rodney live but would like to go to the comedy club Dangerfield's in New York to see a performance.

He thinks they're two of a kind.

"When things happen to me, I'm kind of like him. Maybe we are the same type. We get no respect, but if others are laughing, we don't really mind," Focht said.

Focht can be booked by calling 423-8432. His rates depend on the size of the group.

"Ya gotta keep it flowing; ya gotta bounce around and keep your audience alive and interested. You also have to be a ham, and I think I have more than my share."

CFA says Union losses too much \$

By Rob Fraass
 Staff Reporter

The Committee for Fees Allocation voted 10-0 to reject the Nebraska Union's 1987-88 budget request at a meeting Tuesday night.

According to union sub-committee members, the budget was rejected because the Nebraska Union's food service, including the Harvest Room, is projecting a loss for the sixth straight year.

The projected 1986-87 loss is \$106,095 and in the proposed 1987-88 budget, the services are expected to lose \$37,461 more. Of the losses, \$66,725 would be paid through student fees with some money being removed from the utilities budget to cover the rest of the deficit if the proposed budget is approved.

CFA subcommittee members Paul Reynolds and Dave Fiske said that by rejecting the budget they are telling the union that it must make positive steps to alleviate the food services' deficit.

CFA chairman Rob Mellion said that the unions must rework the budget and resubmit it for approval. He said the budget will be nearly the same as the one rejected, but said he hopes the rejection will encourage Unions Director Daryl Swanson to change the way the food service is run in the future.

Also at the CFA meeting, UPC presented its budget, including \$882 for a proposed Gay/Lesbian programming committee.

Rec-center gifts reach \$1 million

Private donations for the student recreation center/indoor-practice football field have risen to about \$1 million, NU Foundation President Ed Hirsch said Monday.

The foundation began soliciting funds after the project was given preliminary approval by the Board of Regents through letters sent to season football-ticket holders on Dec. 16.

Hirsch said the foundation is on schedule and plans to have the projected \$3 million to \$4 million in private donations collected by June.

Hirsch said since the mailing of the letters to Cornhusker fans no other fund-raising attempts have been started. Hirsch said foundation officials would like to wait until football coach Tom Osborne and Athletic Director Bob Devaney have time in their schedules to help with fund raising.

In an earlier interview, Hirsch said that Devaney and Osborne would be explaining the importance of the project to possible donors.

The remainder of the \$16 million needed for the project will come from a surcharge on non-student and non-faculty football tickets and the center would be maintained by an increase in student fees.

DN debt rises as ad revenue sinks Pub board struggles to cut \$20,000

By Libby York
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Due to a dramatic decrease in ad expenditures, UNL's Daily Nebraskan could be facing a loss of nearly \$100,000 this year, said Daily Nebraskan general manager Dan Shattil.

Causes for the decline in advertising, which constitutes 93 percent of revenue, include: the change in the state drinking age, because bars and alcohol retail distributors now have a much smaller target population on UNL; University budget cuts, because departments which formerly ran ads for promotional activities had their advertising budgets cut; the withdrawal of

businesses from the downtown Lincoln area; and, finally, the decline in business of major advertisers.

Three years ago, the Daily Nebraskan's three main accounts were 24 Hour Nautilus, Electronics Center, and World Radio. The first two are no longer in business in Lincoln, and the third is reduced to a mere tenth of its former ad revenue worth. If those accounts had been retained they might have generated in additional income, according to a report dated Jan. 27, 1987.

Lesley Larson, Professional Advertising Manager for the Daily Nebraskan, said the predicted advertising slump will "remedy itself if downtown development goes through."

Meanwhile, the Daily Nebraskan's size, content and expense account may have to be adjusted.

The Publications Board met Tuesday for the second time to discuss ways to cut \$20,000 from DN's suffering budget. So far, items elected to be cut were travel expenses, seminar refreshments, ad artist wages, publication board discretionary funds and typesetting wages. They also voted to reduce circulation by 500 copies. This still leaves nearly \$10,000 to be dealt with at the next Publications Board meeting in two weeks.

Ideas to generate new advertising accounts also were discussed, and options, such as emphasizing the "Diversions" sections in the newspaper.

Michigan unique in college bill

Colleges look for ways to attract students

By Kip Fry
 Staff Reporter

The Michigan Legislature recently passed a bill allowing parents of prospective college students to pay their tuition bill in installments while their children are still growing up. According to a UNL official, no other state has done anything similar.

"It was kind of a ground-breaking decision," said Lisa Schmidt, coordinator of pre-admissions activities.

Other colleges around the country

are trying to attract students by charging students from neighboring states the in-state tuition rate, charging freshmen and sophomores less than upperclassmen, writing half off a loan if half of it is paid six months after graduation and giving free room and board to out-of-state students.

The only unique proposal for Nebraska students was a bill sponsored by Lincoln senator Jim McFarland that would have allowed children of university employees to take 15 free credit hours every semester. However, the

Nebraska Legislature killed the bill Monday in committee.

Still surviving is a proposal in the Legislature for a state-sponsored work-study program, which could help the financial situation for some students.

Many other ways exist at UNL for students to finance their educations.

"The people of the state of Nebraska are actually quite supportive of education here," Schmidt said. "But the bottom line is that there are so many ways of attracting good students. There are

more things that the state and the university could be doing."

One option would be to offer more scholarships and financial aid. Schmidt said that more than test results should be considered for scholarship guidelines. More should be offered for things like leadership ability, and minority scholarships could also be improved, she said. Although competition for National Merit Scholarships at UNL is intense, improvements also could be made in that program. Students need to be put in touch with key faculty members

and UNL should enlarge its market for Merit Scholars rather than pursuing only Nebraskan students, Schmidt said.

Unique programs like those now in place at Michigan and more traditional financial enticements may be the key to reversing declines in college enrollment, college officials say.

Although UNL's enrollment has declined for the last three years, Schmidt said she has personally been encouraged by the increase in applications received for next year's freshman class.