

WEATHER: Friday, fog lifting in morning and becoming mostly sunny and warmer. High in the mid-40s. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph. Friday night, mostly clear with the low around 30. Saturday, sunny and still warmer. High around 50.

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Group protests nuclear testing with vigil

By Lisa Hoffman
Staff Reporter

An orderly group of protesters held a candlelight vigil Thursday night at the Federal Building to protest the United States' first nuclear weapons testing of 1987.

Participants in the Great Peace March and Lincoln Youth for a

Nuclear Freeze sponsored the vigil which attracted over 70 supporters.

Tyler Davis, participant in the Great Peace March and co-organizer of the vigil said the group met "to show displeasure and express sadness" about the horrors of nuclear weapons.

Sheila Stratton, another Great Peace Marcher and co-organizer of

the peaceful protest, was the first to address the group.

"The first real step to peace," Stratton said, "is to stop testing."

Stratton also stated that the ultimate goal of the protesters is to get the United States to sign a comprehensive weapon treaty with the Soviet Union.

NU officials defend targeted programs

By Kari Hulac
Staff Reporter

UNL vice chancellors on Thursday presented reports to the Budget Reduction Review Committee on the impact budget reductions would have on the Division of Continuing Education, intercollegiate athletics and the NU School of Technical Agriculture in Curtis.

NU President Ronald Roskens recommended the budget reduction proposals to help compensate for a \$1.5 million midyear reduction in state support to NU passed by the Nebraska Legislature in December.

Roy Arnold, vice chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, said the proposed reduction of \$1,245,000 in General Fund support would result in the elimination of the five two-year vocational-technical programs offered at UNSTA, in which 158 full-time students are currently enrolled.

Programs include: ag business, ag machinery mechanics, commercial horticulture, production agriculture (including soil and water options and veterinary technology).

Budget cuts also would eliminate 93 full- and part-time staff positions.

"Similar programs at other institutions don't offer identical depth or as specialized programs at UNL," Arnold said. "Closing of UNSTA would be detrimental to the economy of the Curtis community and surrounding area, and would be a personal hardship to UNSTA faculty and staff."

Robert Furgason, vice chancellor for academic affairs, explained the basic operations of the NU Division of Continuing Studies and the financial contributions it makes to the state.

Furgason said 74,000 people participate in the Division of Continuing Studies. It offers professional credit and non-credit courses to people from all over Nebraska that they are unable

to obtain otherwise, he said. The division also works with private businesses and organizations.

The division is targeted for \$740,000 in cuts. It receives \$1,636,000 in state funding and a tuition income of \$1,200,000 that is returned to the state. Furgason said the net state cost is \$435,000.

Furgason said including its other self-supporting programs, the division generates \$6,418,000.

"For every dollar the state invests, we deliver \$15 worth of education," Furgason said. "It is one whale of a good investment for the state of Nebraska."

Jack Goebel, vice chancellor for business and finance, read a prepared statement from the athletic department protesting the proposed \$390,000 reduction in state support.

The reduction would take \$165,000 from the athletic program and \$225,000 from the Bob Devaney Sports Center budget.

The statement said the reduction is the residual of state support originally provided for women's athletics. About 650 students participate in athletic programs either as walk-ons or scholarship athletes finances with non-state funds.

"These students, and the programs in which they participate, attract national and international attention to the university and the state in a very positive fashion," the statement said. While state support comprises less than 2 percent of the athletic budget, loss of state funding will require re-evaluation of existing programs for men and women and necessitate elimination of part of the existing program, the statement said.

The statement said any reduction in state general fund support for the sports center will make it more difficult for the center to operate because of high maintenance costs.

Health Center increase approved

By Libby York
Staff Reporter

The Committee for Fee Allocations voted Thursday to approve a 3 percent budget increase for the UNL Health Center. Included in the budget provisions is money for the AIDS education program, with the stipulation that the money come from reallocations in the printing and public relations lines. The

increase amounts to a 1987-88 budget of \$2,097,846 in student fees. Gerald Fleischli, medical director of the University Health Center, said that the total Health Center budget granted has yet to be calculated.

The CFA meeting also included a presentation by the Nebraska State Student Association. Steve Linenberger, who has been NSSA Executive Director since Jan. 5, said that he is aware of

UNL's growing dissatisfaction with past NSSA policies, which reflected more state than campus interest.

Daily Nebraska General Manager Dan Shattil is requesting a one-time 75 cent per student increase in student fees to help fund new video display terminals for the DN. The increase would generate \$30,000 for the VDTs.

CFA will vote Tuesday on the NSSA and Daily Nebraskan budget proposals.

Senior-gift idea sits well

Slab seats sold as senior surprise for a song

By Dorothy Pritchard
Staff Reporter

Stumped for a senior-gift idea? Unable to decide between art, exhibits and recreation? A unique alternative may be right under your nose . . . er. . . fanny.



The Friday feature that focuses on the offbeat or unexplained on campus.

In fact, you have probably sat on the idea a hundred times, not realizing that for a mere \$500 you, too, could be a part of a campus monument. Immortalized on stone, just like Ernest Bennison, class of '09 and Oren Beltzer, class of '10.

They and others are the proud sponsors of 61-by-16 inch granite and concrete benches randomly scattered

around Broyhill Fountain and along the sidewalk that once was 14th Street.

But, the observant slab-sitter will notice, not all 32 UNL benches have been dedicated. A bench hasn't been given in the memory of anyone for five years, said NU Foundation President Ed Hirsch.

So the bench market for this year's graduates is wide open. You don't have to do anything special — just graduate. Or do it twice and be like bench honoree Ted Eugene Riddell, M.D., classes of 1918 and 1923.

And if you actually do something special, as did Val and Marie Kuska, who began the first UNL student-loan program your accomplishment can be included on the bronze plate.

If you'd rather not spend \$500 on a slab of concrete and granite, you could just sit it out and wait until your kids give you one for your birthday. That's what 81-year-old Marie Kuska did.

"The bench was a gift from our youngsters," she said.

For that person who has everything, a bench may be a one-of-a-kind gift idea.

"(It) just seemed like a nice thing to

do," said Mrs. G. Thurston Phelps, who bought a bench for her Cornhusker quarterback husband, a 1939 graduate.

Ruth Sowles found that sometimes you receive in giving a bench. Sowles, 72, was surprised to find that her name was on the bench she bought in honor of her husband, Duncan, when she was contacted by the NU Foundation in the early 1970s.

But perhaps you're thinking a concrete bench is too uncomfortable, too cold and impersonal for you to sink your wallet, much less (or more) your bottom onto.

UNL Grounds Directors Bud Dasenbrock said he agrees they're not comfortable, and he's not sure why they were placed so haphazardly. He wasn't here when it happened.

But Dasenbrock said, "They've stood up well."

Yes, but do they sit down well? Apparently not, since the number of slab sitters stationed on the stone stayed separated from the structures most of this week, seriously hampering all efforts to discover if slab sitters could be converted to slab owners.

NDSL checks to be issued Feb. 9-11 at union

Perkins National Direct Student Loan checks for second semester will be issued Monday through Wednesday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Checks will be issued in the Nebraska Union Ballroom Monday and Tuesday and in room 340 on Wednesday. Students must have student IDs with them to pick up their checks.



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