

**WEATHER:** Friday, sunny and unseasonably warm. Some near record highs in the mid-70s to near 80. Southwest wind increasing 10 to 20 mph by afternoon. Friday night, clear with the low around 40. Saturday, sunny with record highs near 80.

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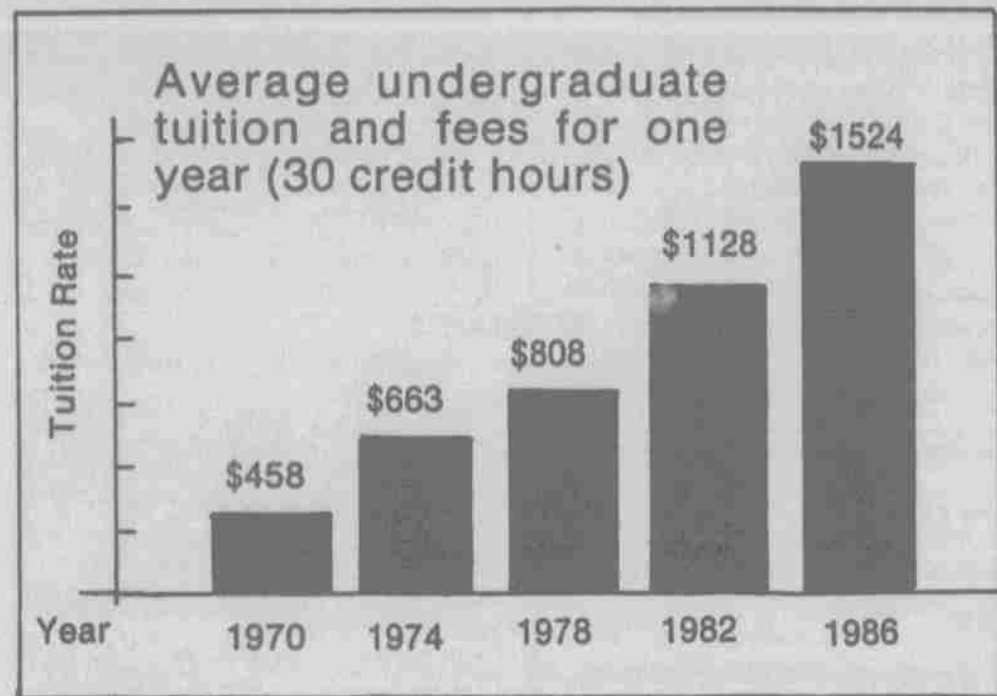
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## Above-average tuition fills gaps, officials say

By Linda Holmes  
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A tuition increase suggested by NU President Ronald Roskens would raise UNL tuition which already has increased an average of 7.9 percent every year since 1970.

UNL's average yearly tuition increase is slightly higher than the 7.8 percent average nationally, according to figures from the Institutional Research and Planning office.

Roskens said at a Nebraska Legislature hearing Wednesday that tuition should be raised to "preserve the quality of our programs and to meet additional vital needs."

Gov. Kay Orr also has recommended a 3 percent tuition increase for undergraduates next fall, a 5 percent increase for graduate students and a 7 percent increase for professional students.

Cindy Hurnung, a statistical analyst from the Institutional Research and Planning office, said the average cost of undergraduate tuition and fees for a Nebraska resident in 1970 was \$458 a year. By 1986 it had risen to \$1,524 a year, she said.

A report released last week by the American Council on Education said tuition rates are increasing twice as fast as inflation. The report said tuition

has risen at a faster pace than the price of food and new cars.

The College Board reports that average tuition at a four-year public college is \$1,337 this year.

The report, as quoted by the Associated Press, indicates long-term tuition growth appears to be only slightly higher than the increase in consumer prices, but tuition is rising faster in the 1980s than the prices for other goods and services.

James Griesen, vice chancellor for academic affairs, said UNL tuition is 21 percent higher than the average of other Big Eight schools. Griesen said he surveyed each of the Big Eight schools and found the average tuition for 32 credit hours is \$1,156.20.

Griesen said UNL officials are trying to control tuition costs but NU also must deal with the \$3.1 million reduction in state appropriations made this year, and cuts approaching \$12 million over the last five years.

The budget must be looked at realistically, he said, university officials can't put their heads "in the sand" about the costs.

Griesen said tuition must close the gap between state-allocated funds and UNL's spending. When state support doesn't increase at the same rate as university expenses, tuition has to increase, he said.

## Women's Week poet wants to change trend of vulnerable image

By Lisa Hoffman  
 Staff Reporter

*Once a woman poet begins telling the truth, there is no end of possibilities.* — Judy Grahn

Judy Grahn, one of America's foremost poets, kicked off Women's Week '87 Thursday night in the Nebraska Union.

Grahn said that one of her goals as a poet is to "reverse the trend headed by Marilyn Monroe of the vulnerability of women."

Grahn's writings have earned her several awards, including the American Libraries Gay Book of the Year Award in 1985.

Grahn attended Howard University in Washington, D.C. and because Howard was an all black college, Grahn said that she learned what it felt like to be in a distinct minority. Her writings reflect the black history that she learned there and show her contempt for the

racial bigotry in society. Her poetry also deals with many other problems that Grahn faced during her childhood that are prevalent in today's society such as alcoholism, gambling and female passivity.

The event, attended by about 100 people and sponsored by UPC and the Women's Resource Center, was the first in a week long series of activities "filled with the riches of women's culture," said Barbara DiBernard, UNL English associate professor.

Grahn, noted for her award winning poem "Descent to the Roses of the Family" faced a difficult struggle to get her works published. Her first book was rejected because publishers found it too controversial. The rejection prompted Grahn to start her own press, which published her works and the works of other controversial authors.

Grahn will be in the Georgian Room at the Nebraska Union today at noon for an informal discussion and question and answer period.

## Senate suggests increases for ASUN, DN, UPC

Stories By Merry Hayes  
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In a seven-hour meeting, the ASUN Senate approved Wednesday an appropriations bill that would increase funding for ASUN and the University Program Council, help fund the Daily Nebraskan's purchase of a computer system and eliminate funds for the Nebraska State Student Association.

The senate amended the bill drawn up by the Committee for Fees Allocation and will present the bill to Chancellor Martin Massengale as a recommendation. The bill recommends that each student be charged \$109.73 per semester for the 1987-88 academic year.

The increase for ASUN would increase the Government Liaison Committee budget from the recommended \$8,299 to \$24,535. These funds were diverted from the NSSA budget into the GLC budget so GLC could take over lobbying efforts in the Nebraska Legislature previously done by NSSA.

ASUN President Chris Scudder said beginning this new lobbying program is "exciting."

"It's the best move I've ever seen the senate make," she said.

The ASUN budget will be \$124,125, or \$3.03 per student.

## NSSA 'nuked'

The ASUN Senate decision to pull out of the Nebraska State Student Association is a "big mistake" that will alienate it from legislators and other Nebraska schools, predicted NSSA Director Steve Linenberger.

The senate's decision to divert its funds from NSSA, which lobbies for state colleges and UNO, to UNL's Government Liaison Committee will fragment higher-education lobbying efforts, he said.

Linenberger said it is "ludicrous" for the senators to throw potentially the best lobbying force they have "down the drain."

"I can't believe they're willing to throw the whole thing out the door," he said.

Senators voted 17-13, with one abstention, to eliminate student funding for NSSA.

ASUN President Chris Scudder, said at the meeting Wednesday night that UNL student fees would be better spent on a UNL lobbying group.

"I really hate to be the one to nuke them, but I think we can come up with new and exciting ways to spend our money effectively," Scudder said. "A paid lobbyist (like NSSA's) is never going to make more of an impact than student lobbyists."

Wednesday, ASUN rejected Linenberger's pleas for "just one more chance" to turn NSSA around.

Although NSSA's track record gives good reason to question its effectiveness, he said, those failures were the fault of the last administration. Linenberger took over as NSSA director Jan. 5.

Linenberger said if the senate granted the proposed one-year probation period, he could work with GLC to "double their strength."

"All I want is one damn year," he said.

Linenberger said Thursday he is not yet done with his fight for NSSA and plans to try to convince ASUN to reconsider its vote.

"I will continue to prove to them that NSSA can be the organization they want it to be," he said.

If UNL pulls out, there's a chance NSSA won't exist, Linenberger said.

UNL's \$20,500 student-fee contribution makes up nearly half of NSSA's budget. Other NSSA members — Chadron, Peru and Wayne State colleges and UNO — might have to double their student-fee support of the organization for it to continue, he said Wednesday.

Problems and complaints the UNL delegation had about funding NSSA this year rose out of general discontent among members that it wasn't accurately representing UNL interests, even though UNL made up most of the NSSA budget and delegate population.

## It's not haunted — it's a home

By Joeth Zucco  
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It could be considered a modern tale of Goldilocks and the three bears. Except they're not bears and she's not blond.



"Nobody's ever walked in," or so says Ron Kivett, who along with his wife and son, has lived in the Lewis-Syford House at 700 N. 16th St. for three years. "I tried the front door, walked around to the left checking win-

dows. The door on the left was open, so I went in," said Julie Horgan, a sophomore business administration major, who wandered into the house one drunken Friday night earlier this semester.

"Curiosity (made me go in). I wanted to go in and explore and see if there was anything in there or if it was just empty," Horgan said.

The house has intrigued many students who walk by. The house is flanked by Alpha Chi Omega sorority on the right and Cornerstone on the left, and scores of fraternities are across the street. But Kivett said he isn't bothered by the students who surround him because "I don't disturb them."

The house remains apparently unaf-

ected by the modern influences surrounding it. Built in 1878 for the Rev. Elisha Moses Lewis, a "home" missionary for the Presbyterian Church, the house is the oldest landmark on City Campus and the only existing example of French Second Empire architecture in Lincoln, a style popular among middle-income families during Lincoln's early years. The cast-iron cresting and mansard roof distinguish it as French Renaissance architecture.

Kivett said he and his family live there because it's a "neat old house." His father, Marvin Kivett, director of the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation, said staff members of the foundation live in it to "ensure preservation of the house."

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Lewis-Syford House

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