

WEATHER: Morning clouds and fog Thursday, becoming partly sunny in the afternoon. Not as cool with a high in the 50s. Wind becoming southeast 10 to 15 mph. Partly cloudy Thursday night with a 30 percent chance of showers by morning. Low in the upper 30s. A 50 percent chance of showers Friday. High in the mid-50s.

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Singing out of the rain

Dave Sullivan, a junior business major from Lincoln, plays the piano in the Nebraska Union Wednesday morning in a performance sponsored by the University Program Council Concerts and Coffeehouses committee.

Amendment would separate Curtis from the university

By Michael Hooper
 Senior Reporter

An amended legislative bill has given hope to the NU School of Technical Agriculture at Curtis and could help both the university and the school to function better, two NU agriculture officials say.

Under an amended legislative bill — which was sent by the Education Committee Tuesday to the full Legislature — the university must maintain the two-year agriculture school for another two years and then the school would separate from NU and be governed by its own board.

"This is the first step in a long-term solution," said Bill Siminoe, superintendent of UNSTA. "The two-year transition will allow us time to establish a permanent board for the school."

Ted Hartung, dean of the College of Agriculture, said separating UNSTA from the University "would clearly move it out of question of whether the school meets the university's role and mission."

NU President Ronald Roskens has recommended the closing of UNSTA to help reduce the NU operating budget by \$3.1 million for 1987-88 as mandated by the Legislature. He has said the school does not fulfill the NU mission because it is a two-year and not a four-year program.

As originally drafted, LB656, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Glenn Goodrich, would have given the NU Board of Regents the authority to close the school.

But the amendment, offered by Indianola Sen. Owen Elmer, would require that the Legislature provide \$1.3 million to keep the school operating for two years. The amendment which was adopted on a 5-3 vote Tuesday, also would change the school's name to the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture at Curtis. LB656 was sent to the full Legislature on a 6-2 vote. Opposing it were Omaha Sens. Vard Johnson and Jerry Chizek.

The amendment would need 25 votes from the Legislature to be attached to the bill.

Elmer said closing the Curtis school would be a "great disservice to the state."

"It's the only one of its kind in the state," Elmer said Wednesday. UNSTA has the only veterinary technology program in the state and was the first of its kind to be accredited in 1972.

More than 90 percent of UNSTA's graduates remain to pay taxes and work in Nebraska.

Siminoe said the state needs all the technology available to regenerate the agricultural

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Unite's Bergmeyer wins run-off election

By Merry Hayes
 Staff Reporter

After winning the run-off election for ASUN second vice-president, John Bergmeyer pledged to put his "heart and soul" into making UNL a unified campus. Bergmeyer garnered 526 votes and his opponent, Michelle Ardis, received 440 in the election Wednesday night.

Bergmeyer said he and president-elect Andy Pollock and first vice-president-elect Shawn Boldt plan to promote more pride and activeness at UNL. He said by working with campus organization leaders and members of student advisory boards, they can improve their lobbying efforts and can represent all UNL students equally.

He said he can meet his goals through plain hard work.

"My greatest asset is that I care about this university," he said. "I'm willing to put all my time, dedication and work into the job."

Bergmeyer said he deserved to win because his party "worked harder than anybody."

"We've got some great people, that's what made it happen, and we're gonna do a hell of a job for this university," he said.

ASUN election not certified Unite must apologize for goof

By Merry Hayes
 Staff Reporter

The Unite student election group violated election commission rules by exceeding their campaign spending limit in last week's ASUN election, the ASUN electoral commission decided Wednesday.

The commission will not certify the election until the executive officers and treasurer of Unite meet four conditions.

- To extend a public apology to the student body of UNL via the Daily Nebraskan;

- To provide reimbursement for the outstanding debts and expenditures made on behalf of the party;

- To pay a \$100 fine to the ASUN Government Liaison Committee for the benefit of UNL students;

- To sign a contract to prepare a manual on the proper conduct of an election campaign to be approved by the Director of Development of ASUN and a faculty advisor before Sept. 1, 1987.

Electoral Commission Director Robb Bunde said the commission could have invalidated the election results but felt that was not the best way to handle the situation. Bunde discovered Unite's \$40 cost overrun in an audit of campaign spending. He said, "We can't say that Unite loses so AIM wins. We don't have the power to do that."

Bunde said the provision that Unite write a manual to educate candidates in future elections will ensure "hopefully, we won't run into this again."

He said the manual is needed because the election commission rules "can be pretty ambiguous and hard to follow."

ASUN President-elect Andy Pollock said the decision was a fair one.

"We did make an unintentional mistake. Things like that can't be passed by," he said.

Unite treasurer Courtney Prieb said she hopes UNL students realize the mistake was unintentional.

"It was an overlooked receipt," she said.

School reform needs momentum, commitment, leaders educator says

By Kari Hulac
 Staff Reporter

More momentum is needed in the school reform movement, former Secretary of Education Dr. Terrel H. Bell said during a Wednesday night speech for Arts and Sciences Week.

The momentum can only be achieved, Bell said, if the American people commit to improve education and choose leaders who will take the initiative.

We are not educating people completely or successfully," Bell said. "Three out of ten students drop out before high school graduation. It is a societal problem," he said.

Bell, chairman of the American Association of Colleges and Universities, said the association recently released a study which shows that 50 million families don't have one family member who graduated from college.

Bell said America is basically not a learning society. He stressed that America needs to look to the future and be prepared to face a society where people with college educations are in high demand.

Bell complimented Nebraska for

having nationally reputed schools but asked rhetorically what Nebraskan's priorities are.

"Are you going to generate jobs or export highly intelligent people?" Bell said.

He said Nebraska and the nation must concentrate on closely evaluating political leaders, and educational policies, then using these evaluations during voting times.

He said the government's proposed cuts in financial aid for education reflects "upside down priorities that don't make sense."

Bell said in order to make a good impression on political leaders and help them sympathize with university budget problems, schools must "not be inconsistent in the utilization of discretionary resources."

"Universities must show sensitivity about messages given to the Legislature when pleading for funding," Bell said.

He said universities with good reputations that take a long time to build up can lose those distinguished reputations through their actions.

"You have to be careful not to deliver



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a message that can be turned into a two by four and smack you in the head," Bell said.