

WEATHER: Increasing high cloudiness, breezy and warm Thursday. High around 70. Southwest wind increasing 10 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Mostly cloudy and breezy Thursday night with a 20 percent chance of showers. Low in the lower 40s. Variable cloudiness, breezy and cooler Friday. High in the upper 50s.

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Swanson questions food store's markups

By Eric Paulak
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The Nebraska Union's food service budget deficit may partly be the result of the surcharges and markups on items purchased from the UNL Food Stores, which underwent a review Monday and Tuesday, Nebraska Unions Director Daryl Swanson said.

Because of UNL's policy that all departments must buy their supplies from the Central Stores, Swanson said, the unions are losing money because some supplies could be purchased cheaper outside the university.

The food service's projected deficit for 1986-87 is a 7 percent loss of \$38,130.

The food service budget is broken down into three areas: 40 percent for food, 40 percent for labor and 20 percent for all other expenses, including plates and silverware.

Swanson said that labor costs are fixed by the university, and the miscellaneous expenditures already are cut to their limit. Now he is looking to cut food costs.

Under a new pricing system implemented about two months ago at Central Stores, products can be marked up as much as 40 percent. But UNL's Business Manager Ray Coffey said on the average, items receive lower markups. Some items can be marked up as far as 60 percent, but they have to be approved by Jack Goebel, vice chancellor for business and finance.

With these markups, Coffey said they are "just barely breaking even," but, as a whole, UNL gets cheaper products than if each department con-

tracted for supplies individually.

The Central Stores receives no state funds, Coffey said, so they have to charge what they do to keep from losing money.

Swanson said Central Stores does not always carry specialty foods, such as lobster, needed for the union food services' catering. When they do have them, he said, it cost more than if they had bought them from a wholesaler.

Items can be purchased outside the university only in special cases or when Central Stores doesn't have it, Coffey said.

Central Stores is used so that university units can purchase items more economically and use the volume purchasing power that Central Stores offers because it purchases items at wholesale costs, he said.

Swanson said, however, when the unions buy something outside the university, do all of the ordering and have it delivered directly to them, they still have to pay the Central Store's markup.

This is a common procedure at many colleges and universities, Coffey said, including Iowa State University, the University of Michigan and Texas A & M University.

Coffey said the review team was here because Central Stores has some problems. This is the fourth review Central Stores had had in two years, which is more than usual, he said.

Dick Williams, the new food services manager, said he plans to look into the causes of the deficit and try to turn it around. Williams was the food services manager at Kearney State College before coming here. At Kearney he bought the food from private sources.

UNSTA bill receives first-round approval

By Michael Hooper
 Senior Reporter

State senators Wednesday gave first-round approval to a bill that would require the Nebraska Legislature to keep the NU School of Technical Agriculture at Curtis alive for the next two years.

On a 30-5-6 vote, the Legislature advanced LB656 as amended, which would give \$2.5 million over a two-year period to the NU Board of Regents for maintaining UNSTA. After July 1, 1989, the two-year technical school would separate from the university budget and be governed by its own board.

Proponents of the amended bill said that the two-year technical school is vital in helping the agriculture industry out of its slump.

"It would be a great disservice to this state and to agriculture if we abandon this school," said Inidandola Sen. Owen Elmer, the sponsor of the amendment.

Opponents said, however, that the Legislature should allow the regents the opportunity to close the school, since they must reduce the university's budget \$3.1 million.

It's not the Legislature's job of managing the university, said Papiilion Sen. Ron Withem. He said that earmarking funds for UNSTA shows the "schizophrenic" way the Legislature handles the university budget. The Legislature should give the regents one lump sum and let them decide where the money should go, he said.

Bellwood Sen. Loran Schmit said that although he supported UNSTA,

he was concerned that the Legislature was interjecting itself in the responsibility of the regents.

"But if we don't make the appropriation, the board could still close the school," he said.

Other senators were concerned about how UNSTA would be financed after two years when the university would not be held responsible for financing it.

Elmer said that during the two-year period, UNSTA would be able to set up its own board. He said the Legislature could allow Curtis to ask the Appropriations Committee to be funded as an independent unit from the university.

Lincoln Sen. Jim McFarland supported Elmer's suggestion.

"I think it's a good school. The graduates remain in the state and are a positive asset to the state," McFarland said.

Sen. Arlene Nelson of Grand Island said she had heard a suggestion that the financing of UNSTA be added to the community colleges' budget. But she said that after talking with community college officials, she wouldn't recommend it.

"They can't afford it," she said. Sen. Vard Johnson of Omaha moved to kill LB656 but later withdrew the motion because he said there would not be enough votes to kill the bill.

Nevertheless, Johnson said, the Legislature should not tell the regents how to run the university.

Sen. Rod Johnson of Sutton said that the Legislature was not running the university just by funding UNSTA.

Legalizing sports bets turned down

By Michael Hooper
 Senior Reporter

On a split vote Wednesday, the Legislature denied first-round approval of a bill that would legalize and tax sports betting.

After the 21-21-3 vote, Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha, the sponsor of LB757, said the bill failed to advance to the second-round of debate because some supporters of the bill were absent. He said that when the bill comes up again, he would have the 25 votes needed to pass it.

Chambers said that the tens of millions of dollars wagered on sporting events cannot be stopped, so the state would be wise to tax the bets to raise some revenue for the state.

Chambers won 25-8 approval of an amendment to the bill.

Under LB757 as amended, bookies would have to register with the Department of Revenue and pay a .5 percent tax on all bets placed with them. The bill would require bookies who accept \$1,000 in wagers in any seven-day period or \$10,000 in wagers in a year to apply to the department for a license. The fee for the license is \$500.

Ralston Sen. Chris Abboud moved to kill Chambers' bill, but it was defeated 20-23.

Abboud said that legalizing sports betting will send a negative signal to children and will have an ill effect on society.

Regents to decide on budget cuts

By The Associated Press

Budget cuts and the \$14.9 million student recreation center and indoor practice field will be the major items on Saturday's agenda for the Board of Regents.

Several people are expected to oppose the budget cuts, made necessary when the Nebraska Legislature cut the university's budget by more than \$3 million in December. Public hearings were held on the proposals last week.

If the regents approve, the College of Dentistry community program on East Campus would be closed no later than July 1.

Proposed for closing by July 1, 1988, are the school of Technical Agriculture at Curtis, the adult services and learning disabilities programs at Meyer Child-

ren's Rehabilitation Institute in Omaha, and the Lincoln division of the College of Nursing.

Some regents have said portions of the programs might be saved by realigning other programs.

The board will be asked to select an architect and design-build contractor for the recreation center and Coliseum renovation and to pick a firm to install artificial turf on the indoor football practice field.

The project has been approved by the Legislature, and its financial arrangements will be considered by the regents Saturday.

Other items that will receive the regents' attention during the committee sessions or the board meeting:

- A proposed supplemental-pay plan under which certain non-state funds

earned by faculty members could be pooled to improve faculty pay.

- Reports on student use of Bob Devaney Sports Center and on UNL's use of the former Whittier Junior High School.

- A proposed Burger King franchise in the Nebraska Union.

- A \$500,000 academic facilities improvement grant from the federal Department of Education for mechanical engineering and veterinary science at UNL.

- Plans for the food industries complex on East Campus.

- Discussion of the status of Dr. Edwin Leach, who filed a complaint with the medical center's academic freedom and tenure committee when his program was phased out.

Professor: Women must fight language

By Joeth Zucco
 Staff Reporter

Women have to fight for visibility and stop letting language regulate them, Professor of English Linda Ray Pratt said Wednesday.

In a workshop entitled "Sexist Language and the Generic He," Pratt said that grammar rules do not change, but usage does. Because the United States has a male-dominated society, she said, sexist language abounds in Americans'

vocabulary. She said Americans live in a society where females are considered secondary.

Pratt cited the use of the generic "he," feminine endings to male titles and female names derived from male names.

Pratt said that "generic" is a specific term used to categorize all items in a similar group, such as Kleenexes.

But "he" is not a true generic because if "he" is used, male image

usually comes to mind, she said. Indefinite usage, such as "everyone," "they" and "we," should be used instead, Pratt said.

Pratt said that people in the middle class seems to be concerned about correct grammar usage.

She gave several tips to eliminate sexist language.

- People should commit to change so they stop thinking in sexist ways.

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Housing fair for summer today in union

The Student Information Center is sponsoring a housing fair today in the main lounge of the Nebraska Union from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Ann Mallatt, director of the center, said the fair will provide information about off-campus housing available around May 15 for the summer.

Mallatt said at least five landlords will be at the fair to present information on apartments.

Mallatt said the fair is the first of three offered this year. The next ones probably will be in August and late October or early November.



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A clean sweep

Jim Melster, foreground, and Scott Custard sweep up garbage along a sidewalk in the Haymarket as part of a philanthropy project in conjunction with the Clean Community System program for Greek Week 1987. Other activities included a risk-management seminar, "Greek sing" and an awards banquet. The philanthropy project continues until 5 p.m. Friday.