

WEATHER: Rain likely today, windy with highs in the 40s to around 50. Monday night, windy with rains ending. Lows in the 30s. Partly sunny Tuesday with highs in the lower 50s.

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Regents vote to save the College of Nursing

As students watch, regents back off from nursing cuts

By Michael Hooper
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The Lincoln division of the College of Nursing escaped elimination by two split votes from the NU Board of Regents Saturday.

A motion to cut \$518,000 from the university budget by eliminating the Lincoln nursing program failed on a 4-4 vote.

A motion to reconsider also failed on a split vote.

The regents, however, cut the NU School of Technical Agriculture on a 6-2 vote, which reduces the university budget by \$1.2 million. Of the \$3.1 million the Nebraska Legislature has mandated the regents to cut, \$2.5 million was cut.

Because the regents must reduce the university budget by \$518,000, NU President Ronald Roskens recommended cutting from four areas: the Creighton-Lincoln family-practice residency program, bio-medical communications, the College of Nursing and seed grant money.

Medical Center Chancellor Charles Andrews told the board he would study the suggestions and report to the board next month.

Regents voting to save the Lincoln

nursing program were Nancy Hoch of Nebraska City, John Payne of Kearney, Don Fricke of Lincoln and Robert Koefoot of Grand Island.

In a silent protest, about 60 nursing students, most wearing NU sweatshirts and buttons that said "save our school," packed the regents' meeting room in Varner Hall. None of them including Nursing Dean Rosalee Yeaworth, would respond to reporters' questions.

After the regents' first vote to cut the nursing program failed, Regent James Moylan of Omaha moved to reconsider. That motion failed 4-4.

Moylan said it was unfair to Andrews because he would have to start over in deciding where to make specific cuts at UNMC. He said Roskens' suggestion to cut the nursing program was fair.

"We've held the hearings . . . and now we want to back off," Moylan said. He said that while UNSTA was being eliminated, the College of Nursing was not.

Hoch said the state would face long-term consequences in health care if the nursing program was cut. She said she would not like to see a shortage of nurses in five years.

Payne said the university may not be able to fund the Lincoln nursing program next year.

Koefoot said Roskens' proposal to close the Lincoln nursing program was "a terrible recommendation."

"They (the Lincoln nursing program) have the most applicants," Koefoot said. "They have exactly what young

ladies want to do in nursing."

UNSTA's \$1.2 million budget was cut, and if the Legislature does not pass LB656 as amended and its funding bill, the university would not be held responsible for the two-year technical school after July 1, 1988, according to Dick Wood, NU attorney. If the Legislature approves LB656, the university would be required to operate UNSTA for two years, after which the school would separate from the NU system and be governed by its own board.

Wood said the university will keep the school open for another year so first-year students can finish their degrees.

Regents Hoch and Don Blank of McCook opposed the Curtis budget cut.

As a land-grant university, Blank said, NU should keep programs that promote agriculture. He said more than 20 other universities have two-year technical programs like UNSTA and NU has other two-year technical programs, such as the manufacturing engineering technology program.

He said UNSTA's veterinary-technology program is one of the best in the nation and the only one in the state. If the school closes, many students interested in the program will have nowhere to go for their education, he said.

Payne said he thinks five of six programs at UNSTA can be handled by other technical colleges in the state.

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Building contract for rec center to Lincoln company

By Dorothy Pritchard
 Staff Reporter

The NU Board of Regents Saturday awarded a \$2.7 million contract for the design and construction of an indoor practice field at UNL's recreation facility.

Builders Inc. of Lincoln submitted the lowest bid to win the contract, despite a suggestion by Regent James Moylan of Omaha to reject the Builders Inc. bid and a second bid by the Gilbert Corporation of Delaware. Moylan and Regent Margaret Robinson of Norfolk expressed concern about two deviations from the university's specifications that Builders made in the design of the practice field.

"We have two bids," Robinson said. "One bid the specs, and the other did not."

Dick Wood, legal counsel for the university, said the two deviations—in the lighting system and the structure of the end walls—were not "substantial" and recommended that the board accept the low bid from Builders Inc. or open the bidding process again.

The regents awarded a contract to install 79,000 square feet of artificial turf for the practice field to the Cam-Turf Corporation of Dallas. Cam-Turf

had a low bid of \$306,700. Olson Associates of Lincoln had the low bid for all architectural and engineering services for the recreation facility, except for the indoor practice field.

The regents also approved an agreement with Cormack Enterprises to put a Burger King restaurant in the Nebraska Union to replace Union Square. Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen said Union Square's gross sales expectations "had never been realized."

"We feel the potential for increasing volume in that facility is very limited by the generic product that we now have," he said. "Students are very much drawn to national trends in that area, and they have strongly urged us to consider franchising in that facility much as other university unions have throughout the country. It's a clear trend nationally."

Griesen said that besides Burger King's prediction of doubling sales volume, the contract provides for more than \$40,000 in rental space, allows the union to reduce some of its operating costs, gives the university experience in franchise relations while benefiting UNL's franchise-study programs. Griesen said this could be a "first step towards extensive franchising" in the union. Other bids for the union space were accepted from Hardee's, Runza and Taco del Sol. Burger King is expected to open by the beginning of the 1987-88 school year.

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'88 candidate Dukakis calls for more idealism

By Michael Hooper
 Senior Reporter

COLUMBUS — The U.S. government must get its fiscal house in order by controlling spending and enforcing tax collection, said Michael Dukakis, governor of Massachusetts, Saturday night.

Dukakis, who recently announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for president in 1988, said the billions of dollars in taxes not being paid this year must be collected to help reduce the national deficit.



Dukakis

Dukakis said the government should enact laws that would create a better economic environment. He said the United States needs good highways, clean cities and a strong public educational system to prepare children for the 21st century.

"It's time we stop building Star Wars and build star schools," Dukakis said. "It's also time to stop sending aid to

Nicaragua and begin the fight against poverty in the United States, he said.

The United States should be helping the poor and unemployed to get jobs and become independent, he said, "and end the shame of homelessness that we see in almost every city in America today."

He said that when he sees farmers foreclosed, the quality of life for everyone is not balanced.

"Idealism works," he said. "We can make the prospect of change work for us and not against us."

"It's time to stop giving family farmers the back of our hand and start lending a hand instead," he said.

In solving the agricultural crisis, Dukakis said, the United States should export more aggressively and not import as much food.

He said that the more than \$21 billion in food imported each year should be produced in the United States. He said there's plenty of land and farmers to grow enough food for the American people.

Although some say the end of the industrial age has come, Dukakis said he strongly disagrees. He said the United States can increase economic opportunity and stop importing so many goods from other countries.

As "just a tomato farmer," Dukakis said, he did not know much about farming. But he said he was willing to learn all that he could about agriculture.

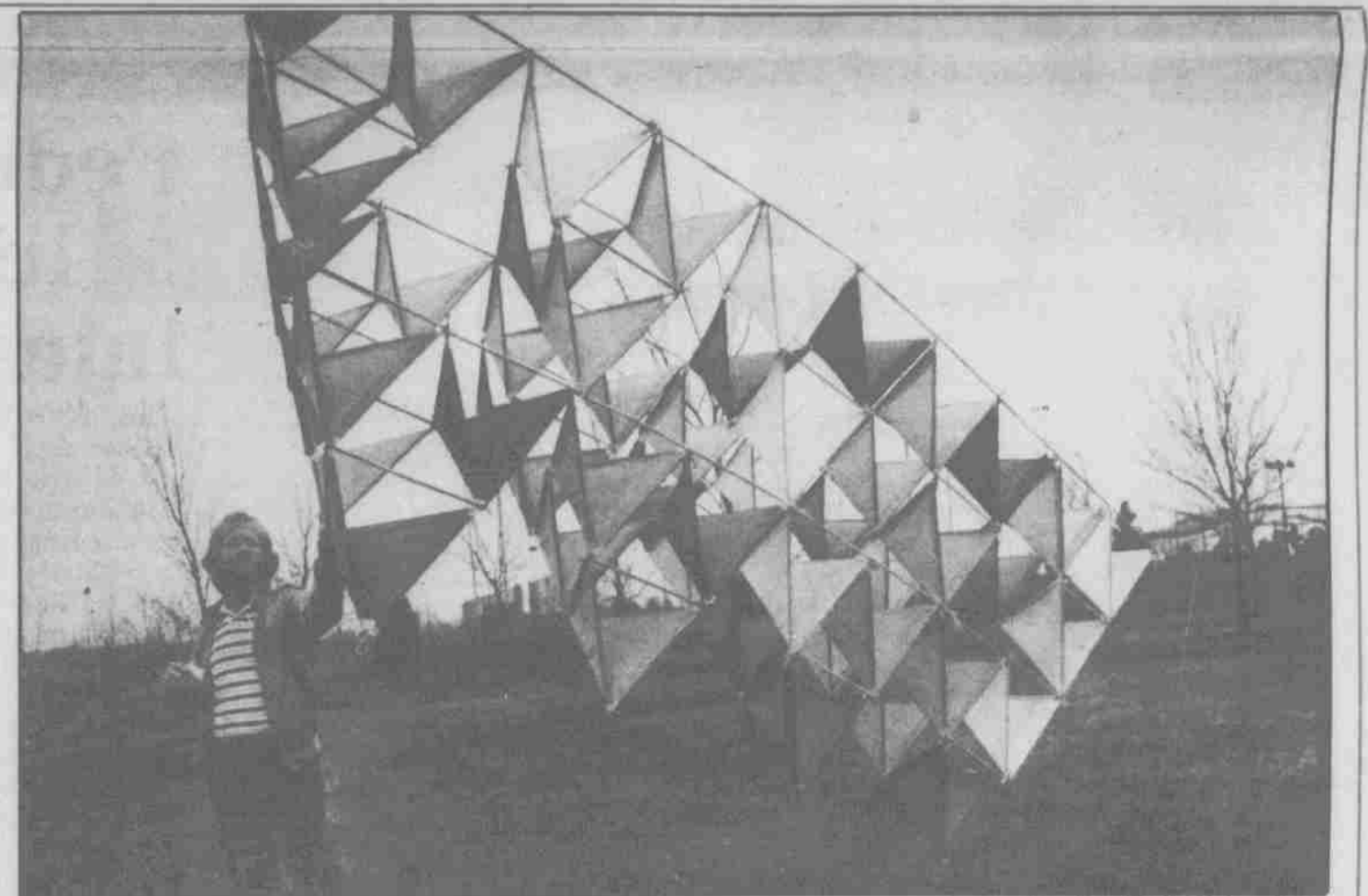
Nevertheless, he said he believes any successful policy toward agriculture should include aid to farmers.

"If we can help Third-World countries with their debt, it seems to me we can help our farmers out of debt," he said.

The bulk of farm subsidies should go toward family farms, he said.

At the dinner, several Nebraska officials, including Democratic Sen. J.J. Exon, said former Gov. Bob Kerrey should run for the Senate in 1988.

Kerrey did not say whether he would run.



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Tom Meyer tries to catch a good breeze with his self-made kite during the KLIN kite flying contest Sunday at Mahoney Park. There were over 75 entrants ranging from young children to adults who had a chance to place in seven categories like kite height and kite design.

Report recommends changes

Course set-up should suit levels of intelligence, experience

By Kip Fry
 Staff Reporter

Changes in the way courses are set up at UNL may take shape if recommendations made by the Chancellor's Commission on General Liberal Education are heeded.

For example, future freshmen might take their classes only with other freshmen and upperclassmen with other upperclassmen. With such a plan, the classes could be geared specifically for their particular year in school.

"Courses should be taught to suit the levels of intellectual, social and learning development of the students and recognize their existing know-

ledge and conceptual vocabulary," said the report which was released last week.

Freshman level courses should attempt to deal with familiar topics rather than introduce new concepts without relating them to what students already know. Upperclass courses, however, should assume a command of the basic knowledge taught in the lower courses, the report said.

The report defines general education as that which promotes the understanding of broad areas of knowledge, whereas liberal education develops attitudes and thought processes that would be expected from an educated person.

General education should emphasize "the structure and problems of contemporary society." Study in a professional program will keep "students aware of the social contexts in which the specialized knowledge is applied," the report said.

The report also recommends that general education should enhance students' understanding of concepts.

"All courses, including introductory ones, ought to include material that is intrinsically important and interesting and be taught in a way that actively involves the student in learning," the report said.

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