

# History symposium honors retiring professor Rawley

"Nineteenth-Century American Political History" is the title of a symposium honoring retiring UNL history professor James A. Rawley Friday and Saturday.

Rawley, a Carl A. Happold Regents professor, is being honored as a permanent historian of the Civil War period.

The symposium in the Nebraska Union, which is open to the general public, will feature sessions on "American Presidents and the Presidency," "Political Parties in American Politics" and "Law and Religion in Abraham Lincoln's Career." Keynote speakers will include visiting professors from colleges and universities across the United States.

Friday's session begins at 7 p.m. and includes the topics "Harbinger of the Collapse of the Second Two-Party System: The Free Soil Party of 1848" and "Salmon P. Chase and the Republican Presidential Nominating Conventions

of 1856 and 1860: Bolingbroke or Radical Reformer?"



Rawley

The 2 p.m. sessions Saturday will include "Lincoln and Other Yuppie Lawyers: Abolitionism as a Professional and Political Problem" and "Lincoln and the Rhetoric of Politics."

Rawley, who joined the UNL faculty in 1964, is a native of Terre Haute, Ind. He earned his undergraduate and master's degrees from the University of Michigan and a doctorate from Columbia University. He taught at Columbia, Hunter College in New York and Sweet Briar College in Virginia before coming to UNL.

Rawley was chairman of UNL's history department from 1972 to 1982. The author of several books, he has been named a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Society of American Historians and the Huntington Library. He also has served as president and as an executive officer of the Nebraska Historical Society.

## Library staff considers collections, automation

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UNL Chancellor Del Weber said, "... you can't have a great university without a great library." The library, as much as any other unit of a modern university, affects all faculty, all students, and its quality is necessary for the full experience of benefiting in a university environment."

Kent Hendrickson, UNL dean of libraries, said that library staff members have not had time to decide what the money will be used for, but are looking at several areas, including collections and automation.

"We are very grateful for the funds," Hendrickson said. "The funding came as a surprise. We appreciate the Chancellors' support."

# Controversial farm bill

UNL ag crisis talks weigh pros, cons of proposed legislation

By Laura Smith  
Staff Reporter

The Harkin/Gephardt Bill should create a lot of controversy on Capitol Hill, said a student who has studied about a bill Wednesday night in the last of a series on the ag crisis in the East Union.

"Consumers might oppose the bill because it could increase the food prices by up to 10 percent," said Barb Meister, a junior. Another group which might be opposed is the grain storage companies who will lose the money they currently get by storing surplus grain, she said.

Also known as the Family Farm Act of 1987, the bill is similar to one that was proposed in 1985 but was defeated. After its failure, the National Fair Credit Committee began working on debt restructuring legislation. After about a year and a half of grass-roots work, the current bill was written, Meister said.

"Meetings concerning this topic were conducted in every state," Meister said. "Eighteen meetings were held in the Nebraska so there was a lot of input by people in agriculture."

If the bill passes, each agricultural interest group — including the corn growers and the wheat producers — would have to approve the program for their commodity, Meister said.

There would be mandatory production control with farmers required to set aside a certain percentage of their land depending on the size of the farm, said Lee Wagner, senior agriculture honors student. Each farmer's conservation program would also have to be approved by the government.

The first year, the price support would be raised to 70 percent of parity and in the following years raised 1 percent until it reached 80 percent, he said. Parity is the price the government guarantees to pay the farmer for products.

## RHA additions increase costs

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Johnson said students' costs should be minimized. He said this year's executive branch, headed by Michael Baacke, accomplished several goals for residence-hall students: getting cable television authorized, changing meal tickets plans from a required 20 meals a week to a choice of 13 or 20, paper-towel dispensers in all the bathrooms.

But the additions increased room and board costs, Johnson said.

"We want to concentrate on what we have already and see if we can't improve on those terms," he said.

Baacke, a computer science major, said that Johnson is a "goal setter" who has many firm ideals. But, he said, those ideals may change once he gets in office.

"This bill would not only add \$21 billion to the farm income but, also, it won't cost as much to the tax payers," Wagner said.

Economists at the Food and Agriculture Policy Research Institute of Iowa

State University and the University of Missouri project the Family Farm Act would, on average, from 1988 through 1995 generate over \$21 billion more in net farm income annually than the current farm program.

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