

WEATHER: Monday, cloudy and cool with a 40 percent chance of showers. High in the lower to mid-60s. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph. Monday night, cloudy with a few sprinkles. Low in the lower to mid-50s. Tuesday, some sunshine and not as cool. High near 70.

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AIDS will spread in state, experts say

By Kari Hulac
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Although two-thirds of the nation's cases of acquired immune deficiency syndrome in the past five years have been confined to four states, the threat to the Heartlands and the rest of the country will continue to grow, officials predict.

The national Center for Disease Control estimates that by 1991, 80 percent of AIDS cases will be diagnosed outside of New York, California, Texas and Florida. NU and state government officials are preparing public-education campaigns to try to help save lives.

James Griesen, associate vice chancellor for student affairs, said he intends to request that the AIDS Education Task Force, informally organized a year ago, work to develop educational programs for the university community.

Griesen said \$4,000 of the University Health Center's budget has been earmarked for AIDS education, and other funds also will be made available.

The AIDS Education Task Force includes about 15 active members and meets monthly.

Members include students, university and state health professionals, and state and county health department representatives.



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Its goals are to:

- Promote the education of students and faculty to reduce their risk of developing AIDS and to help promote a compassionate atmosphere for individuals with AIDS.

- Coordinate educational efforts with local health-care agencies to maximize resources.

- Provide a forum for exchanging up-to-date information, and making it available to the university community.

The task force already has published an article about AIDS in the fall health center newsletter, compiled an AIDS resource list available at the health center, and helped coordinate the appearance of Dr. Richard Keeling, a

nationally recognized AIDS expert who visited the campus in November.

"The task force has gained a lot of momentum," said Gay Lesbian Student Association President Rodney A. Bell II. "I think they are a lot more dedicated and involved."

But Bell said AIDS education efforts are not always completely effective at UNL because AIDS is "not close to home" here. He said people become more emotionally involved when they're around someone who has AIDS.

"There is a real need in this community for people to understand that AIDS is not and never was just a 'gay disease,'" said Margaret Nellis, campus AIDS task force member and health center community health coordinator.

"Just because Nebraska right now has one of the lowest numbers of cases in the country doesn't mean we won't be affected. The numbers are already rising."

According to the Nebraska Health Department, 11 cases of AIDS were diagnosed and confirmed in Nebraska in 1986, compared with 10 cases for 1983-85. In the year ending March 2, Nebraska had 12 cases.

Brian James, AIDS program coordinator for the Nebraska Health Department,

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Senators ponder bills on UNL

By Michael Hooper
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With only 17 days left in the 90th Legislature, senators are faced with several bills that would affect the university and a state budget proposal that must be enacted.

Calling it a "laid-back session" thus far, Waverly Sen. Jerome Warner, a 25-year veteran in the unicameral, said the last days of the session could get "pretty hectic."

As senators push to amend the dozen budget bills, the Legislature must enact the state budget. The appropriations committee's recommended state budget is slightly more than \$880 million. Gov. Kay Orr's budget proposal "is not significantly different," said Warner, chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

One of the many senators who are expected to offer amendments to the state budget is Sen. David Landis of Lincoln. Landis said he intends to offer an amendment to budget bill LB780 that would give money to the university for faculty salaries.

Landis's amendment to raise faculty salaries at UNL was voted down Thursday because it had grown from \$11.2 million to \$15.5 million, when other amendments to increase faculty pay at other colleges were attached, Warner said.

So Landis said he would offer a more modest amendment to increase faculty pay at UNL when LB780, a mainline budget bill, comes up for second-round debate. LB780, is in first-round debate.

In the meantime, Landis said he and other senators will get together Wednesday night to discuss the problems the university faces with professors leaving for better offers at other universities. Landis said the senators will try to figure out a way to alleviate the problem while staying within existing revenue.

Of the 100 priority bills that have been chosen for action, Lincoln Sen. Don Wesely pushed for LB218, which would appropriate about \$3.9 million to UNL for the renovation of Morrill Hall. The money would be used for a long-needed air-conditioning system and revitalization of its permanent displays.

The Appropriations Committee recommended that the money for Morrill Hall come from the 4-cent cigarette tax increase that Gov. Kay Orr recently signed into law.

Although there will be competition for that money, Warner said he expects senators to approve LB218, which is co-sponsored by Sens. Wesely, Wiley, Remmers of Auburn; and Bill Harris, Shirley Marsh, and Jim McFarland, all of Lincoln.

"There's a broad-base support for Morrill Hall," Warner said. "Going to Morrill Hall (for Nebraskans) is like getting your drivers license when you're 16 or starting kindergarten. Sometimes it follows the tradition of touring the Capitol."

Orr has indicated that the Appropriations Committee's budget recommendation of about \$880 million with \$5 million in exemptions, is too high, Warner said. The mainline budget bill provides about \$169.2 million in state funds to the university.

Warner said he expects Orr to veto items not included in her budget proposal, like the extra \$2.2 million for the technical community colleges.

State senators have shown strong support for the NU School of Technical Agriculture at Curtis, which the NU Board of Regents recently voted to close.

On April 22, senators gave second-round approval to a bill that would give \$2.5 million over a two-year period to the university for maintaining UNSTA.

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Commencement ceremonies Most graduates attend to please parents

By Joeth Zucco
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Graduation might be the proudest day in many parents' lives. To see their son or daughter march down the aisle to the tune of "Pomp and Circumstance" in their black robes and "do not throw, may cause injury" mortarboard caps may bring tears of pride to their eyes.

This pride seems to be the major reason students attend graduation ceremonies at UNL, according to several seniors.

"(I'm going) to make my mother proud," said Tim Manhart, a senior business administration major.

"I think my parents would like to see me graduate from law school," said Dennis Thone.

"My parents are coming down and they're excited about it," said Doug Weems, a senior history major.

"My parents want me to," said Peg Zenk, an interior design major.

Rod Moore, assistant director of registration and records, said that Thursday was the last day to turn in commencement attendance sheets. Students who haven't responded will be called, he said.

Although graduation attendance is not required, Moore said, about 50 percent of the graduates usually go through the ceremonies.

"Probably most go because it's the completion of a degree program," Moore said. "It's a big step in their life, a step in going toward their career."

Moore said many who don't attend leave right after final exams or have to leave early for job reasons.

Moore said that seniors who do not attend can pick up their diplomas at the records office in Administration Building 107 or they will be mailed.

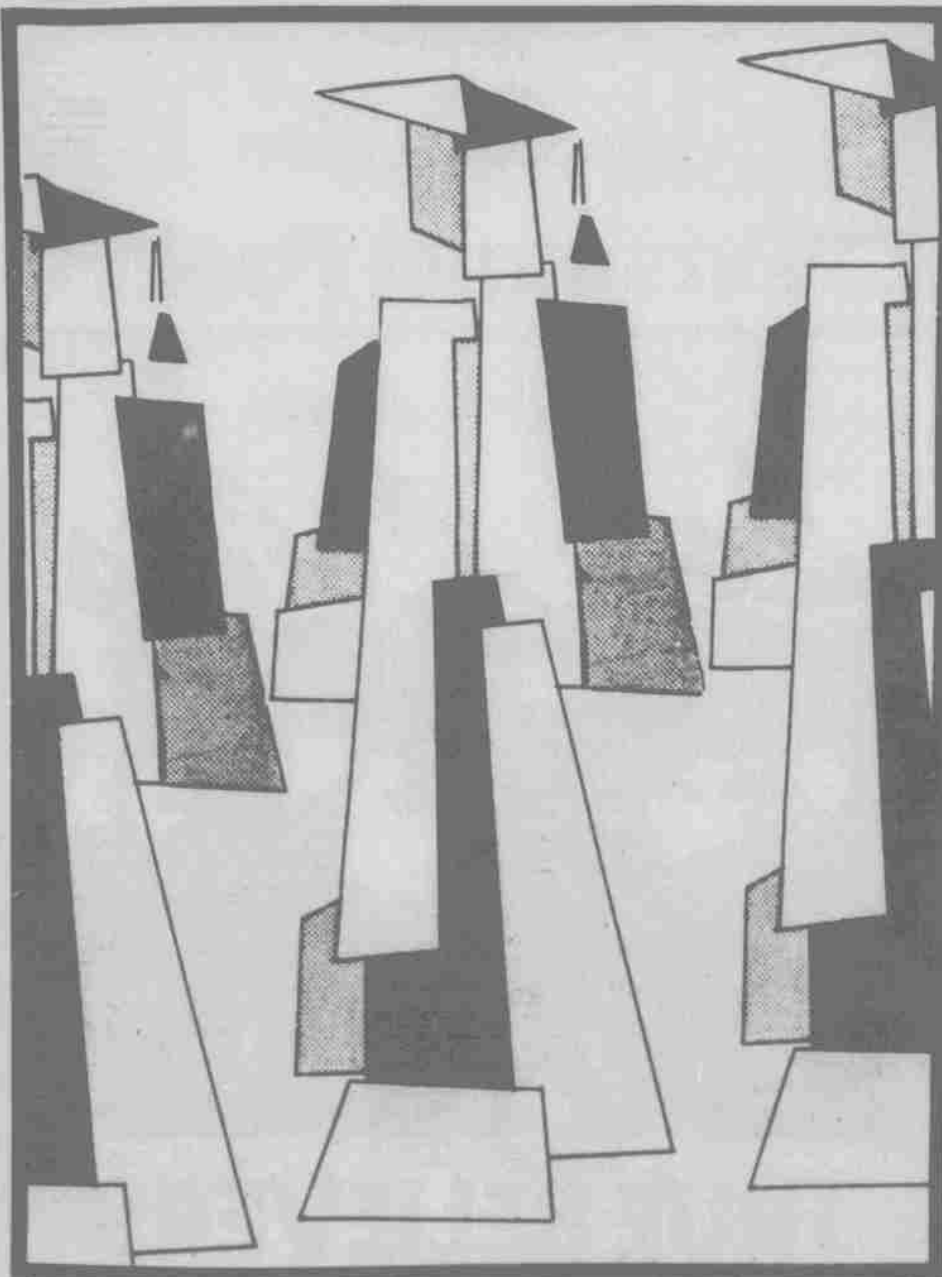
Paul Morin said he will skip the ceremony.

"It's too long. I don't have any sentimental attachment to the University of Nebraska, and all the ceremony does is induce sentiment," said Morin, a senior English major.

But other seniors disagreed.

"There's nothing better to do. Since I put in five years here, then 20 years down the road I'll be glad I went," said Kevin Kruse, a senior broadcasting major.

The ceremony begins Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in the Bob Devaney Sports Center. Graduates are to be there by 8:45.



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