

WEATHER: Mostly cloudy through Thursday with a chance of rain through Wednesday night. High mid-60s to low 70s. Low in mid-50s. 40s northwest to mid-50s southeast.

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Senators say plan for research at NU will help economy

By James M. Lillis
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Several Nebraska senators say Gov. Kay Orr's \$60 million proposal to develop research at the University of Nebraska over the next five years will help the state's economy.

Improving the university's research will attract businesses and corporations to the state, the senators say.

Orr explained her plan to the U S West selection team last Thursday in an effort to attract the telecommunications corporation's planned \$550 million research center.

State Sen. Chris Abboud of Ralston said he would support Orr's proposal even if U S West decided against locating in Nebraska as long as the research development had a "good chance of translating into more jobs" for Nebraskans.

U S West's planned research plant could result in as many as 1,500 jobs for Nebraskans if the company chooses to locate its research here.

U S West will make its decision on the location next month.

Orr has pledged to increase general tax funding for university research by \$4 million in each of the next five years, a total of \$60 million at the end of that time period. Orr's proposal must be approved by the Legislature.

The spending increases over the current base year-by-year would be \$4 million, \$8 million, \$12 million, \$16 million and \$20 million at the end of five years. This increase would be supplemented by private donations — \$7.5 million from a grant by the Peter Kiewit Foundation and \$10 million in other private donations for a total of \$17.5 million.

The Legislature's general fund dollars would increase from the present \$54.5 million annually to almost \$75 million at the end of the five years, according to figures from the Legisla-

ture's Fiscal Office.

Orr hasn't explained how the additional \$10 million will be raised.

Sen. Sandy Scofield of Chadron said she is "generally supportive of spending money for general education, but if it's all going to come out of the general fund, forget it."

Scofield said she was concerned because she didn't think it would be possible to increase the university's research funding without budget cuts in other areas or without a budget increase.

She said she is willing to work with the governor on the proposal, though.

Scofield said some of that money should go to state colleges because they are "definitely underfunded."

The increase in research spending should "go to the right areas of research in order to be competitive in the long run," she said.

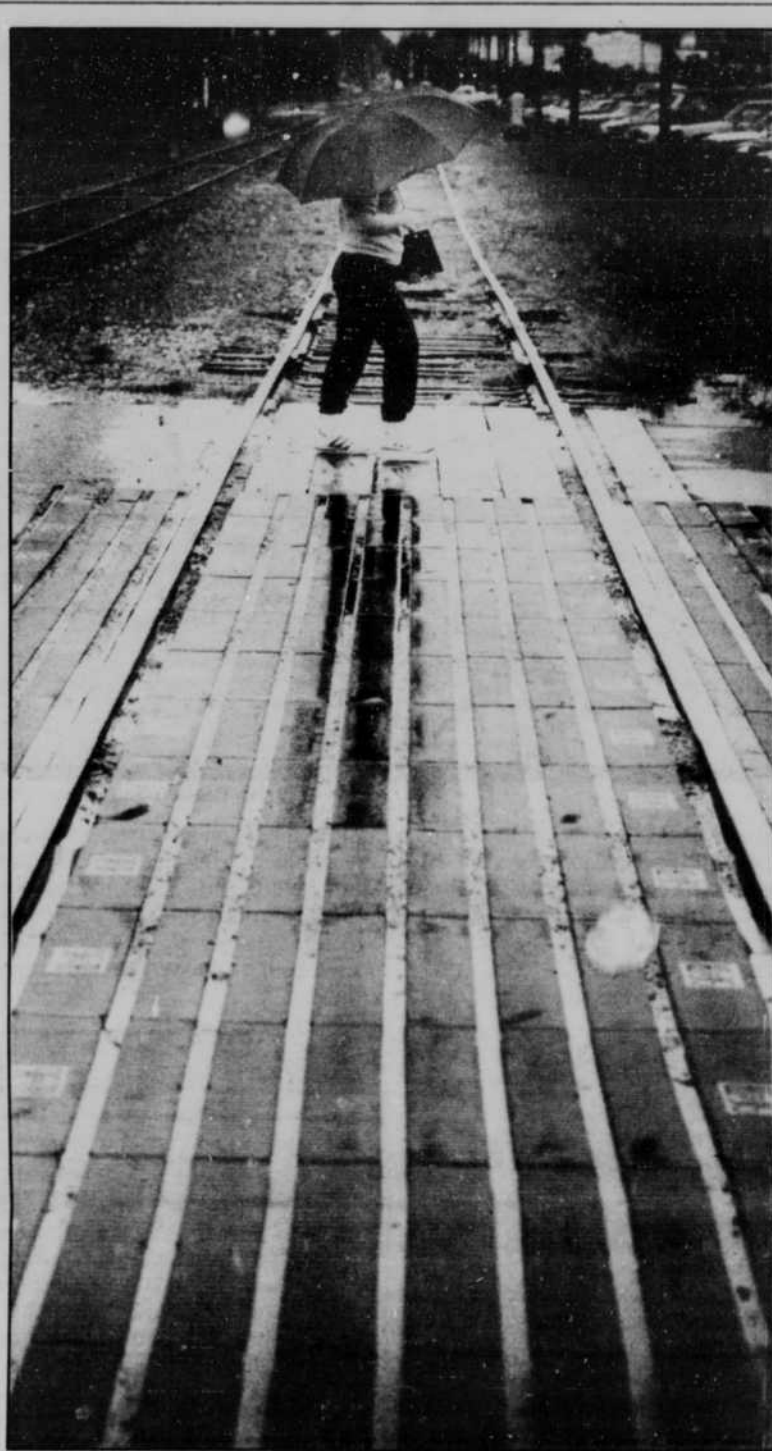
University officials and the NU Board of Regents will present Orr a proposal on Nov. 1, outlining where the money should be spent, said Joe Rowson, the university's director of public affairs.

"I think you have to watch to make clear definite roles and missions for the research," said Sen. Jim Pappas of North Platte. "Not something for everyone, but specialized research."

Abboud shared Pappas's opinion. "My feeling is that the University of Nebraska should become more focused on how the money is appropriated," Abboud said. "I think if the proposal will help get U S West and if the expanded university research development will provide jobs for students when they graduate, then the Legislature will be supportive," he said.

Pappas said that he didn't think that Orr was timing her proposal just to lure U S West into Nebraska. He said that the proposal is a part of fulfilling one of her campaign promises to make

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Mark Davis/Daily Nebraskan

On the rain line

Safe from the rain, a student returns home on 14th Street, just south of Harper-Schramm-Smith.

Guards get skill, money

By Kim Beavers
Staff Reporter

One night, Ayyaz Qureshi opened an elevator door only to find that a garbage can containing muddy water had tipped over and flooded the floor where he stood. But the University of Nebraska-Lincoln student says he has one of the best jobs on campus.

Qureshi, originally from Pakistan, is a student security guard.

Good times outweigh the bad for Qureshi and about 50 other security guards employed by University Housing.

Qureshi said it is a job where he can learn skills and apply them, and the things he does are unforgettable.

The job comes with a great sense of responsibility, he said.

"Before this job I worked at the athletic department as a checker, and then I got a job as a night security guard at UNL," Qureshi said.

"I then realized that this had the best time to study, good pay and a uniform to wear, which makes me feel like a responsible person."

Security guards work about two shifts a week, in accordance with their class schedules. Time is filled from 11:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. by making rounds of the buildings, letting in students and studying, he said.

Qureshi said two or three friends recommended the night guard job two years ago.

Sophomore Rose Ramirez spent many late-night hours talking to security guards in her residence hall. Conversations with the guards led her to apply for a guard position.

"My roommate and I have always been up to all hours of the night, and I just figured I might as well get paid for my study habits and sleep during the afternoons," Ramirez said. Qureshi said he studies during his shift.

"I try to do some light studying, just enough to keep me up and make the time go by faster," he said. The Office of University Housing employs about 50 student guards.

Starting pay is \$3.50 an hour, the students said.

NCAA says no rules were violated

By Chuck Green
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No NCAA or Big Eight rules were broken by Philadelphia attorney and sports agent Art Wilkinson's presence on the Cornhusker sidelines during the last two seasons, Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne said Tuesday.

In a press conference, Osborne said he spoke



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Osborne

on the telephone with Wilkinson Tuesday morning and found Wilkinson had been at one Nebraska game in 1985 and three in 1986.

Osborne said Wilkinson told him he obtained one bench pass from a Nebraska assistant coach; one from a photographer; one from a forgotten source and once, he said, Wilkinson "just walked in," apparently without a pass.

NCAA rules allow only 40 individuals in the specified bench area, between the 30-yard lines on the field. Osborne said the athletic department contacted the NCAA and was informed that no rules had been violated.

Osborne's comments came one day after the Philadelphia Inquirer reported that Wilkinson had a field pass for all Nebraska games and that he was free to walk the sidelines in violation of NCAA rules.

Osborne said he did not know that Wilkinson was ever on the sidelines until Wilkinson confirmed it during their phone conversation Tuesday.

"The first I heard of it was when a Philadelphia (Inquirer) guy called me two or three weeks ago and started asking questions about it," Osborne said. "During a game my whole focus is focused out on the field. I never look behind me.

"I never knew he was there."

Osborne said Wilkinson had been "hassled" by other Philadelphia sports agents because he was spending so much time on the UNL campus. He said Wilkinson is in Lincoln two or three times a year and other agents might have gotten the wrong impression.

"He (the Inquirer reporter) had it in his mind what he wanted to write when he called me," Osborne said. "That was the impression I got from the tone of the conversation. He didn't seem interested in finding out what happened — he was looking to nail Art."

Osborne said Wilkinson told him that he had discussed business with former Husker I-back Doug DuBose after DuBose was injured and his college career ended. Osborne said Wilkinson told him he had not discussed business with other Husker athletes before their graduation from UNL.

"I've asked him not to talk to players during the season, and he says he's honored the agreement," Osborne said. "Art did talk to Doug DuBose after he was through playing here, when he was on the sidelines on crutches, but that's all."

Osborne also denied allegations by the Inquirer that Wilkinson was his personal agent.

"We've never had him up in front of the players and told the players to sign with him or anything like that," he said. "We have an open-door policy with agents."

He said the only agents Nebraska tries to keep away from players are those who offer money before the athletes' careers are over, "and I know three or four of those," Osborne said.

Osborne said Wilkinson was asked to look into different shoe companies in the spring of 1985 for use by Nebraska players. The deliberation resulted in a contract with Converse to supply official team shoes.

At the time, Osborne said, Wilkinson said he wanted a contract from the coaches in writing that would ensure payment for his efforts.

"Apparently, he showed the letter to the Philadelphia Inquirer and said that that meant he was my agent," Osborne said. "I didn't even remember signing it, but he has it, so I guess I did."

"He is not my agent and I have never specified that he was to do anything else for me," Osborne said.

Osborne said Wilkinson also approached him in December 1985 and asked him if he were interested in a coaching job for the Houston Oilers of the National Football League.

"I met with the guys from Houston and Art was present during the meetings," Osborne said. "They made a \$600,000 offer and I thought that was worth looking into."

Osborne declined the offer because he wasn't interested in a coaching job in the NFL, he said.

Osborne said he has known Wilkinson since 1984 and his perception of him is that he is honest.

"In a sense, he is my friend," Osborne said. "In a lot of people's minds, sports agents are bad. In my mind, he's good."

Osborne said he didn't know if Nebraska would have problems with Wilkinson on the sidelines again, but "I told him flat out that he shouldn't have been there."

"I think Art assumed some things and got a

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