

WEATHER: Wednesday, cooler and variably cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. High in the lower 60s. Wednesday night, cloudy with a 70 percent chance of rain. Low in the mid- to upper 40s. Thursday, 60 percent chance of rain. High in the upper 50s.

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Two Huskers charged with vandalism

By Kip Fry
 Staff Reporter

Two University of Nebraska football players were arrested Monday night and charged with vandalism for slashing the tires of two Lincoln police cars, according to a Lincoln Police Department official.

Lawrence Pete and Neil Smith were arrested after a witness saw one of them lean out of a car and puncture one tire each on two unoccupied po-

lice cars, said Lt. Albert Maxey.

At his weekly press conference Tuesday morning, Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said that he would be consistent with the policy in dealing with players who are arrested.

"If a player did something like that," Osborne said, "I would suspend them for at least one game. If it appears as the charges appear, then they will be suspended."

Osborne said both Pete and Smith told him Tuesday morning that they

are innocent.

The witness called the police to report the license number of the car about 9:10 p.m. The car was then traced to Cornhusker teammate Lee Jones.

One police car was parked at the corner of 10th and O streets, and the other was on 11th Street between N and M streets, Maxey said. The tires were valued at \$70 each.

Maxey said he assumed Jones was questioned and that the policemen

decided not to give him a citation.

Smith, 22, a defensive tackle for the Huskers, was arrested at his home. Pete, 21, a middle guard, was arrested at the home of another football player. Both were released after posting \$50 bond.

Lincoln Police Department policy stipulates that when investigating an alleged misdemeanor, officers can either write a ticket or, if the suspect has previously failed to appear in court, jail the suspect.

According to court records, Pete failed to appear on a 1985 speeding ticket.

Smith was jailed because he refused to give basic information such as his name and age when questioned about the incident, police said.

Maxey said he did not know who was driving the car or who did the actual slashing.

Smith and Pete were ordered to appear in Lancaster County Court on Nov. 6.



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Tunes on the terrace

Xylophonist Erving Curtis, of the Jazz Underground, plays a solo with band members Bill Wimmer, left, and Andy Hall, north of Love Library for Library Appreciation week. Not pictured is band member Bill Bolmeier. See story on page 6.

Report critical of administration communication

By James M. Lillis
 Senior Reporter

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Martin Massengale said he was not surprised by a North Central Association of Colleges report criticizing the UNL administration.

The NCA team that visited the UNL campus reported this summer that the central administration and management of the university had problems with communication and decision making, worsening the university's economic problems.

Massengale said he thought it was a good report, but that it was a report of perceptions, not facts.

"You have communications difficulties at any university or institution. It's not unusual," Massengale said.

Massengale said he knows UNL has these problems and is taking steps to correct them.

"It's a matter of keeping informed," Massengale said. "We meet regularly with faculty and the student body president and campus groups and organizations."

Bob Bruce, director of university information, agreed.

"These are perceptions," Bruce said. "The perceptions of any organization is that communication can be improved."

Bruce said he has been in three different university systems and the same problems existed at them. The negative perceptions were not a reflection on the academic quality of the university, Bruce said.

"Except for some dire economic problems, (the report said) laudable things, academically speaking. Besides, we were given unconditional accreditation for 10 years," Bruce said.

The evaluation team's report also said: "The members of the team wish to stress that they are reporting perceptions, not facts that have been corroborated. They believe it appropriate to do so because it is perceptions that mold opinion — and UNL campus opinion does not view the central administration as its friend."

The eight evaluation team members were led by evaluation team chairperson Francis H. Heller, who is a Roy A. Roberts Distinguished Professor of Law and Political Science at the University of Kansas-Lawrence.

Although the team criticized the university's administration, the team concluded:

"In brief, in spite of the severe financial constraints under which the institution has had to labor for a number of years, it continues to offer high quality work. . . . Improvement in the state's economic condition will brighten the situation and enable UNL to maintain its traditional quality."

Faculty Senate urges pay hike

By Mary Nell Westbrook
 Staff Reporter

The Faculty Senate unanimously approved a detailed salary increase proposal Tuesday presented by Jim Lewis, Faculty Senate president.

The proposal was prompted by the recent North Central Accreditation Report which mentions the severity of the problem of the low faculty salaries.

The proposal suggests that the Board of Regents recommend the plan to the state legislature. The plan would increase salaries to the level of peer institutions within three years, Lewis said.

During the first year, the faculty would have to receive a 15 to 20 percent raise, he said. Because of peer institution's annual 7 percent raise,

the three year plan of 15 percent, 15 percent and 13.5 percent would be one way to reach the salary level of

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peer institutions.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is thousands of dollars below their peer institution's salaries, the

North Central Accreditation report said.

The figure is not only true but getting worse with each year, Lewis said. This year UNL received about a 4 percent raise compared to peer institution's 7 percent raise, he said.

At that rate, it is reasonable to estimate that salaries at UNL are 22.5 percent behind those at the peer institutions, Lewis said.

The problem is getting worse, he said. In 1981-82 faculty salaries were only about 7 percent behind the peer institutions.

"Each year we delay progress, our problem becomes more severe and we increase the danger that the quality of UNL will suffer irreparable damage," Lewis said.

The faculty must go beyond saying "faculty salaries are our highest

priority," he said. That's why this "mathematical model" proposal should have more effect than a general "let's raise faculty salaries" statement. A specific way to raise the salaries needs to be explored, he said.

Chancellor Martin Massengale wasn't able to be at the meeting, but Lewis said he will meet with Massengale and the Board of Regents today to discuss the proposal.

Also, Lewis will meet with Sen. Ron Withem and the Education Committee Friday to discuss his proposal among other things, he said.

"But, I'm not sure (the legislature) will ever take notice," Lewis said.

In other business, Paul Olson was awarded the Academic Freedom Award. Olson is a professor of English at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.