

WEATHER: Thursday, cloudy with a 70 percent chance of showers. High around 60. Thursday night, 50 percent chance of showers. Somewhat cooler with a low in the mid-40s. Friday, mostly sunny and cooler. High of 60 to 65.

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More students on probation in 1987

By Jane Hirt
Staff Reporter

Financial or emotional problems or a lack of discipline caused 12 percent of the undergraduate students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to be placed on academic probation after the 1987 spring semester, said James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs.

Griesen said 2,204 of the 17,821 undergraduates enrolled at UNL at the end of the 1987 spring semester were placed on academic probation.

Griesen said this is up 1.2 percent from the previous year.

He said more freshmen are progressing from suspension to probation. He cited the University Foundations courses as a possible reason why fewer freshmen are on suspension. Nearly 1,000 students were suspended last spring, slightly fewer than the previous year.

According to the new academic standards policy effective May 1987, "A student who receives a semester

grade point average of less than 2.00 or ends a semester with a cumulative GPA below 2.00 will be placed (or will remain) on probation."

The policy also states that a student "will remain on probation until a semester is completed with both a semester and cumulative GPA at or above 2.00."

Last year, Scott Carlson, a junior business major, was placed on academic probation. He said the reason was "mixed-up priorities."

Carlson said he received a letter saying he was on academic probation after his grade report came out.

"I think my parents got one first. . . I already knew I was in trouble," he said. The letter suggested that Carlson see an adviser and retake the courses that he had received D's and F's in, he said.

"I preplanned what I would get in each class. I wrote down my grades and kept track," Carlson said. He said he also put inspirational notes in his closet to keep him going.

His efforts paid off the next semes-

ter when he raised his GPA by nearly two full points.

Don McGill, a student adviser in the College of Business Administration, said that when students on probation visit him, his top priority is to get their GPAs in order.

"The quickest way to do that is by having them retake the classes that they received D's or F's in," he said.

McGill also said he tries to direct students to special tutoring sessions or the academic success center.

"Unfortunately, not as many people respond (to the letters) as we hope," he said.

Becky Hargrove, coordinator of the supplemental instruction component of the Academic Success Center, said all students — whether they're on academic probation or not — can get help from the center.

Suspension occurs when a student fails to make academic progress. Griesen said that at the end of the 1987 spring semester, 999 of the 17,821 students enrolled were dismissed from UNL, about 6 percent of the total

enrollment. This number is a decrease of about 1.2 percent from the last year, he said.

The academic standards policy of May 1987 indicates the following conditions as grounds for suspension:

● A student who has completed 0-18 credit hours, has attended more than one semester and has a cumulative grade point average below 1.00.

● A student with 19-45 cumulative credit hours who has both a current semester and cumulative GPA of below 1.75 and a cumulative GPA below 2.00 at the end of the semester immediately preceding the current semester, or three consecutive semesters on probation.

● A student with 46 or more cumulative credit hours who has both a current semester and cumulative GPA below a 2.00 and a cumulative GPA of below 2.00 at the end of the semester immediately preceding the current semester, or three consecutive semesters on probation.

Griesen said students previously had the option of attending summer

school to bring up their GPA or taking correspondence courses during his or her suspension.

But, Griesen said, the new academic standards policy, passed by the Faculty Senate last spring, requires a suspended student to sit out two semesters before applying for readmission. The four summer sessions count as one semester.

However, Griesen said, if students wish to take correspondence courses during suspension, they may.

At the end of two semesters, the student may apply for readmission. Readmission is not automatic, Griesen said.

The student must fill out a form that asks about his reason for dismissal, what he has done to improve his academic situation during his suspension period and what his plan is to overcome the problem that led to dismissal.

Griesen said the form is reviewed by the admissions office. If a student is not readmitted, he may appeal the decision in a UNL appeals court.

Nobel winner NU alumnus

By Kip Fry
Staff Reporter

A University of Nebraska alumnus has been awarded the Nobel Prize in chemistry.

Donald J. Cram, now a professor of chemistry at the University of California at Los Angeles, was named recipient of the award Wednesday for his lifelong work in organic chemistry. Cram will share the award with fellow American Charles J. Pedersen and Frenchman Jean-Marie Lehn.

'He has made outstanding contributions to creative organic chemistry.'

— Cromwell

Cram earned his master of science degree in 1942 as one of the first three graduate students to study under UNL Regents Professor Emeritus Norman Cromwell. Because Cromwell could not advise doctoral students at the time, he suggested Cram pursue further studies at Harvard University. He received his doctorate there in 1947.

Cram was also a research chemist for Merck and Co. for three years before going to Harvard.

He has received many other awards, including the National Research Council Fellowship while at Harvard. He was elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 1961. He was awarded the American Chemistry Society's Award for Creative Work in Synthetic Organic Chemistry in 1965 and the society's Arthur C. Cope Award in 1972.

"The award was very much in order," Cromwell said. "He has made outstanding contributions to creative organic chemistry."

Cromwell said Cram's research is important in the fight against cancer and other viruses such as the AIDS virus.

Cram, who was born in Vermont in 1919, is the second NU alumnus to earn a Nobel Prize. George Beadle, who earned two degrees from NU in 1926 and 1927, was awarded the Nobel Prize for Medicine in 1958.

Cram was unavailable for comment Wednesday afternoon.



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Read 'em — and cheap

Bargain hunters search through the more than 10,000 books for sale under the Love Library Link Wednesday.

ASUN asks administration to plan improvements for office of financial aid

By Lee Rood
Staff Reporter

ASUN members passed a bill Wednesday night asking the administration to write a report on improvement plans for the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, and a timetable as to when the changes will be implemented.

The request came after students circulated a petition at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus, asking university officials to promptly deal with problems in the office.

Students complained about unnecessary late fee charges, delays in the processing of their financial aid packages and office telephones always being busy.

Senate members also passed a resolution commending the office, despite its lack of space, funding and manpower, and the first-year law student who started the petition, Dave Regan.

Regan said he was very glad senate members passed the bill, but that it was only the first step in getting things done to improve the office.

"The senate has shown that it is a responsible and representative body tonight. Not for all time ... but tonight," he said.

If the timetable the administration turns in to the senate is unacceptable, Regan said, students will have to start pushing again.

Regan said changes would have to

be implemented by Fall 1988 for the timetable to be acceptable.

Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs James Griesen called the vote a "fine show of support." But in reality, he said, it won't make a difference because the administration is already doing everything in their power to improve the office.

"It has been our top priority ... you can't get any higher than that, can you?" he said.

Andy Pollock, ASUN president, said it was time senate members took a definite stand on the issue.

"I realize money is tight," he said, "but we have to take every step we can."

"Hopefully we'll see some positive things evolve," he said.

Pollock said the vote would exemptify to Nebraskans and the Unicameral the need for money throughout the university, not just the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid.

Four employees from the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid came to the meeting to voice their support of the bill, and said other staff members would have been there if they could have.

Peggy West, assistant director of student employment in the office, said she was glad students like Dave Regan and senate members were helping to bring the office's problems to some type of conclusion, and commended them on keeping the ball rolling.

StarVenture's forum pegs problems

By Michael Hooper
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Increasing faculty salaries at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is not the only need in Lincoln education, developer David Hunter said Wednesday night at the Lincoln-Lancaster StarVenture open forum.

StarVenture's education com-

mittee should also address the problem of illiteracy in Lincoln, Hunter said. He said 15 percent of Nebraskans are illiterate and 12,000 people in Lincoln are illiterate.

Hunter criticized StarVenture for not asking local businesses if they are pleased with the education of high school graduates.

About 150 people attended

StarVenture's open forum at the Cornhusker Hotel.

StarVenture, the community strategic planning initiative, has three committees addressing economic development, education and community development.

Because UNL is such a significant part of the community, Hunter said StarVenture should form another committee called Lincoln/

UNL.

Hunter said the Lincoln/UNL committee should address the question of how dependent Lincoln should be on UNL.

"Are we at the mercy of UNL or is UNL at the mercy of Lincoln?" Hunter asked.

Jim Lewis, UNL Faculty Senate

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