

WEATHER: Thursday, mostly sunny and breezy. High in the upper 40s to low 50s. Thursday night, mostly clear with a low in the lower 20s. Friday, mostly sunny. High in the lower 50s.

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Report says UNL has become stagnant

By Kip Fry
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The University of Nebraska-Lincoln has become stagnant because of financial cutbacks, low faculty morale and loss of faculty members, according to a report released Wednesday by SRI International of Menlo Park, Calif.

Because of this, UNL has not been as active as other systems of higher education in "pursuing new initiatives and developing new areas of excellence," the report said.

The report recommends the university "develop close ties between the business com-

munity and schools and universities in the state to ensure relevance and responsiveness in educational programs."

Higher education should be seen as a critical agent of change for the state, said Ted Lyman, associate director of SRI's Center for Economic Competitiveness. Lyman was project director for the study, financed by the Peter Kiewit Foundation and commissioned by the Nebraska Press Association.

Industry also needs to be varied in Nebraska if the state is to keep its edge on competing states, according to the report.

"We have strong magnets outside the state

right now," Lyman said. "We need stronger ones inside the state to draw the state together."

The report named three strategies for advancing Nebraska's competitiveness.

The first strategy included redirecting agriculture and adapting it to a global reality, expanding food processing, diversifying manufacturing, and expanding export-oriented services.

The second strategy would enhance the work force in Nebraska and targeting innovation to enhance entrepreneurship.

"We suggest that technical schools have considerable involvement with industry," Lyman said.

The last strategy said ties between urban and rural places in the state should be strengthened along with economic capacity.

"Moving ahead clearly will not be easy," Lyman said.

Lyman said pharmaceuticals, printing and publishing, finance, and telecommunications industries will be major factors in the economic rejuvenation of the state.

"It's our view, clearly, that agriculture is a driving component in Nebraska's economy for more than a century," Lyman said, but services in the state have to be better developed to bring added revenue the state needs.

Griesen submits goals for office

Financial aid improvements set for June '88

By Lee Rood
 Senior Reporter

James Griesen, vice chancellor of academic affairs, submitted to ASUN senators Wednesday night a tentative schedule for implementing improvements in the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid.

Griesen said he hoped all the improvements could be implemented by June 1988, but he could not make any promises because some of the changes require money the office does not have.

"I am not Santa Claus," Griesen said, "I can't just reach into my bag for \$100,000 and make all of the problems disappear."

Some of the plan's proposed changes include: hiring additional graduate assistants and a new office manager; locating additional space for the office; procedural changes to improve student traffic flow; and job audits to upgrade clerical positions.

Senator Laura Schlabloske said she had talked with some anonymous office employees who expressed concern about the plan because many of the changes were only temporary.

Griesen said he realized not many

permanent suggestions are in plan. But he said there are "no quick fixes" to the office's problems, and permanent changes require funding.

Stanley Liberty, dean of engineering, spoke with senators about the proposed \$20 surcharge added to engineering students' tuition.

The surcharge, to be voted on by the NU Board of Regents Friday morning, would be used for undergraduate instructional equipment and help keep the accreditation of the college, Liberty said.

Liberty said if the surcharge was not added to students' tuition, the issue could lose visibility and the college may experience great difficulty in trying to find funds through other means later on.

Later in the meeting, senators voted not to support the surcharge because it could set a precedent for similar charges added to students' tuition whenever colleges need funding.

Senators were also expected to approve electoral rules for student government elections, but after much debate, the rules failed to pass because some senators said they required further scrutiny.



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Paint your wagon

Andy Williams (left), a pre-law and pre-med sophomore at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and Mike Freel, a speech communication sophomore, paint the University of Oklahoma logo on the hood of their "Switzermobile" Wednesday afternoon. The two Cather Hall residents are preparing the car for a "car bash" at Broyhill Fountain from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sooner-haters will be able to buy two bashes with a sledge hammer for \$1. The money raised will go to the Cather-Pound residence halls' activities fund.

Regents vote today on surcharge

By Lee Rood
 Senior Reporter

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents will vote Friday morning on adding a \$20 surcharge to engineering students' tuition to help in their college's accreditation.

Joe Rowson, director of public affairs, said the regents haven't said much about the surcharge, but some students said at last month's meeting that they could not afford the in-

crease.

Rowson said an agricultural report also will be discussed at the meeting. The report suggests ways

Nebraskans can use existing products and knowledge to help solve agricultural problems in the state.

"It shows how we can work from the strengths we've already built up," Rowson said.

The regents will not discuss faculty salaries until their December meeting. Additional time is needed

to obtain information necessary for the regents to vote on the issue, Rowson said.

Officials need time to compare the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's faculty pay to other peer institutions, he said.

"Besides, the longer you wait, the better information you have as to what the state revenue situation is," Rowson said.

The meeting will be Friday after the regents' subcommittee reports at 8 a.m.

Pep rally planned for NU/OU game

By Lee Rood
 Senior Reporter

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska and KFRX will sponsor a pep rally and bonfire for the Nebraska-Oklahoma game at 5 p.m. Friday near Broyhill Fountain along 15th and S streets.

Shawn Boldt, 1st vice president of ASUN, said former Nebraska Cornhusker football players Vince Ferragamo, Jerry Tagge and Jeff Kinney, assistant football coach George Darlington and the UNL pep band will attend the rally.

The pep rally promises to be a great one, Boldt said, and all students are encouraged to attend.

Engineering dean: proposed surcharge may raise \$250,000

By Micki Haller
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If a proposed one year tuition surcharge for engineering students is passed by the University of Nebraska Board of Regents Friday, the added income will be distributed fairly, said Stanley Liberty, dean of engineering.

At an open forum Wednesday in Love Library Auditorium, Liberty said money raised by the surcharge will be used to buy undergraduate laboratory equipment in July. Most of the equipment will go to junior classes, followed by senior, sophomore and freshman classes, accord-

ing to the number of engineering courses each one takes.

In addition, normal laboratory fees will be waived while the surcharge is in effect, and discretionary scholarships will be awarded to students who are the hardest hit by the surcharge, Liberty said.

The surcharge proposal resulted when an Engineering Accreditation Commission team criticized the college of engineering's undergraduate laboratory equipment. Liberty said lab equipment has been a concern for most engineering colleges in the country.

The commission insisted the college show a specific budget plan to update the equipment, or risk losing accreditation, Liberty said.

The surcharge of \$9 per credit hour for engineering courses will raise more than the \$200,000 to \$250,000 usually spent on undergraduate equipment, Liberty said.

The excess, and additional revenue Liberty expects to raise from private sources, will also be spent on undergraduate lab equipment, he said.

"We are not an average college of engineering," he said. The college is

in the upper third of engineering colleges, he said, and has to spend money to keep its place.

In the past, the laboratory budget consisted of whatever was left over from other budgets, Liberty said. Recent budget cuts have taken out the "flexible money" and left the laboratory budget very little to work with, he said.

Liberty said other engineering colleges in the region have permanent surcharges. Iowa State University charges a flat fee of \$100 a semester per student, on top of laboratory fees.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Engineering does not want to charge a permanent fee, Liberty said.

The fiscal analysts at the Legislature said the temporary surcharge would be a special exception, and there have been precedents of surcharges, Liberty said.

The maximum impact for any one student would be \$270, Liberty said. He said this is small compared to the total amount of money a student will spend at the university, and compared to future returns on a college education.