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Friday

Weather: Friday, mostly sunny, very cold, high of 5-10 above. Friday night, mostly clear, 5-10 below. Saturday, mostly sunny, not as cold, high 10-15 above.

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Foundation gets \$10 million endowment

By Anne Mohri
Senior Reporter

University of Nebraska Foundation officials announced Thursday that they received a \$10 million endowment from the late Richard Larson of Lincoln.

The endowment is the largest direct bequest received by the foundation in its 52-year history, a press release stated.

Larson, former state railway commissioner, died Dec. 25, 1987, at the age of 92.

Terry Fairfield, foundation president, said the money will be divided equally among four different areas of the university:

- University of Nebraska Medical Center at Omaha.
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Law.
- UNL intercollegiate athletic department.
- graduate and undergraduate scholarships at UNL.

Each area will be given about \$2.5 million to invest.

The money donated to UNMC will be used to research emphysema. Larson established the Margret Larson Distinguished Professorship in 1972 in memory of his late wife, according to a university press release.

Larson donated money to the UNL College of Law to add to support of the faculty members

and any other needs of the college.

The money to be donated to the UNL Intercollegiate Athletic Department will be used for athletic scholarships.

The rest of the money will be used for graduate and undergraduate scholarships as the foundation sees fit, Fairfield said.

Larson's will was drawn up in 1973 and it said the various areas of UNL were to receive in excess of \$12 million after money had been donated to other stated charities and individuals, the release said.

Fairfield said Larson had a strong feeling for the university. In the past, Larson established professorships for pulmonary research and for

the music school and was interested in the College of Law. Larson also had a large interest in water research and quality, and Big Red Boosters, Fairfield said.

Before Larson's death, he had given the university more than \$750,000 in donations, he said.

Larson did not donate money to any of Nebraska's other post-secondary educational institutions.

"His main loyalty was to the university," Fairfield said.

Fairfield said Larson adopted the university because he was concerned with Nebraska's national image.

Low attendance at GLC lunches

'Apathy' mars senators' visits

By Lee Rood
Staff Reporter

Student apathy at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln may be hurting efforts to increase faculty salaries, Jeff Petersen, president of the Government Liaison Committee, said Thursday.

Petersen said that through the Senators on Campus program, GLC members have been trying to show senators positive aspects of the university without confronting them about money.

Since the program started 1 1/2 weeks ago, 12 senators have come to eat lunch, tour both campuses and talk about university issues. But Petersen estimated only 25 students, mostly GLC members, have attended the lunches.

Petersen said the turnout is especially disappointing because UNL students, faculty members and administrators have been working hard all year to convince senators that faculty salaries need to be raised.

Because the Legislature is expected to vote on the faculty salary issue before the end of the month, the Senators on Campus program is the best way for students to do some quick and easy lobbying for faculty salaries, he said.

Petersen said when senators and students get together, students usually lobby for money.

Senators on Campus is a way to let

senators see for themselves good things about the university, things that need improvements and programs the university risks losing without proper financing, Petersen said.

When the program started, GLC members started calling constituents of the 35 senators who agreed to participate in the program, he said.

Petersen said hundreds of students were called and told their senator would be on campus. When students don't show up to tell senators their concerns about the university, Pe-

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—Landis

ttersen said, he worries that the program could do more harm than good.

For years senators have had the impression that students are apathetic, and GLC has been working all year to change that, Petersen said. Because students aren't coming to meet their senators, it may give senators the impression that students don't care, he said.

Petersen said senators have said positive things about the program. But because they are politicians, he

said, he doubted if senators would admit if it was a waste of time.

Sen. Chris Abboud of Ralston, who serves on the Legislature's Appropriations Committee, said he was not disappointed with the number of students who met him this week during the program.

Abboud estimated about five of his constituents from District 12, as well as GLC members and faculty members, attended the program.

But because the meeting only lasted an hour, Abboud said, he couldn't have talked to too many students and faculty members.

Abboud said that from his conversation with students, he could tell they were worried about increasing the caliber of UNL.

Students and faculty members said the main way to do that is by increasing research money and faculty salaries, he said.

Sen. Dave Landis of Lincoln said he enjoyed coming to campus Wednesday.

"I enjoyed the experience and found it educational," he said.

Landis said that while GLC members toured the campus with him, no other students from his district were present.

"But the whole university is in my district, so I wasn't too disappointed," he said.

Faculty salaries did not come up at the meeting, Landis said, but the students did discuss other issues.



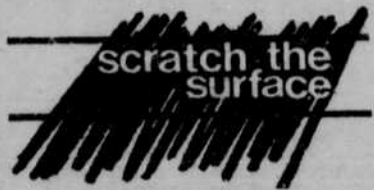
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Torah scribe Eric Ray repairs Hebrew letters.

Scribe fixes God's words

By Natalie Weinstein
Staff Reporter

"Lamed," he sings, then writes the Hebrew letter. "Hay," he sings, then writes that letter.



To ensure he doesn't make mistakes, he checks each word and letter in a book called the Tikun. Then he sings each word and letter before he repairs or rewrites it.

For almost 25 years, Eric Ray, a scribe, has been writing and repairing Torahs. The Torah consists of the first five books of Moses in the Old Testament.

Singing serves as a "memory guide" and is a requirement, he said.

The 61-year-old Englishman is repairing two of three Torahs at B'nai Jeshurun, one of Lincoln's two Jewish congregations. He is repairing one of them here for a

week, and will take the other back to England.

He will have to work on that Torah for three to six months, he said.

There are fewer than 100 scribes in the world, Ray said. About 20 of them are called Master Scribes. Ray is one of them.

He can write about 2,000 different scripts. He has repaired or written hundreds of Torahs, he said, including the first Torah released from Russia about 10 years ago.

Ray loves his work.

"Scribing is the oldest and greatest art of the Jewish people," Ray said. Moses was the first scribe.

"It's a great privilege to work on the words of God," he said.

Ray said he never expected to become a scribe. He began his career as an artist. During World War II, he became a guard at Buckingham Palace in London and later joined the navy.

After the war ended he joined the Aliyah Bet, a volunteer group that illegally helped Jews leave Nazi concentration camps.

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Rights violation alleged

UNL police sergeant files suit against chief

Lincoln (AP) — A University of Nebraska-Lincoln police sergeant has sued UNL Police Director Gail Gade and other officers, alleging that the sergeant's civil rights were violated in an incident that led to his suspension without pay last fall.

Sgt. John Lustrea filed a \$200,000 lawsuit in U.S. District Court alleging that Gade and Lustrea's supervisors, Lt. Ken Cauble and Lt. John Burke, denied him due process of law by suspending him and forcing him to take a lie detector test without cause.

Lustrea was suspended after a banner disappeared from an ESPN-TV truck he was assigned to watch on

Sept. 11-12. He was reinstated after passing a polygraph examination he took under protest.

During the examination, he denied taking the banner or knowing who might have taken it.

Lustrea was awarded back pay through internal grievance procedures at UNL but continues to seek an apology and attorney's fees through the Chancellor's Grievance Committee. His attorney Thom Cope of Lincoln, said the grievance procedure has not compensated Lustrea for the damage to his reputation or for civil rights violations.

ESPN hired Lustrea as a private security guard during his off-duty

hours to watch network trucks and equipment brought to the campus to televise the Sept. 12 Nebraska-UCLA football game.

When Lustrea checked the trucks at 2:40 a.m. on Sept. 12, he noticed nothing unusual, he said in his federal court suit. His replacement, who came on duty at 3 a.m., discovered the banner missing.

Lustrea, who was suspended without pay after questioning by Burke, says he was not informed of his rights before being questioned.

In Sept. 17 and Oct. 2 letters, Gade ordered Lustrea to take the polygraph test or be dismissed, the suit alleges.