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Weather: Wednesday, blustery with light snow possible, high of 10 above. Wednesday night, clear and much colder, low 5 below. Thursday, not as cold, 10-15 above.

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Some guardsmen not getting tuition assistance

By Kari Mott
Staff Reporter

As students pay their second-semester tuition, some members of the Nebraska National Guard aren't getting the tuition assistance they expected.

The Guard has filled all its openings for the 75 percent tuition assistance program this semester.

Forty-one Nebraska students didn't receive tuition assistance this semester because the Nebraska Legislature limited the number of recipients to 1,200 two years ago.

Legislators limited the number of recipients to control the amount of money in the program, said Lt. Col. Leonard Krenk, National Guard public affairs officer.

Pvt. 2 Stan Dorsett said his recruiter told him it was in his contract to get financial assistance. Dorsett said he was told he didn't receive assistance because too many students had

applied.

"I was more than a little upset that I was never told about the limit," Dorsett said. "I like people to be straightforward."

Pete Amisano, a National Guard and Army ROTC cadet, said he thinks it is ridiculous to recruit more students than are eligible for the tuition assistance limit. A lot of students join for the tuition assistance, but they are turned down and don't know about the limit, he said.

Dorsett said the only explanation he received was a 20-second talk from a guardsman at his weekend drill.

"I think the recruiters didn't really know about the limit," Dorsett said. "I feel it was a lack of professionalism."

Sgt. 1st Class John Meyer, Dorsett's recruiter, said he hasn't had a chance to talk to Dorsett.

Meyer said the recruiting office learned the limit had been reached a week to 10 days ago.

"We sure do tell about the limit," Meyer

said.

Currently, 498 UNL students receive the 75 percent tuition assistance, Krenk said.

Students apply for the program every semester, he said. Applicants considered must have passing grades, be in good standing with the National Guard and be pursuing a four-year degree, Krenk said.

Students who apply first and are in the program now have priority in receiving tuition assistance, he said.

"You have to apply early because not everyone is guaranteed it," Pvt. 2 Jennifer Hudson said.

"I applied for this semester, but it was too late," said Pfc. Eric Newland, who will receive tuition assistance next year.

Dorsett said he will apply as soon as he can for next semester.

Krenk said the limit on assistance affects a few recruiters but not the whole recruiting effort.

Tuition assistance enhances recruiting, he said. People in the Guard will benefit from tuition assistance, he said, but a few won't because of the limit.

Both Newland and Hudson said tuition assistance would help them.

"Tuition assistance was part of the reason I joined the National Guard, but not the whole reason," Newland said. "It sure helps to ease the financial burden of education."

"If it wasn't for me being in the Guard, I wouldn't be in college," Hudson said. "The Guard can support a college career . . ."

Tuition assistance is not the only program the National Guard has, Meyer said. He said the Guard still has college assistance programs, such as the New GI Bill, through which guardsmen can receive \$5,040.

The tuition assistance program has existed since 1974.

"Nebraska was one of the first states to do this," Krenk said.

Senators' opinions differ toward life-and-death bill

By Eric R. Paulak
Staff Reporter

Lawmakers argued over life and death Tuesday on a bill that would give terminally ill people being kept alive by artificial means the right to die.

Some legislators called the Rights of the Terminally Ill Act, LB88, an attempt to legalize euthanasia and mercy killings. Supporters termed it an individual's guaranteed right to control his body.

Sen. David Landis of Lincoln, co-sponsor of the bill, said it is "a simple matter of individual rights."

"For centuries this has been unnecessary," he said. "But first we interposed the doctors. Next, we interposed the lawyers with lawsuits. We need to return to the days when an individual had control of his own body."

Sen. James McFarland of Lincoln, who led an attempt to postpone the bill indefinitely, said it was wrong because it assumed a person who signed a living will would still want to die when he was close to death.

"People don't know how they will feel, and those people who may recover will have their lives ended because of a mandate from the state," McFarland said.

Under the bill, a person who forged or forced a person to sign a living will

could be fined \$1,000 or imprisoned for six months.

Sen. Timothy Hall of Omaha said that punishment was too lenient.

"We could forge Granny's living will, and if we pull the plug on Granny and she dies, the worst we could get is a \$1,000 fine or six months," Hall said. "What's the difference between this and pushing someone off of a building?"

The bill has been in committee in

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various forms for four years, but this is the first time it was debated before the Legislature.

In a Nebraska Annual Social Indicators Survey, 75 percent of people polled favored living wills.

Sen. Patricia Morehead of Beatrice said 38 states have authorized living wills and no abuses have been reported.

Debate on the bill will continue Wednesday morning.



Having a heart

Blood donor Susie Kaiser, type O positive, watches as nurse Jo Boyd secures a needle to her arm. Kaiser attended a bloodmobile sponsored by the Community Blood Bank.

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Meisels nominated to position at Oregon

By Victoria Ayotte
Staff Reporter

G. G. Meisels, dean of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Arts and Sciences, is one of three candidates being considered for the chief academic position at the Uni-

versity of Oregon, said Theodore Palmer, chairman of U of O's search committee.

Meisels is being considered for the position of provost and vice-president for academic affairs, Palmer said.

Palmer said the 14-member

search committee has been narrowing down the candidates for several months.

Palmer said he thinks Meisels was nominated but accepted the nomination when he was selected as a finalist.

The search committee is currently interviewing the three candidates and expects to make a selection by the end of February, he said.

Meisels will be at the U of O Feb. 14-16 for an interview with the search committee, he said.

The candidate selected will be

recommended to the president who will make the final selection, Palmer said.

Palmer said the main factor the committee took into consideration when choosing the finalists was the amount of administrative experience the candidate had.

\$2,000 loss results from burglary

From Staff Reports

Almost \$2,000 in equipment was stolen this weekend from the construction site of the Lied Center For Performing Arts, said Sgt. Al Broadstone of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police Depart-

ment.

Broadstone said the burglary was reported to the UNL police at 11 a.m. Sunday and probably occurred late Saturday night or early Sunday morning.

The equipment was stolen from

the trailer outside of the Lied Center, he said.

A saw, drill, two 25-foot tape measures and a fractometer, a device similar to a manual calculator, were reported stolen Sunday.

Two radios later were reported stolen, Broadstone said.

"They sort of helped themselves to a little bit of everything," he said.

The total loss probably will be more than \$2,000 when all of the stolen equipment is accounted for, he said.

An official from Builders' Inc.,

the company that is constructing the Lied Center, said insurance will cover the loss.

Construction will not be held up because of the loss, the official said.

Broadstone said police are investigating the thefts but had no leads Tuesday.