Legislators oppose ROTC cut

By Jamie Pitts Staff Reporter

Nebraska senators and congressmen have asked Secretary of the Air Force Edward Aldridge to reconsider cutting the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's ROTC program.

Reps. Doug Bereuter, Hal Daub and Virginia Smith and Sen. David Karnes sent letters Tuesday to Aldridge and Secretary of Defense Frank Carlucci in hopes of saving UNL's ROTC program. Sen. J.J. Exon also had written a letter asking for re-evaluation of the decision.

Christopher Galen, Daub's press secretary, said UNL's Air Force ROTC program is "definitely something he (Daub) would like to see continued."

Daub was in ROTC during high school and college and also served in the Korean War, Galen said. Daub wants to make sure cutting the program is the best choice, Galen said.

Carol Lawrence, Bereuter's press secretary, said the decision to cut UNL's program was based on its size, not its quality. UNL cadets' test scores are evidence of the program's quality, Lawrence said.

Mark Bowen, Exon's press secretary, said Exon wants Aldridge to reconsider his decision.

Exon's letter said, "I ask that you (Aldridge) provide my office with a full explanation of your rating criteria, how the criteria were determined, and how each program rated on each rating scale.

Galen said he hopes for a response to the letter within a week.

Malone border backed

By Lisa Donovan and Tim Engstrom Staff Reporters

Lincoln City Council members cited stability for the Malone neighborhood and the growth of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln as reasons they recently supported a planned boundary between the two

"I think there needs to be some stability in the concept of what's going to happen in the area and to provide the university with an ability to grow," Councilman Joseph Hampton said.

Councilman Gates Minnick said he had always hoped UNL would grow and prosper, "but on the other hand, we have to preserve a community that has been hard hit by indecision."

Councilwoman Coleen Seng agreed.

"I think the people that live in the neighborhood are at a quandary," she said. "They don't know what's going to happen to their neighborhood, and they have been that way for years.'

Seng said the boundary setting was positive for UNL because it would give the university an idea of how far and where it can grow.

On Tuesday, council members gave their support to a plan that calls for a firm boundary between Malone

Along with a 5.8-acre L-shaped

park south of the Malone Center, the plan calls for a phased expansion of the university to a buffer area from 20th and Vine streets to 22nd and S streets.

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents rejected the plan last Saturday because the park would cut off expansion east of UNL.

"We think the L-shaped park is close to what we would like to see," said Topher Hansen, member of the Malone Redevelopment Task Force. The task force comprises representatives from the city of Lincoln, the Malone Neighborhood Association, the Malone Center and UNL.

Hansen said the Malone Neighborhood Association Board of Directors would prefer that the section of the park heading south where it stops at S Street continue farther south.

Besides wanting to move the park farther south, the board would like to see the 15-year expansion plan renegotiated.

Christina Godfrey, executive director of the Malone Center, said the center's board voted against the plan because the plan didn't include when the people in the Malone neighborhood would relocate, who would own the park and when the park would be usable, she said.

Minnick said the action needed to

"The city has to set boundaries, even if it means having a residential community within the campus,' Minnick said.



New job is wilderness survival

By Jerry Guenther Staff Reporter

After 13 years with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Office of Campus Recreation, Mark Ebel wants to challenge youths to survive the wilderness and stay out of

Ebel, assistant director and coordinator of outdoor recreation, said he has accepted a job as program director with the Hurricane Island Outward Bound School in Tallahas-

The Hurricane Island Outward Bound School has four base sites in Tallahassee, Ebel said. Three work with juvenile delinquents. The fourth site, where Ebel is going, works with youth at risk.

"Youth at risk is a preventive program for 14-year-olds to 17-year-olds on the brink of dropping out of school or committing a crime," he said. "These students have no record yet, just on the verge

Ebel said students are referred to

Outward Bound by a teacher, guidance counselor or principal. Once accepted, students go through five phases in a 28-day course that teaches them survival skills in the wilderness.

"The courses involve physical challenges," Ebel said. "Students

learn by doing."
Ebel said students are taught a few of the basic fundamentals. From there, they must fend for them-

Because of the outdoor setting, Ebel said, students are put in a situation where they need to learn. He said students may be placed in a canoe, and therefore have to learn the skills of canoeing.

"Outward Bound provides a physical challenge to their lives that is lacking in their homes and their schools," Ebel said. "It addresses the mental aspects as well as the physical ones

Ebel said he thinks adolescents are sometimes hampered in their ability to learn because they are confined in schools.

"At that age, kids need physical

challenges," he said. Ebel said he never expected to stay at UNL as long as he has.

"It's held my interest a lot longer than I expected. In '75, I expected I'd be here three or four years only. Now its been 13 (years)," he said.

Ebel said it wasn't difficult for him to give up his current position for Outward Bound.

"I had been looking for other opportunities for the past four years. I felt I had taken the program as far as it could be taken with the level of support the institution was willing to make," he said.

"Outward Bound provides a career ladder. In my present position, there is no upward mobility. If I were to move upward in this organization, I would have to leave my outdoor education background,'

While he will miss many of his co-workers, he said, it's time for him to move on.

Your heart must be in what you're doing. My heart is in (Outward Bound)," he said.

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Annual Engineering Week begins Monday

By Tim Engstrom Staff Reporter

Broken eggs and sprung mousetraps will be scattered around rooms and newspapers will be piled high on floors of the Walter Scott Engineering Center — not because of a desperate need for cleaning, but because it's E-Week.

The 76th Annual E-Week at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Engineering and Technology is scheduled for Sunday through Feb. 27 to coincide with National Engineering Week.

E-Week is intended to promote the college and allow engineering students to have fun within the

It is usually scheduled in April, but was moved to take advantage of the publicity of National Engineering Week, said E-Week Committee Chair Patricia Sokolik, a senior industrial engineering major.

"National Engineering Week is normally held during the week in which George Washington's birthday is recognized since he is considered one of the first American engineers," Sokolik said.

Events scheduled for the week include intracollege basketball and volleyball tournaments, and a billiards and bowling party for students in the college.

An open house is scheduled from 1 to 6 p.m. Feb. 26 and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 27 in the Scott Engineering Center on Vine Street between 16th and 17th streets. Engineering equipment and student projects will be displayed

Engineering-related competi-tions are scheduled for the Feb. 27 open house.

The egg-drop contest is set for 10:30 a.m. In this event, contestants will be given materials and 20 minutes to make a device to catch a raw egg dropped from 6 feet without breaking it.

The "tower of power" contest will be at 1 p.m. Contestants will be given a 1-square-foot piece of cardboard, an unlimited amount of newspaper and a roll of tape with which to make a tower. The tallest tower at the end of 30 minutes wins.

Contestants in the mousetrap race will carry a 2-kilogram brick on a car powered by a mousetrap. Judging will be based on distance and running time. The race begins

Companies such as Omaha Public Power, Ingersoll-Rand, Brunswick and Square D will be represented at a Career Fair Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second floor of Nebraska Hall. It is open to

High school students from across the state will attend the Society of Women Engineers Annual High School Conference during the Feb. 27 open house.

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