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Wednesday

WEATHER: Wednesday, partly sunny and warmer, high in the mid to upper 70s, winds from the SE 10-15 mph. Wednesday night, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers, low in the mid 50s. Thursday, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers, high in the mid 70s.

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Orr speaks to students on taxes, education

By Victoria Ayotte
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More than 100 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students who gathered Tuesday night to hear Gov. Kay Orr got an unexpected visit from her grandson Taylor Christian Gage.

"I'm doing double-duty at the event," Orr told UNL's College Republicans. "I mean, the governor is a grandmother."

"He's already a full-fledged republican," said Orr, holding the infant in her arms.

Baby-sitting wasn't the only thing Orr had been doing Tuesday.

Orr said she talked with republican vice-presidential candidate Dan Quayle Tuesday concerning a proposed vice presidential debate in Omaha this fall.

"Quayle wants to debate and Omaha is fine with him," Orr said.

But Orr said some bad news had come today when she talked with the staff of James Baker, chairman for republican presidential candidate George Bush.

Orr said Baker's staff said the democrats have raised objections to having the debate in Omaha.

Orr said she doesn't know why the Dukakis campaign would have raised objections.

Now she said she doesn't know when a debate would be held.

An agreed-upon bipartisan commission to choose the debate sites and dates had previously set the Omaha vice presidential debate for the week of Oct. 3.

Republican achievements on the budget were the main topic of Orr's visit.

"If you followed the campaign in 1986, I made some pledges," Orr said. "I said it was time we put our fiscal house in order."

Orr said her tax overhaul, which set the state tax system on gross adjusted income instead of a percentage of federal taxes, has achieved the tax-base stability the state needed.

The tax overhaul has achieved one of Orr's main objectives of creating economic incentives for businesses to locate in Nebraska, she said.

"In 15 months, we have hit over \$2 billion in investment and more than 16,000 new jobs," Orr said.

New jobs were needed to stop the migration of people out of Nebraska, she said.

"We need young productive people around," Orr said. "We want to keep you here in the state—it's that simple."

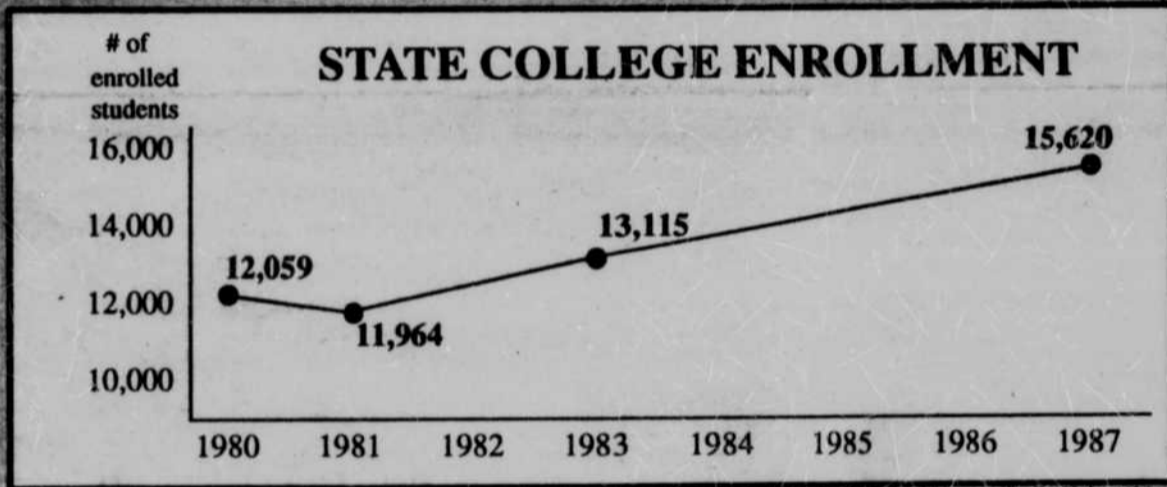
Orr reiterated what she called her

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Gov. Kay Orr listens to a question from sophomore Cassandra Brittons, international affairs, while holding her grandson Taylor Christian Gage Tuesday evening following a speech to UNL College Republicans.



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Colleges complement each other

By Shawn Schudies
 Staff Reporter

Nebraska state colleges' enrollment and tuition has increased during nine of the past 10 years, said a state college official.

Ardis Burkholder, information resource specialist for the Nebraska State College Board, said enrollment has not yet been determined for the 1988-89 school year, but enrollment has increased from 13,115 total students in state colleges in 1983 to 15,620 in 1987, she said.

Only in 1981 did enrollment at state colleges fall to 11,964 from 12,059 in 1980.

But one problem that state col-

leges share with UNL is a lack of funding.

A study performed by the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems showed that \$16,723,000 is needed to bring Nebraska state colleges' funding to the same level of other colleges.

One advantage to attending a state college is the low professor-to-student ration, Burkholder said. Nearly all students, including freshmen, are taught by professors instead of graduate assistants, she said.

Burkholder said she doesn't think the state colleges — Chadron, Kearney, Peru and Wayne — compete with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for students.

The tuition increase from \$33 per credit hour for an in-state undergraduate student to \$36.50 may help the funding problem, she said, but most of the extra money will go to just maintaining existing programs.

Despite the funding problem, state colleges do serve community interests, she said.

Only 40 percent of the students at state colleges are under age 25, Burkholder said. Non-traditional students might not be able to go to UNL because it would disrupt their lives too much, she said.

Some traditional students go to a state college because they can't afford UNL's tuition, she said.

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Union Board approves requests for capital improvement projects

By Shawn Hubbell
 Staff Reporter

The Union Board Tuesday night approved a capital improvement list requesting \$287,825 for Nebraska Union projects.

The annual capital improvement list requests funds to pay for new equipment, refurbishing, building repairs and modifications to city and east campus unions.

Daryl Swanson, union director, said the money for the capital improvements comes from repayment of revenue bonds, which total \$29 million. These bonds were taken out in 1964 and 1966 and were used for the construction of residence halls and the University Health Center.

Repayment of the bonds comes from excess housing fees, Swanson said. Excess fees occur when occupancy rates in the residence halls are more than 85 percent. The remaining funds come from student fees, he said. Because the state Legislature will not support financing the construction of non-academic facilities, revenue bonds are commonly used to generate proceeds to build student and auxiliary services, Swanson said.

In the past, windfall money from the revenue bonds has been used to build an addition to the health center and remodel rooms in the union, Swanson said. The money can be used only for the purchase of equipment,

repairs, maintenance and improvements, he said.

The request for funds must now be approved by James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, the NU Board of Regents and the state Legislature, Swanson said.

Requests for equipment purchases include: trash compactor \$8,500; cash registers \$20,000; upright lift 5,000; replacement of custodial equipment \$6,200; replacement of lighting control board \$1,000; display case \$3,500; four convection ovens \$16,000; banquet cart holding oven \$2,300; food transport equipment \$4,840; china, glassware and silver \$14,640; food service equipment \$13,445; meeting room furniture \$9,000; office furniture and equipment \$9,500; replacement of lounge furniture \$10,000; reupholstering of lounge furniture \$8,000; two microcomputers \$6,100; computer upgrade \$3,000; kitchen equipment \$6,500.

Funds for refurbishing include: meeting rooms \$12,000; replace tiles on north entry \$3,800; replace carpet and reupholster furniture (east union) \$10,500; carpeting/floor tile \$14,500; vinyl and paneling for meeting and TV rooms \$5,000; cafeteria serving line (east union) \$6,000.

Requests for building repairs and modifications: Great Plains Room \$5,500; bowling pinsetters (east union) \$2,000; asbestos removal (Commonplace) \$4,000; office suites \$49,000; activities suites \$18,000.

UNL commuter lot parking permit sales stop

By Ryan Steeves
 Senior Reporter

WE ARE SOLD OUT OF AREA TWENTIES (COMMUTER LOTS). SORRY!

This is the sign that greets University of Nebraska-Lincoln students as they approach the UNL police station.

Lt. John Burke, UNL parking administrator, said he stopped the sale of the commuter student parking permits, which are sold to students living off campus, to avoid overcrowding problems. He terminated the sale Aug. 31, he said,

after the number of commuter permits exceeded the number of parking spaces by 20 percent, he said.

"That's probably mild compared to other institutions around the country," he said. "It's not uncommon to go as high as 50 percent."

UNL officials sold about 4,500 commuter permits this semester compared to 3,275 sold during the first semester of 1987.

"This is the most commuter students I've seen bring their cars on campus," said Burke, who has worked at UNL six years.

Burke said he is unsure what caused the

increase. It could be attributed to more students with part-time jobs, he said, which sometimes forces them to drive to school.

The increase in commuters has caused about a 20 percent increase in the number of parking tickets issued, Burke said. Most of the tickets are issued to students who don't have a permit or who park in the wrong areas, he said.

Ron Fuller, parking staff assistant, said police exercise more discretion in waiving tickets during the first few weeks of school. But waiving tickets ultimately depends on the situation and the behavior of individuals displays

when he or she requests a waiver, he said.

Students who still need a parking permit can buy temporary lot permits from UNL police for \$10. These permits are valid for the semester but students who purchase them are restricted to two lots located south of Court Street near the Bob Devaney Sports Center. The lots offer about 175 spaces, Burke said.

Some students parking in the temporary lots have complained that they're too far from classes, Fuller said. But many students walk as

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