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WEATHER: Monday, partly sunny, high near 70, winds from the W at 10-20 mph. Monday night, fair, low in the mid 40s. Tuesday, partly sunny, high 65-70.

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Computer system axes; regents will reconsider

By Victoria Ayotte
Senior Reporter

The NU Board of Regents rejected a proposal Friday that would update the university's mainframe computer system, but plans to hold a teleconference Wednesday to reconsider the issue.

The emergency proposal, which was added to the regents' agenda a day before the meeting, calls for acquisition of nearly \$5 million in computer equipment from IBM.

The current mainframe computer, which links computer systems on all the campuses, isn't capable of handling present demands, said Wilfred Schutz, NU assistant vice president and director of university-wide computing.

"A lot of times (the present) system is running at 100 percent of capacity," Schutz said. "We're approaching gridlock with the load on that system and need an immediate solution to that problem."

Schutz said use of the mainframe system has gone up drastically since April 1988, when three new computer applications systems were implemented. Those included the university-wide integrated financial management system, UNL's financial aid management system and the foundation/alumni on-line system.

From Aug. 25 through Sept. 7, student registration at UNL and the University of Nebraska at Omaha resulted in an increase in the processor's use, Schutz said.

Some computer activities, such as accounting, were delayed during registration and disrupted university activities, Schutz said.

He said he expected the use to decline after the registration period, but it continued to increase. As a result, Schutz started to negotiate with IBM for an upgrade of the system.

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Schutz said the agreement with IBM that would switch the university from the IBM 3081D to the IBM 3090 central processing system would triple the processor's current capacity.

The agreement requires an initial down payment of \$426,938 with no further obligation from the university. It also includes an incentive of \$100,000 if NU contracts before Thursday.

"I have to say that for the university this is a heck of a deal," Schutz said.

NU officials previously had planned to update the computer system for \$5 million, but not until July



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Nebraska Homecoming Royalty

Lori Nedrow, a marketing major from Geneva, and Brian Hilgenfield, an industrial engineering major from Dawson, were crowned homecoming queen and king at halftime of Saturday's Nebraska-Oklahoma State football game at Memorial Stadium.

Precautions lessen chances of being assaulted

By Chris Carroll
Staff Reporter

Although the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, like other campuses, has a problem with sexual assaults and harassment, the likelihood of being assaulted can be lessened by taking precautions, according to Cpl. Larry Kalkowski of the UNL Police Department.



Kalkowski said he has talked with 175 students since the third week of August about how to be less vulnerable to would-be rapists.

He has given many of these presentations over the last four years while on UNL's Crime Prevention Bureau.

Kalkowski said that because the majority of campus sexual assaults occur while on a date, he tells students how to be less vulnerable on dates.

"Avoid a dominant male who tries to control your behavior, deciding where you go and what you eat," he said.

Someone displaying those characteristics is more likely to use force in an intimate situation, Kalkowski said.

Date rape does not always occur on the first date, he said, but on a later date when one's guard is down.

Don't go somewhere on a date so private that help isn't available if needed, Kalkowski said.

Kalkowski said students should date in a group setting until they become more acquainted with their date.

Marcee Metzger, interpersonal violence counselor for UNL Residence Education, said during an informal discussion with a class she discovered that men and women interpret differently what a woman

wants sexually when she goes to a man's room.

The men said if a woman returns to a male's residence, knowing the roommate is gone, it would be OK to use force in an intimate situation, Metzger said.

More men said they would use force in the same situation if they had previously indicated they were attracted to their date, she said.

Women indicated that although they may want some kind of sexual contact, going to a man's residence doesn't necessarily mean they want to have sex, Metzger said.

Kalkowski said it is important to remember that men may think "no" actually means "yes" and students should avoid giving ambiguous messages.

"If you are engaged in heavy petting and don't want to go further, tell him," Kalkowski said.

Kalkowski said he advises against continued heavy petting at that time. "If he insists on going further,"

not brought to our attention then."

"It's difficult for me to go along with something I got two days ago," Regent Margaret Robinson of Norfolk added.

Regent Don Fricke of Lincoln said he also would like more time to look at the proposal, but Regent James Moylan of Omaha said he thought the

regents should act on the proposal immediately.

In response to criticism from the regents, Schutz said he thinks the current computer load is the critical factor in making the decision now.

"This is affecting hundreds of our

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Agricultural research group moves to UNL

By Jerry Guenther
Staff Reporter

The MidAmerica International Agricultural Consortium, a research organization designed to educate farmers, will move from Columbia, Mo., to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Jan. 1, according to William Miller, the group's executive director.

Miller, who succeeded retiring executive director J. Wendell McKinsey of the University of Missouri Oct. 1, said the Lincoln headquarters at East Campus will serve five Midwestern universities who belong to the non-profit corporation.

The five Midwestern universities are UNL, Iowa State, Missouri, Kansas State and Oklahoma State, Miller said.

Miller said the organization deals with in-

ternational projects overseas and is not a teaching or research extension-type function, like a university department.

Instead, Miller said, the group has a contractual arrangement where money is provided by the federal government to deal with international projects overseas.

"Right now we have several projects overseas," Miller said. "Usually, one of the universities kind of takes the lead in the group and goes ahead and makes arrangements to coordinate the staff from other universities to join the project overseas."

Miller said the locations of the projects change from year to year as the projects are completed.

The consortium also is designed to work only with international agricultural development projects and receives its federal funding

from the Agency for International Development, he said.

Miller said the new Lincoln location will give additional recognition to the importance of working internationally from a small community.

"The world economy and the world political issues are more and more important to people living in Nebraska every year," Miller said. "Especially as we learn more and work more with other countries and their approaches to agriculture."

In addition, Miller said Lincoln and UNL could benefit from added recognition and contact with other countries.

Although Lincoln has been selected as the organization's new location, Miller said, students and faculty from all five universities will have access to the consortium and its projects.

"There's no special difference (for UNL students) because the office is located here," Miller said.

Miller credits strong support from NU President Ronald Roskens; Irvin Omvedt, vice chancellor for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources; and Glen Vollmar, director of international programs, in helping Lincoln to be chosen as the new headquarters.

Miller said he hopes to continue the organization's established reputation of doing high quality work. This includes maintaining an excellent educational program at the participating universities, so foreign students who come to study agriculture at the schools can take advanced knowledge back to their home countries, he said.

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