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WEATHER: Thursday, partly sunny and mild, high 65-70 with W winds 5-10 mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy, low in the upper 30s. Friday, partly cloudy, high in the mid 60s.

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Students blast ASUN for apology letter

By Ryan Steeves
Staff Reporter

Five students and a few senators blasted the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska Wednesday night for sending two apology letters Monday without seeking student input.

ASUN sent letters to Gov. Kay Orr and UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale apologizing for student booing during halftime of the Oct. 15 Oklahoma State-Nebraska football game. Fans booed Massengale and Orr after they were introduced during Homecoming activities.

Students, who spoke in open forum during the senate meeting, said ASUN acted irrespon-

sibly by not seeking student input.

Gifford Holmquist, a sophomore industrial engineering major, said senators didn't act democratically by deciding the issue themselves.

"There is no reason for you guys to say you represent the student body when you don't ask the students," Holmquist said.

Tim Olson of the College of Law said he was pleased to see students taking an interest in the matter.

But Peter Barufkin, a sophomore pre-med major, criticized Olson's praise.

Barufkin said ASUN was hypocritical in supporting opposition to the apology letters during open forum while denouncing opposi-

tion to Orr and Massengale at the same time. Both sets of students simply were exercising their freedom of expression, he said.

"We think you're just kissing up," Barufkin told the senators.

But Sen. Kevin Lytle of the College of Business Administration said the students speaking in open forum expressed appropriate criticism, while criticism at the OSU-NU game was inappropriate.

Olson, who introduced the legislation, defended ASUN's support for the apology bill, saying students hadn't shown an interest in the issue before Wednesday night's meeting.

"Without student participation, we have to act on instinct," he said.

ASUN President Jeff Petersen echoed the need for more constituent participation in student government. Petersen cited a recent poor turnout at the first Residence Liaison Committee meeting Monday as an example of the participation problem. Although 125 letters were mailed to student assistants, only three attended the first meeting.

"I'm a little disturbed that we're having difficulty obtaining student comment," Petersen said.

Kim Beavers, ASUN second vice president, said ASUN has been "beating their heads against a brick wall" trying to get student

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Osborne gives Nebraska a boost on California radio

By David G. Young
Staff Reporter

Los Angeles radio station will air 12 commercials recorded by Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne in an effort to attract more filmmakers to Lincoln.

The Lincoln Film and Television Office sponsored the commercials which will air four times on KMNY Radio during each of the remaining three Nebraska games. Lincoln's KFOR radio recorded the commercials while Osborne was at the station making other tapes.

"We thought it was kind of far-fetched at first," said Chuck Penington, chairman of the Lincoln Film and Television Committee, a citizens' advisory group appointed by Mayor Bill Harris. "We finally got into the serious consideration of it at the last board meeting, and decided that it would be a decent direction to go even though it's never been done before."

Doug Breisch, coordinator of the Lincoln Film and Television Office, said the novelty of the approach will add to the effectiveness. Breisch said he expected the idea to get news coverage in film trade publications, including the Holiday Reporter and the Daily Variety.

Penington said several methods of promoting Lincoln as a film location have been used in the past. These include letters to producers and ads in trade magazines and special edition publications.

Though optimistic, Breisch is unsure of the results the spots will yield.

"I think at this point it's hard to tell," Breisch said. "This is the first time we've done it, so it's difficult to tell if it will be more effective. I've been out to Los Angeles four times in the past year. I'm constantly meeting

people that are from Lincoln, from Nebraska, that are in the production industry."

Penington said the commercials are aimed at these people.

"There are a lot of Nebraskans in Southern California," Penington said. "Already you have a target group of some people who are interested in Cornhusker football. The nature of effectiveness is the total amount of information you can give the people so they will think about Lincoln when they are thinking about places."

KMNY Radio, which regularly has a business format, was paid about \$800 to run all 12 commercials, Breisch said. He said that this was less than the cost of a half-page ad in the Holiday Reporter.

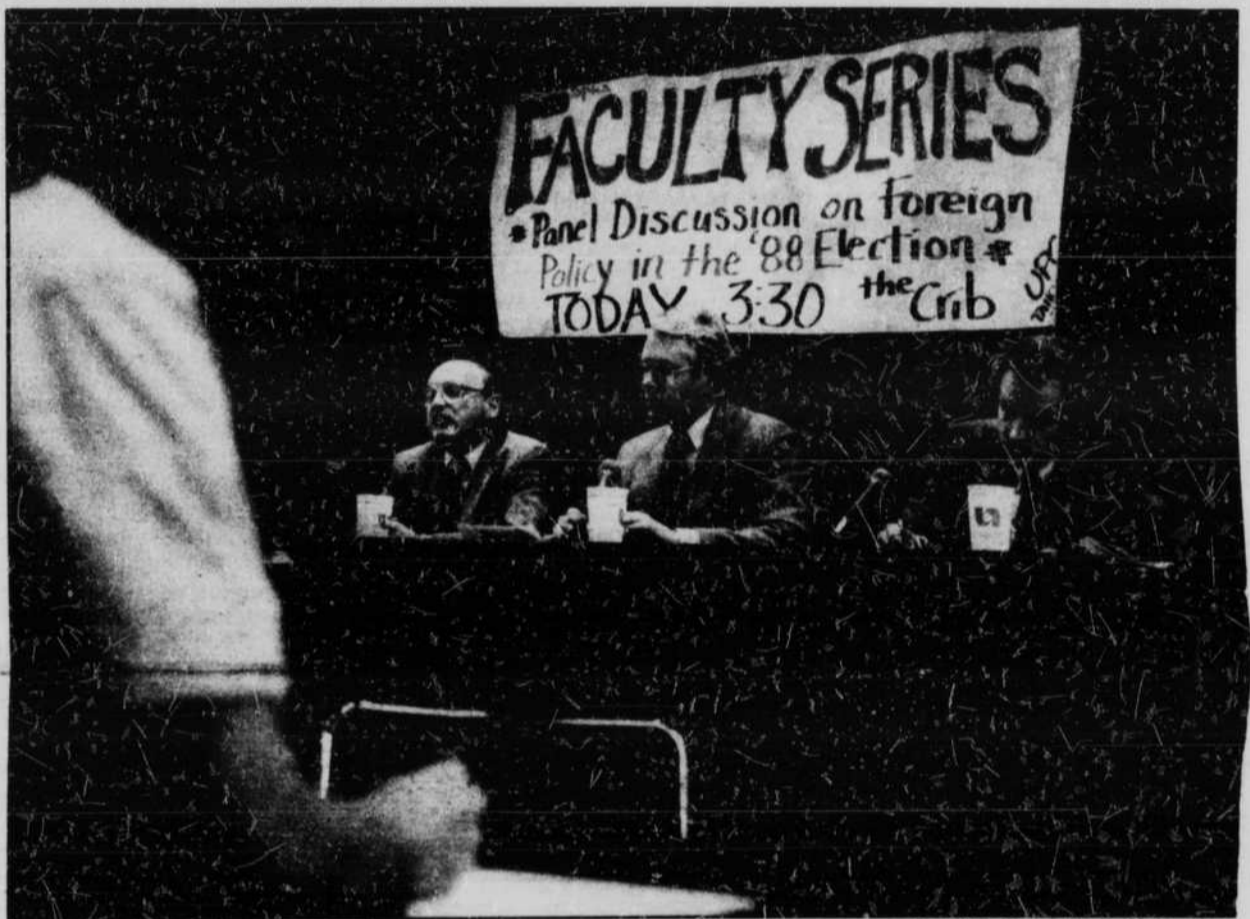
"We can't afford a 'top 40' station. The rates on that would just be horrendous," Penington said. "This is a good target-audience."

In each of the two versions of the 30-second commercial, Osborne asks filmmakers to "look in Lincoln first" for shooting locations.

"This is Tom Osborne, and we do a lot more in Lincoln than play football. We have movies made here too. Lincoln has a wide variety of typical Midwestern locations.

"Directors say that makes for good location shooting. We're anxious to spread the word, and we thought you might help us carry the ball. Tell anyone you know in the film business, when they're looking for locations, look in Lincoln first," Osborne said in the commercial.

Penington said the Film and Television Office received special funding from the Lincoln Economic Development Division to pay for the spots. The Film and Television Committee has a yearly budget of \$14,000.



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UNL professors Ivan Volgyes, Lloyd Ambrosius and David Forsythe discuss the views of presidential candidates as Dave Cassidy, a UNL senior history major, takes notes.

Professors discuss election positions

By Chris Carroll
Staff Reporter

Three University of Nebraska-Lincoln professors, panelists in an election forum sponsored by the University Program Council's Talks & Topics committee responded to questions Wednesday on what the presidential candidates are likely to do if elected. Issues discussed, in the Crib of the Nebraska Union, included the

candidate's positions on South African sanctions, banning of ballistic missile testing, and the future of the Strategic Defense Initiative. Profs. Lloyd Ambrosius, history, David Forsythe, and Ivan Volgyes, political science made up the panel.

The professors also discussed their opinions on what realistically can be done to address these problems.

Questions were presented by Brian Herbin and Jeff Wendland, facilitators of the UPC Talks & Topics

committee.

The two candidates, Vice-President George Bush and Governor Michael Dukakis, perhaps differ the most on their approach to apartheid in South Africa, Ambrosius said.

He said Bush believes satisfactory reforms will come under the existing South African government. The Reagan Administration has taken this stance, known as constructive en-

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Officials rationalize extended-year degrees

By Eve Nations
Staff Reporter

Today's college students are taking longer than four years to complete their degrees because of increased requirements and financial burdens placed on them, according to Robert Furgason, vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Furgason said one reason students take longer to complete degrees is because they work more.

"A lot of students get part-time jobs, and as a consequence, they are dropping their loads," he said.

In the past few years, Furgason said, there has been a gradual rise in the number of students who take more than four years to complete degrees.

He also attributes the new trend to changing attitudes among students.

"There is a tendency for students not to be overly concerned with getting out in four years," Furgason said. "I think this is some-

times good."

He said students that stay longer than four years may receive a more well-rounded education because they take more general electives.

Furgason said some colleges, such as the engineering college, require more electives. That is one reason students graduate later, he said.

"I think this is a positive change," he said.

Alfred Witte, associate dean of the College of Engineering and Technology, said most engineering students take four-and-a-half to five years to complete the engineering program.

"A lot of the students can't take big loads during their freshman and sophomore years because the classes are very difficult," he said.

Bert Alfrey, director of the Teachers College Student Services Center, agreed that more requirements and working students contribute to the five-year trend.

"The average now is usually eight semesters and two summer school semesters," he said.

"Also, approximately half of our students do work besides going to school."

Alfrey said he started "seeing the norm change about five or six years ago."

"Parents have been adjusted to thinking that college should only take four years to graduate," he said. "Students accept the fact that it takes longer to graduate but parents don't."

Some students get pressure from their parents to graduate in four years, Alfrey said.

"If the parents are paying for the students' education, they will sometimes tell students that they'll pay for the first eight semesters and after that, the students are on their own. They don't realize that it is not very possible, in most programs, to finish in eight semesters," he said.

Tim Levenhagen, a fifth-year recreation and park management major, said the main reason he is taking five years is because he changed his major.

"I've changed my major several times because I wasn't interested in the program or I wasn't doing well enough to stay in," he said.

"In a lot of programs, even if you stay in the same one, you can't finish in four years."

Levenhagen said he knows of many people who started college at the same time as him that are still in school.

"It is more of a norm to be here for five years even though they are still called four-year colleges," he said.

Another fifth-year senior, Michelle Peirce, said she is taking more time because she also changed her major. But she said financial burdens have also played a role in this decision.

She said she works to pay for her college expenses and usually takes between 12 and 15 hours per semester.

Peirce, a recreation major, said she did not expect to be in college for longer than four years when she started.

"I didn't think it would take more than four years," she said. "I thought college was only supposed to take four years. That's what everyone told me, but I never realized what hell it actually was."