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CORRECTION

In a story about the International Students Organization's banquet (Nov. 15), Riaz Bhat was misquoted. He is from the Indian part of Kashmir.

Wednesday, mostly sunny by afternoon, high 35-40 with NW winds at 25-30 mph diminishing to 10-20 mph by afternoon. Wednesday night, clear and cold, low around 20. Thursday, sunny, not as cold, high in the low to mid 40s.

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Legislators defeat income tax resolution

By Amy Edwards
Senior Editor

Nebraska legislators debated the effect of the domino theory Tuesday, during the fourth day of the 90th Legislature's first special session.

Discussion ended in a 12-28 defeat of Legislative Resolution 2, introduced by Sens. James McFarland of Lincoln, Stan Schellpeper of Stanton and Merton Dierks of Ewing.

LR2 states that the Legislature

should amend the state income tax system to restore fairness and equity in the system, especially for middle-income Nebraskans, and to remedy the effects of tax increases caused by LB773.

McFarland said passing the resolution would help the Legislature look at the tax increase problems in sections rather than in one package.

"Look at it like a string of dominoes, and if one domino falls the rest will topple," McFarland said of the problems caused by LB773.

McFarland said LB773 created tax increases for middle-class Nebraskans while giving tax breaks to corporations and the upper class.

LB773 was designed to free Nebraska from the federal tax system, making an independent system that would not be affected by federal changes. Doug Parrott, Gov. Kay Orr's communications director, said LB773 readjusted the tax system to make it more fair and equitable for all Nebraskans.

McFarland cited statistics from the

Legislative Fiscal Office, which showed that people in an income range of \$10,000 to \$20,000 had a tax increase of 20.98 percent while people in the \$100,000 to \$500,000 range had a decrease of 10.25 percent.

McFarland asked senators to sign a letter to pull the legislative body into special session to debate the issue.

McFarland said passing the resolution did not mean that senators must go into special session to debate the issue, but that they would adopt necessary legislation in the next session.

McFarland said the next session could mean the regular session in January.

But waiting for the regular session to act on the tax increases would mean that Nebraskans have to wait another year for tax breaks, he said.

"If we do not act now in this year to change the tax rate then we take the injustice into 1989. If we wait... we will not see that change in April 1989, we will have to wait until April 1990... that is just too long to wait."

See TAXES on 3

NRD election win shocks unprepared UNL sophomore

By Pattie Greene
Staff Reporter

Although she doesn't know what the job entails, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln student said she is glad she was elected Nov. 8 as board member of the Lower Platte South Natural Resource District.

Ann Mihulka, a 19-year-old sophomore sociology major, said she is not familiar with what the board does, although she does know they "work on certain projects."

"I do know that their main goal is to protect, conserve and maintain natural resources," she said.

Doug Davis, a technician for the NRD, said the district has seven objectives. The primary objectives are soil conservation, flood control, wildlife habitat and recreation areas, he said. He said they do many projects in and around Lincoln.

Mihulka said she has read some old pamphlets in a library about how the board is set up and said she also has asked her father, who works for the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

According to Mihulka, as a board member she will attend meetings once a month, starting in January, and will "sit on the board, which is almost like a city council, and talk about plans and stuff."

Mihulka said the board has a convention for newly elected members in December.

"They'll tell us there what we'll do," she said.

She said "no one knows what the NRD does or what it is" and that "the people who run for the office don't know much about it until they get in it."

Davis said "about half or a good percentage" of NRD directors have a "vague background or knowledge of what we do." He said that once the directors are elected, "it's the first time they've been in the door."

Mihulka will be in office for four years and plans to vote along with the rest of the board members.

"I want to do the same things they do, I guess," she said.

Mihulka decided to run for office when a neighbor asked her father to run for the office. He couldn't because he works for the Game and Parks Commission, she said.

"They needed someone to run from our district," she said. So, she said, she decided to run for office.

"I thought it'd be neat to run," she said. "I didn't expect to win."



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Bye, bye birdies

Lincoln city workers spray trees on 'O' Street Monday night to discourage roosting by starlings and sparrows. Bob Weyrich, assistant city forester, said the trees were being sprayed with "Roost-No-More," a sticky substance which acts as an irritant to the birds but which is not harmful to humans. Because the city had a problem with bird droppings three years ago, Weyrich said, it now sprays the trees once a year. City workers are scheduled to finish the spraying Wednesday night.

Anti-abortion group provides network

By Eve Nations
Staff Reporter

Students For Life, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln student organization, sponsored a program Tuesday night to help educate students about the issue of abortion.

Nelvia Agnew, president of the organization and a graduate student at UNL, said her main concern was to eliminate the misconceptions that many students have about abortions.

"I am very concerned with women and men that don't know the facts," she said. "I want them to know that our group exists and that we are here to educate and to supply a support network."

After showing a graphic video entitled "Eclipse of Reason," which showed an abortion being performed, Agnew answered questions. Many of the questions dealt with the effects of abortions performed after the third month of a woman's pregnancy. This was the main focus of the video.

Agnew said that many complications can occur among women who have second- or third-trimester abortions.

"Out of all the abortions that are performed, roughly 7,500 have serious complications," Agnew said. "Such complications can be major hemorrhaging, sterility, deaths due to scarring, hysterectomies and uterus damage."

Julie Lostroh, a member of Nebraska Legislature for Life, said the state has limited power concerning abortions. The state can not outlaw people from having abortions, she said.

But, she added that certain amendments "prevent funding for abortions unless the mother's life is in danger."

Lostroh said that approximately 10 to 20 doctors perform abortions in Nebraska.

Agnew said the organization has "been around for a while but just became active again last year."

She said the group is planning future programs, similar to the one Tuesday, to inform students about abortions.

"We participated in the Walk for Life and we set up booths around campus to inform people what our goals are," she said.

"Our main objectives are to provide support groups and to provide other loving alternatives to abortion," she said. "There are about 6,000 abortions performed each year in Nebraska and a lot of women aren't educated about these abortions."

Students for Life has a membership of about 25 people, Agnew said. They are also connected with Right to Life and Nebraskan Collegians for Life.

New system loads problems on office

By Jerry Guenther
Staff Reporter

Computer headaches on campus continue for some university officials because of problems implementing a new integrated accounting system, said Merle Schaal, director of university accounting.

Schaal said the new computer system, which was developed by Management Systems of America, has been in use since July 1.

"It's a very complicated system," Schaal said.

Some of the problems have come about because the new system was designed for private industry, not a public institution, Schaal said.

As a result, Schaal said, some of the programs have been rewritten to make the system adaptable.

"It's a combination of learning the system and rewriting many of the programs to fit into the state," Schaal said.

Alan Seagren, vice president for administration, said the general ledger portion of the system cost

approximately \$130,000. Seagren did not have exact figures on the entire cost of the system at press time.

The decision was made by central administration to switch systems because of many problems with the old system, Schaal said.

Schaal said that the old system was outdated.

"It took a lot of programming to keep it running and (central administration) felt that as far as the programmers were concerned, the new system would be easier to maintain."

Schaal also said that many of the problems with the new system were expected before it was put into use.

"We went into it realizing it was going to take a long time," Schaal said. "You just don't put up anything as massive as this without expecting some problems."

One of the problems occurred when the new system was first implemented, Schaal said. For the first six weeks, the department fell behind because accounts payable had to be processed on the old system and the

new system, he said.

"We knew we would get behind, and it ran true to our understanding," Schaal said. "But we are caught back up."

Another reason there have been problems with the new system, Schaal said, is because the main frame computer has been running at near full capacity.

"The system has to do so much night processing," Schaal said. "Until (it is done), we cannot start processing the next day's business."