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WEATHER: Monday, partly cloudy and not as cold, high in the lower to mid 30s, SW winds at 10-20 mph. Monday night, partly cloudy, low around 20. Tuesday, partly sunny and warmer, high in the mid 40s.

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ASUN President Jeff Petersen listens as Regent Nancy Hoch of Nebraska City speaks during the Regents meeting Saturday at Varner Hall.

Regents approves budget for UNL renovation project

By Victoria Ayotte
Senior Reporter

The NU Board of Regents approved a \$3 million increase in the renovation estimate for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Business Administration Saturday, along with approving nearly \$75 million in other building projects.

The CBA renovation estimates were increased from about \$7 million originally to more than \$10 million. John Benson, director of institutional research and planning for UNL, said the new costs resulted from an addition of a 500-seat auditorium. The original \$7 million was approved in the capital construction request in 1986.

The auditorium in Love Library, which is currently used as a classroom, could be closed and used for needed library expansion, Benson said.

Additional classroom space needs also were increased in the revised proposal, Benson said.

"We need more flexibility to accommodate them (CBA) than original assumptions," Benson said.

The original cost estimate was a "conservative non-growth philosophy," he said. "The proposed changes are the result of looking to the future."

Gary Schwendiman, dean of CBA, said the additional space is needed to give UNL space comparable to other business colleges.

Most business colleges of UNL's size and population have about 20

square feet per student. UNL has about 7 square feet per student, he said. The renovation would make CBA come to about 15 square feet per student, which Schwendiman said probably would be adequate.

"Our history in CBA is we have taken the tax dollars given to us and used them efficiently," he said.

Completion date for the proposed renovation and addition is scheduled for 1993.

The regents also approved an increased project cost of UNL's Veterinary Service/Training Facility at the Meat Animal Research Center in Clay Center.

Bids on the project exceeded project estimates by about \$500,000, and in order to restore the "high priority program capabilities," the project cost needs to be upscaled, said Irvin Omtvedt, vice chancellor for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Half of additional funds of \$250,000 would be requested from the state, which would be matched by federal funds to get the \$500,000 increase, Omtvedt said.

UNL's administration was authorized to purchase the Pontillo's property at 13th and Q streets for \$215,000, which includes relocation assistance. It is the last land to be acquired by the Lied Center project.

Owners of the property have the right to use the property for a restaurant until Dec. 30, 1992 under the agreement.

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Student regents meet opposition

By Victoria Ayotte
Senior Reporter

Student regents met tough opposition from some members of the NU Board of Regents Saturday when they requested a non-official vote on the board.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Student Regent Jeff Petersen proposed the ex-officio vote. The vote would not affect the outcome of any vote of the regents, but would allow student regents to take a stand on

various issues.

Under the proposal, the corporation secretary would call upon the student regents to give their position for the record immediately after discussion and before roll call of the regents.

"I'm sure when you heard we were going to present such a concept, many of you probably thought 'Here we go again,'" Petersen told the regents. After all, students have been singing the no-vote blues for many years. The singers come and the sing-

ers go, but the song stays the same."

"For students to be truly represented, he said, student regents need to take a stand on the issues."

"There is no measure of accountability" under the current structure, he said, which makes it impossible for constituents to know if they are being represented.

The non-official vote, he said, would be a "quick, easy and simple systematic means of expressing our

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Commission rejects student aid

By Victoria Ayotte
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Ryan Steeves
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education rejected a proposal Friday that would have increased student financial aid.

Commissioner Carl Hansen of Fremont proposed that the commission amend its budget to increase matching funds of Student State Incentive Grants. The Nebraska Legislature appropriates the funds and the federal government matches them.

The commission's current biennial budget provides for an increase of \$250,000 a year for SSIG matching funds. The current appropriation is \$750,000. If approved by the Legislature and Gov. Kay Orr, the regular budget increase would raise the funds to \$1 million in 1989-90 and \$1.25 million in 1990-91.

Carl Hansen, who represents independent colleges, proposed increasing overmatching funds to \$3 million in 1989-90 and to \$5 million in 1990-91.

The commission voted 8-1 against the proposal.

A recent study on financial aid shows that Nebraska has \$60 million in unmet student financial need. UNL has more than \$7 million in unmet need.

Commissioner Bud Cuca of Lincoln cautioned commissioners about increasing the budget too much.

"I think we have to be real careful with who we're going to alienate in requesting that

amount of money," Cuca said.

Commissioner Eric Seacrest of North Platte said he thinks commissioners want to increase SSIG matching funds but they disagree on the amount. Seacrest said the commission should solve disagreements over the formula officials use to distribute SSIG money before the commission makes any increases.

Commissioner David Stubbs of Kearney said the original \$250,000 increase is appropriate. Stubbs, who represents technical community colleges, said the original increase moves Nebraska to 37th in the nation in meeting students' financial needs. He said that rating is sufficient for now.

After rejecting the proposal, Cuca proposed a resolution which instructs Commission Chairman Paula Wells of Omaha to inform Orr about the need for increased funds in Nebraska. Cuca also proposed that Wells informally request that Orr increase the commission's budget and show her the unmet need study.

Commissioner Kermit Hansen of Elkhorn criticized the proposed informal request. Hansen, who represents the University of Nebraska, said sending Orr information about student need and then not requesting a specific budget increase is "inappropriate."

Hansen said the commission should not expect the governor to increase the budget if the commission itself is unwilling to do so.

"We don't want to stick out our neck politically," Hansen said.

The commission unanimously accepted the amended resolution to send the governor the

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UNL junior found dead in dorm room

From Staff Reports

A 20-year-old University of Nebraska-Lincoln student was found dead at approximately 7:10 p.m. Thursday after apparently having hanged himself, a UNL police officer said.

Roger Dartmann, a Teachers College junior who lived on the 2nd floor of Harper Hall, had not been seen for some time. This prompted a student to contact the floor's student assistant,

said Ron Lundy, the investigating officer.

The student assistant found Dartmann hanging in his closet and immediately called 911, Lundy said. He said the Lancaster County coroner determined that Dartmann died between midnight and 12:30 a.m. Wednesday.

A note written by Dartmann was found in the room. In it, he wrote that he was concerned about decisions regarding his future and relationships with his family members and friends, Lundy said.



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There's no ball like 'snow' ball

Members of the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity played snow football Sunday in the field behind Mabel Lee Hall.