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WEATHER: Thursday, continued clouds in the a.m. with temperatures warming to 40 and becoming sunny, NW winds 10 to 20 mph. Thursday night, low 15 to 20 degrees. Friday, highs in mid 40s with sunny skies. Saturday through Monday, continued dry and mild conditions with temperatures in mid 40s to 50s.	INDEX
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Ed Bisailon, Hastings, listens to a question from a committee member of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee Wednesday. Bisailon testifies against LB340 during the hearing.

Hearing packed

Bill aims to resolve burial issue

By Lee Rood
Senior Editor

Room 1117 of the State Capitol was packed Wednesday. So packed, in fact, that testimony on LB340 -- a controversial bill on the issue of burial rights -- needed to be piped to people listening in the halls outside.

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The bill, introduced by state Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha, will answer the question -- once and for all -- of what to do with American Indian skeletal remains currently in the possession of the Nebraska State Historical Society. The bill also would regulate all unmarked burial sites in Nebraska,

Indian or not, and mandate the return of the remains and burial goods after a set time for scientific study.

Controversy over the issue of burial remains spawned largely because of the historical society's wish to keep its current collection of remains for scientific and educational value and the fight of Nebraska and Oklahoma Indians to give identifiable remains a proper burial.

Chambers told members of the Nebraska Legislature's Government, Military and Veterans Affairs subcommittee that "everybody on the face of the Earth" is allowed decent burial rights, except "the indigenous population" of the United States.

"Maybe what I'd like to do is go dig around in the Mormon Cemetery in Omaha," Chambers said, referring to the way Indian

remains have been excavated for science.

Chambers said LB340 would ensure respect for burial rights, making sure discovered burial remains would be left alone or returned to families or tribes for proper burial.

With that in mind, LB340 requires the Pawnee skeletal remains and burial goods be returned to the tribe for reburial on Sept. 10, 1989.

But Norman Krivosha, former chairman of the historical society's board of directors, said the society would like to keep the Pawnee remains -- about 20 percent of its collection -- until the Smithsonian Institution could secure financing for further research. Krivosha said the society would like to extend the return deadline to Oct. 1, 1991.

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Furgason named finalist for Idaho U. presidency

By Jerry Guenther
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Richard Gibb, who is retiring June 30

Furgason could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

The Idaho State Board of Education announced Wednesday that Robert Furgason, University of Nebraska-Lincoln vice chancellor for academic affairs, has been named as one of the four finalists for the presidency of the University of Idaho.

Karen Sparkman, from the board's office, said the other finalists are Elisabeth Zinser, vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro; Ryan Amacher, dean of the College of Commerce at Clemson University in South Carolina and David Anderson, dean of Veterinary Medicine at University of Georgia-Athens.

Sparkman said the finalists will visit the University of Idaho, in Moscow, for two days before meeting with students, faculty, staff, community leaders and a presidential screening committee on Feb. 16.

She said the board will meet Feb. 16 and 17 in Boise to interview candidates and select the new president.

The new president will replace

Terry Armstrong, who has assisted Gibb for 11 years, said he thinks Furgason may have an inside advantage to becoming the next UI president.

Armstrong said that because Furgason is a UI alumnus and former professor, he is more familiar with the state and university than other candidates.

"His loyalty to the University of Idaho is unquestionable," Armstrong said.

Furgason earned his bachelor of science and masters degrees in chemical engineering from the University of Idaho in 1956 and 1958.

Prior to his present position at UNL, Furgason was vice president for academic affairs and research at UI from 1978 to 1984, and was dean of the College of Engineering there from 1974 to 1978.

Armstrong said Furgason began as a graduate instructor at UI in 1959, and his movements all the way up to vice president of academic affairs and research there was "pretty amazing."

"I know he was a rapidly rising star," Armstrong said.

ASUN encourages poll site in residence hall food building

By Ryan Steeves
Staff Reporter

what students thought about the idea.

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska passed a resolution Wednesday night that encourages the ASUN Electoral Commission to place a voting poll at the Harper-Schramm-Smith food service building.

ASUN senators passed the resolution 13 to 5 after debating whether the food service would make the most accessible and fair place for a poll site.

Those who supported the additional poll said it would increase voter turnout at ASUN elections.

Marc Shkolnick, RHA president, said he was pleased with the senators' show of support.

"They've shown us that they're moving in a positive direction," Shkolnick said. "They're making voting more accessible."

Shkolnick said he hopes the Electoral Commission will note senators' support and agree to place a poll in the food service building.

The resolution was first introduced at the Dec. 7 ASUN Senate meeting. Senators voted to delay the resolution until they could find out

The original resolution called for additional polls in all residence halls. Senators amended the resolution Wednesday, proposing only the food service poll.

Shkolnick told senators that more polls would increase voting and ASUN's influence when lobbying the legislature. More votes also could legitimize the new unofficial student regent vote on the NU Board of Regents, he said.

"What a wonderful thing it would be if the student regent could back that vote up with more than a 13 percent turnout?" Shkolnick asked.

Sen. Kevin Lytle of the College of Business Administration opposed the resolution.

Lytle said a food service poll would give preferential treatment to residence hall students. He said current polls are located fairly for all students.

Shkolnick said the Electoral Commission could select additional polls to make their locations equitable for all students.

ASUN President Jeff Petersen said he agreed with the concept of the resolution.

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COLAGE to request funds from CFA tonight

By Curt Wagner
Editor

After being denied funding in 1987, the Committee Offering Lesbian And Gay Events tonight will ask for student fees through the University Program Council's 1989-90 student fee budget request.



COLAGE, formerly called the Gay/Lesbian Programming Committee, will ask the Committee for Fees

Allocation to grant \$1,691 in student fees to finance programming. Each University of Nebraska-Lincoln student will pay 4 cents per semester for COLAGE programming if the budget is approved.

In 1987, CFA voted 6-3 against granting GLPC \$882, but reallocated \$406 for a safe sex seminar. CFA then put the remaining \$476 into a Special Events fund, which CFA suggested GLPC use. GLPC acted as a non-financed group within UPC this year.

Kelly Green, vice president of UPC-City, said she believes COLAGE will be financed this year because of the improved awareness of the group on campus and the need for the campus community to understand the gay/lesbian lifestyle.

In the past, COLAGE has co-programmed with other UPC groups such educational events as "My friend is gay and I don't understand," National Coming Out Day and Lesbian and Gay Pride Week.

Nanci Hamilton, co-chairperson of COLAGE, said she also expects CFA to finance the group this year.

"There's no logical, non-religious-based reason not to," Hamilton said.

She said COLAGE programs are for straight as well as gay and lesbian individuals, and those who are not sure.

New funding for COLAGE is only part of a \$28,334 increase in UPC's total budget request from 1988-89. UPC received \$154,904 in 1988-89,

but is asking for \$183,238 for 1989-90. This means \$4.40 per student per semester.

Over half that increase comes from UPC's Kimball/Lied Performing Arts Committee, which requested \$75,000, up from \$60,000 last year. The 25 percent increase results in a \$1.80 charge per student per semester.

The opening of the Lied Center for Performing Arts, scheduled for fall 1989, caused the increased request, Green said. She said the Kimball/Lied committee will use the money to cover costs of half-price student tickets at the Lied Center and Kimball Hall.

Green said she couldn't say whether CFA would grant the in-

crease, but added that it did increase the Kimball/Lied committee's request between 1987-88 and 1988-89. That increase was from \$28,918 to \$60,000.

She also said she couldn't say whether CFA would grant UPC's Fund Allocation Committee's request. The fund allocation committee, which awards money to student groups for their programming, has asked for \$1,500, or 4 cents per student per semester.

Last year, the committee did not request money because of an accounting error the previous year, she said. Unlike other UPC committees, the fund allocation committee's

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