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CORRECTION

In a preview of an upcoming wrestling meet between UNL and Northern Iowa (DN, Feb. 2), a drop quote was attributed to UNL basketball coach Danny Nee. UNL wrestling coach Tim Neumann made the comment.

WEATHER: Friday, blustery winds and snow, 5-10 below zero with windchills reaching 40-50 below zero. Friday night, continued cold with temperatures 10-15 degrees below zero. Saturday, temperatures 5-10 below zero. Some relief expected by Tuesday.

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Engineering surcharge could continue

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Students in the College of Engineering and Technology could pay a tuition surcharge of \$9 per credit hour for the second consecutive year if the Nebraska Legislature doesn't approve funding to keep the college's accreditation.

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Robert Furgason said the surcharge "is certainly an option that will be considered," if the Legislature doesn't appropriate \$525,000 to the college over the next two years.

Furgason said the money, used to replace and update lab equipment in undergraduate programs, is needed to meet accreditation requirements set

by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology during its 1987 visit to the engineering college.

Gov. Kay Orr did not include any money for the equipment in her 1989-91 NU budget recommendation, he said.

Furgason said that if the Legislature does not include the engineering college equipment funding in the final biennial budget, other options will have to be considered or the college's accreditation will be "in severe jeopardy."

One option would be a continuation of the surcharge, he said.

Another option, Furgason said, includes transferring funds from other university department budgets.

Funds also could be taken from the temporary instruction budget, a dis-

cretionary fund administered by Academic Affairs. These funds are currently used to provide extra sessions of courses in high demand, he said.

Stan Liberty, dean of the engineering college, said he would never recommend the surcharge as an option.

"It would have to come from someone else," he said.

To keep its accreditation, Liberty said, the college will need the ongoing ability to update and replace equipment. Another one-time surcharge won't do that, he said.

The first surcharge, which caused many students to complain last year, served its purpose of showing the accreditation board that the college intends to fix the equipment funding problems, he said.

But to solve the problem once and

for all, the state and the university, not students, need to deal with the problem, Liberty said.

"I just feel this is something that needs to be dealt with the base budget of the university," he said.

Furgason said he felt NU "explained the issue quite well," to the governor and the Legislature, but understands Orr has to balance the total budget.

If the surcharge is continued for the engineering students, the administration may consider surcharges for other departments with similar lab equipment funding problems. Furgason said those departments could include, but are not limited to, computer sciences, biological sciences and modern languages.

"There are no simple answers," he said. "We didn't used to have the

scientific equipment needs that now exist in (traditional) non-scientific areas."

Bryan Hill, chairman of the Government Liaison Committee, said funding problems for lab equipment not only plague the engineering college, but the whole university.

Hill said the NU Board of Regents' two-year budget included requests for \$525,000 in engineering lab equipment and \$1.2 million for lab equipment in other UNL departments. No money was included for either in Orr's budget, he said.

Hill said it is unfortunate that UNL officials would consider surcharges to cover the costs of lab equipment, but that the consideration might be just what he needs to get students'

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Bill would require NCAA to abide by due process laws

By Jana Pedersen
Staff Reporter

A bill directing any intercollegiate athletic association to abide by Nebraska's requirements for due process was advanced Thursday out of the Judiciary Committee of the Nebraska Legislature.

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The bill's sponsor, Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha, said LB397 is necessary to prevent national organizations such as the National Collegiate Athletic Association from ignoring due process under the state's Civil Rights Law when administering sanctions against colleges and universities in Nebraska.

Federal requirements for due process under the 14th Amendment do not apply to private national organizations, according to a recent ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court, Chambers said.

Because of this ruling, Chambers said, the state "is now in a situation where the NCAA is not bound by due process to any of the state institutions."

If the bill is passed, he said, future NCAA sanctions against any state college or university could be reversed if the institution can prove the NCAA violated Nebraska due process laws.

"Enforcement is placed on the institution," Chambers said.

Richard Wood, vice president and general counsel to the University of Nebraska, spoke in a neutral position on the bill. Wood said the university generally agrees with the bill's intent, but said he had some concerns about its legality.

According to a 1947 Nebraska Supreme Court decision, the primary purpose of state due process laws applies to government, not private, actions, Wood said.

During executive session, Chambers said he would consult Wood further on the constitutionality of the bill.

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Campbell: Campus Rec refund unnecessary

By David G. Young
Staff Reporter

Student fees allocated to Campus Recreation should not be refundable since everyone can benefit from its programs, said Stan Campbell, director of Campus Rec.

Campbell presented Campus Rec's 1989-90 budget request to the Committee for Fees Allocation Thursday.

Responding to comments made by CFA member Keith Malo, Campbell told CFA members that using student fees to finance the Campus Recreation Center is the same as using fees

for the University Health Center.

"Physical activity is one of our best forms of health insurance," Campbell said. "I guess I feel that the amount of money going into the recreation center in light of the services involved is a very reasonable request."

Malo had suggested that student fees allocated to Campus Rec, which are non-refundable Fund B fees, should be refundable, as Fund A fees are.

"I'm not a Campus Rec person -- I don't use the facilities," Malo said. "Of all the Fund B users, this is the only one I would suggest a refund for.

I feel like I'm being obligated to join the Campus Recreation Center."

Fund A organizations are the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, the Daily Nebraskan and the University Program Council. Organizations in Fund B are the Nebraska unions, the University Health Center and Campus Rec.

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, said refunding student fees allocated to Campus Rec is inappropriate because of the costs of processing refunds.

Griesen said refunds are made available to Fund A organizations because students may object to ideas

presented by Fund A fee users. Some students request refunds from fees allocated to the University Program Council because of disapproval for certain speakers, he said. Likewise, Daily Nebraskan refunds are requested by some students who disagree with its editorials. This problem is not present with Campus Rec, Griesen said.

Campus Rec has requested a \$7 per student per semester increase in student fees. If the request is approved, Campus Rec will receive \$963,689 for 1989-90. The 1989-90 student fee request represents an increase of 52 percent from this year.

Campbell said \$6.76 per student per semester of the requested increase is needed to support Phase II of the Campus Recreation Center. Last year, Campus Rec received a \$3.54 per student per semester increase.

"There's no doubt in my mind that the \$6.76 would represent the largest yearly increase," he said. "As phase III comes on line, we will have additional services which need to be financed. I'm quite confident that they will not total quite as high an increase as the \$6.76."

The remaining 24 cents of the

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The UNL "E-Z Ride" shuttle will give students rides from parking lots to campus.

Van service helps combat weather conditions

By Brad Rundquist
Staff Reporter

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police Department started operating a free shuttle van Thursday between the parking lots and campus in response to arctic temperatures.

Lt. John Burke, police parking administrator, said three vans, marked UNL E-Z Ride, will operate "until it warms up."

Burke said the shuttle has no set pick-up points. People wanting a ride should "flag down" the vans, he said.

He said that two of the vans have a capacity of eight and the third can hold 15. The shuttles will begin running at 7 a.m., he said, and will run until night classes are done. They will be driven by employees of the UNL Police Department, he said.

Burke said the idea for the shuttle was "just a good idea" by an employee of his office, and is something they should, and are

glad to, provide.

He said the shuttle service, including leasing of the largest van from University Auto-pool, costs about \$100 a day.

The vans have been used in the past to transport people to and from university conferences, Burke said.

Dr. Gerald Fleischli, medical director of the University Health Center, said that no cases of frostbite have been treated so far this year at the health center, but that the shuttle "certainly would help" reduce the chances.