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**WEATHER:** Thursday, sunny and warmer with highs around 25, SW winds 5-15 mph. Thursday night, clear and cold, lows 0-5 above zero. Friday, sunny, highs 30-35. Saturday through Monday, dry with highs around 30 each day, lows 0-10 above on Saturday morning and 5-15 Sunday and Monday morning.

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## Legislature delays nursing incentive bill

By Jerry Guenther  
Staff Reporter

After lengthy debate Wednesday, the Nebraska Legislature decided to delay until Feb. 22 action on a bill providing financial incentives for nursing students in the state.

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Sen. Arlene Nelson of Grand Island, a sponsor of LB357, said she introduced the bill to give financial

### COLAGE and condoms to go before students

By Ryan Steeves  
Staff Reporter

University of Nebraska-Lincoln students will have the chance to express their views next month on using student fees to fund the Committee Offering Lesbian and Gay Events, putting condom dispensers in UNL buildings and adding election poll sites.

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska voted Wednesday to put questions concerning these issues on ASUN election ballots. ASUN will hold its elections March 15.

One question will ask students if they think COLAGE, part of the University Program Council, should receive student fees. ASUN senators voted 13-7 to include the question.

Sen. Kevin Lytle, Chairman of the Committee for Fees Allocation, said CFA members need to know whether UNL students support COLAGE to help CFA decide whether to fund the organization.

On Sunday, CFA voted 5-4 to give COLAGE \$746 in student fees. ASUN will review that allocation and all other proposed student fees next Wednesday.

A similar ballot question appeared in the ASUN elections two years ago, Lytle said. The question asked if students supported funding a UNL Gay/Lesbian Council. About 2,000 students, constituting 85 percent of those who voted, said they objected to funding such a group.

COLAGE members have maintained that those statistics were not representative of all students because only 15 percent of the student body voted that year, Lytle said.

COLAGE members also have said the figures are outdated, he said.

"I think it's quite important to collect information on this so next year's senate can have current data,"

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incentives to nursing students in training programs and to those who work in rural areas where there are nursing shortages.

The bill includes a one-time award of \$1,000 to nurses who complete one year of employment in rural hospitals. The bill also would award \$500 to nursing students after they have completed one academic year or 30 credit hours of college.

Sen. Ron Withem of Papillion said he agrees the nursing shortage problem needs to be addressed, but he said the bill could be improved.

"I think there is probably only one thing worse that we can do as a Legislature than ignore a problem in our society," Withem said. "And that is to pass a bill that claims to solve a problem that really has little or no impact on that problem."

"I'm afraid that's what we have here with LB357," he said.

Withem said he dislikes the bill because it isn't based on individual students' financial needs.

The way the bill is stated, Withem said, wealthy students as well as poor students could collect \$500 after one

academic year in a nursing program.

Withem also said he doesn't think the bill's \$1,000 financial incentive for nurses who complete one year of work in rural hospitals will help ease the rural shortage. The \$1,000 incentive isn't enough money to attract nurses to rural hospitals, he said.

Sen. David Bernard-Stevens of North Platte said he agrees with Withem that the incentive won't help ease the rural shortage because the money only is a one-time offer.

Sen. Scott Moore of Stromsburg said he is against LB357, but for

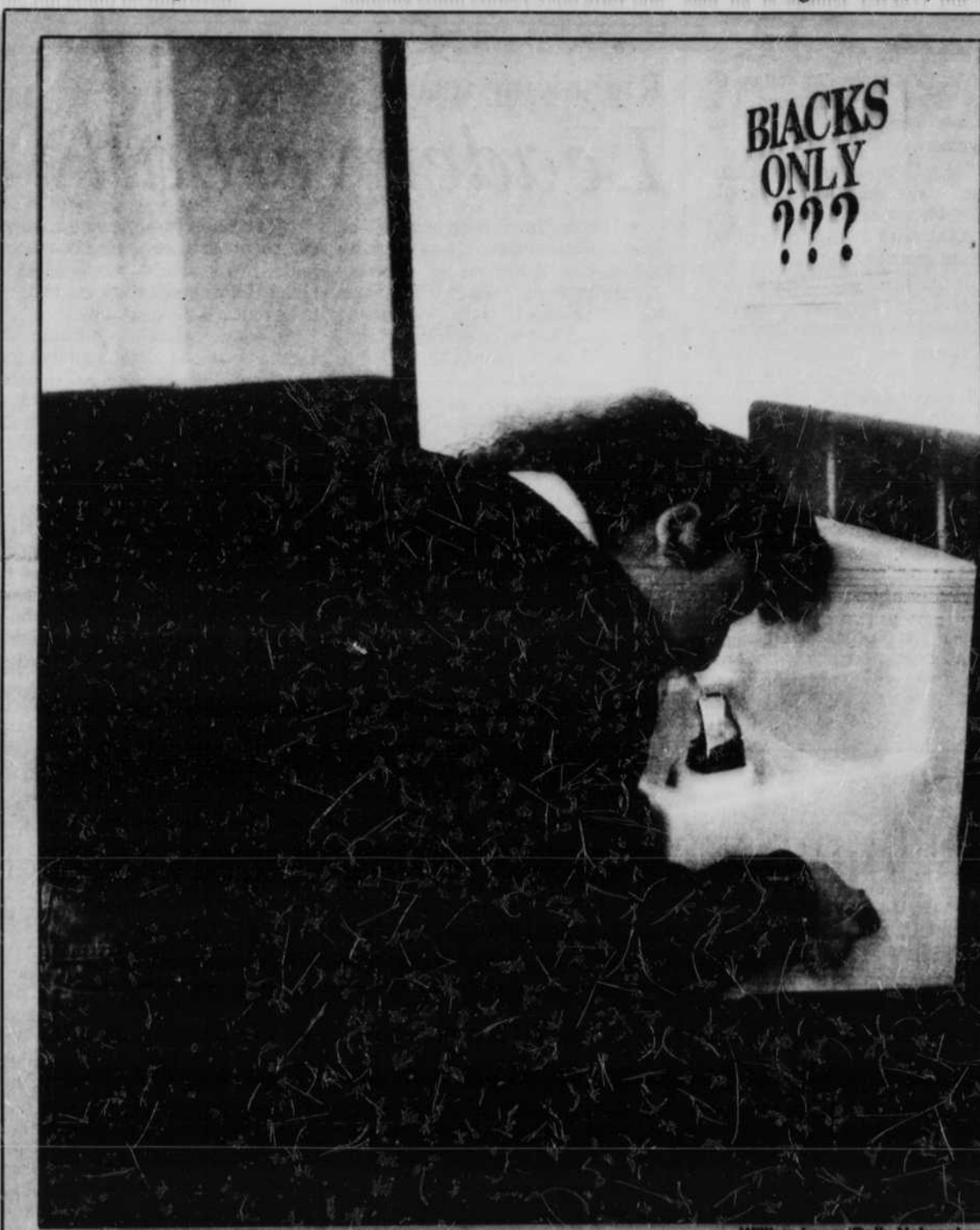
different reasons than Withem.

Moore said he agrees nursing students need more financial help in other form, such as grants, but said he thinks the state would be better off spending its money on all students, not just nurses.

Sen. Jacklyn Smith of Hastings said the issue of a nursing shortage is nothing new.

Smith said that as the population of Nebraska and the nation continues to age, nurses will be needed more

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Tami Kappenman, a junior pre-med student, took little notice of the "Blacks Only" sign above a fountain in Andrews Hall. "It caught my attention and that's about it," she said.

## Signs result in controversy and confusion

By Lisa Twiestmeyer  
Staff Reporter

Signs hung on campus Wednesday saying "Blacks Only" and "Whites Only" were misunderstood by some people and the intent of the signs should have been more clear, said Brad Munn, affirmative action officer at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The signs were hung by the student organization Early Warning as part of a campaign to increase awareness about prejudice and racism.

Munn said he received phone calls before 8 a.m. Wednesday from people who did not understand the meaning of the signs and thought the signs could be racist. People were at his office door with the signs when he arrived at work, he said, wanting to know what the signs meant.

The Affirmative Action Office had not been informed that the signs were going to be hung or of their meaning, Munn said. He said he was not aware that Early Warning was a UNL student organization or that the group had been authorized to hang the signs.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen said Joe Bowman, president of Early Warning, had authorization to hang the signs. However, he said, an announcement of the sign campaign was to appear in the UNL staff newsletter, the Bulletin Board, and didn't.

Bowman said the announcement was not in the newsletter because Early Warning had not received all of the proper authorizations in time to have the announcement printed. Early Warning received final approval for the

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## Chambers claims allegedly given book is 'sensationalism'

By Brandon Loomis  
Senior Reporter

State Sen. Ernie Chambers said the director of the Nebraska State Historical Society allegedly has given senators books showing Nebraska Indians as savages in an attempt to defeat a bill that would require the society to return human remains to Indian tribes for burial.

Chambers said several senators have received copies of "Northwest Nebraska's Indian People," a 48-page book describing the lifestyles of Nebraska Indians. The book was written by James Hanson, current director of the historical society.

Chambers said he objects to a photograph in the book of a white soldier's naked body shot full of arrows. The photo shows a man with four arrows sticking out of his upper body and one out of his groin, and deep gashes on his legs and abdomen.

The caption reads: "Mutilated corpse of a soldier slain by Indians." "This is nothing other than sensationalism and an attempt to arouse contempt," Chambers said. "It's a propaganda piece rather than a historical piece."

Another photo shows an Indian "war trophy" necklace, made from the fingertips of 29 "enemies slain in battle."

He said an accurate account

should also show white atrocities toward American Indians.

"He doesn't show the respect for honesty and facts that a true historian would," Chambers said.

Hanson said he distributed the book to members of the Government, Military and Veteran's Affairs Committee in response to a question about what Indians did to their defeated enemies. The book demonstrates that American Indians performed scalplings and similar rituals to prove battlefield heroics, he said.

"The book does not depict Indians in a negative light," Hanson said. "It presents them as interesting and intelligent."

Hanson said he has been adopted,

or formally accepted, by five American Indian families, including that of Sitting Bull's grandson. Sitting Bull was a medicine man for the Nebraska Sioux Indians in the 1800s.

"I would certainly do nothing to dishonor Native Americans," Hanson said.

The Board of the Nebraska State Historical Society voted 5-3 last week to oppose Chambers' bill, LB340, unless it is amended. Hanson, who announced last week that he would support the bill, did not make any such recommendation to the board before the vote.

Hanson said he still supports the bill, but he must listen to members of the society's board because he

"works for them."

"I have not changed my position at all," he said.

The society would like an amendment to the bill that would require all returned remains to be reburied in Nebraska, Hanson said.

Chambers said such an amendment would make the bill "unworkable," because some of the descendants of the Pawnee have relocated to Oklahoma.

Gary Rex, director of Gov. Kay Orr's policy research office, said Nebraska Indian Commission Director Reba White Shirt recently visited him complaining about the book. He

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