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WEATHER:

Thursday, mostly cloudy with fog dissipating by morning, high 30 with SE winds 5-10 mph. Thursday night, cold with possible flurries, highs in teens. Friday, colder with occasional flurries, low in mid teens. Saturday through Monday, colder Saturday with highs about 15, highs about 30 on Monday.

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ASUN denies funding for COLAGE next year

By Jerry Guenther
Staff Reporter

After heated debate Wednesday, the ASUN Senate passed an amendment 18-7-1 denying \$746 worth of funding to the Committee Offering Lesbian And Gay Events.

The Committee for Fees Allocation previously had approved \$746 of the \$1,691 which COLAGE requested as part of the University Program Council's 1989-90 student fee budget.

Before debate on the amendment began, Lloyd Guy, a journalism broadcasting major, voiced his opposition to funding COLAGE during open forum.

Guy said he represents 340 students who signed a petition that had been circulated asking that COLAGE not be funded by student fees. Guy said he and Marlin Bergmann, a former member of the Residence Hall Association, circulated the petition.

"There could be more (opposition) because word has it that there are other petitions circulating through the university," Guy said.

Guy said he thinks students are against using student fees for COLAGE because not enough people have attended the programs which the Gay Lesbian Programming Committee, now COLAGE, put on in the past.

"We just feel that they do not support a significant enough number of students to warrant funding," Guy said.

During debate on the amendment, newly appointed Sen. Steve Thomlison said one reason he was against funding COLAGE was because it was a "moral issue."

Thomlison, a general studies student, cited Bible passages and U.S. Supreme Court decisions in arguing against funding for the committee.

He quoted the case Bowers vs. Hardwick, which states that "the federal Constitution does not confer fundamental right upon homosexuals to engage in sodomy."

Thomlison said he wasn't against COLAGE, just using student fees to finance the organization.

David Whitaker, co-chair of COLAGE, said he was concerned that morality was brought up as one of the reasons for not funding the organization.

"ASUN is trying to legislate morality," Whitaker said.

Whitaker said many students do not understand what COLAGE does with its funding.

"COLAGE is not trying to promote sodomy, but is trying to educate people about homophobia," Whitaker said.

Whitaker said COLAGE also is concerned about other oppressions that minorities suffer, such as racism and sexism.

Sen. Julie Jorgensen of the arts and sciences college said it was unfair to say the majority of students do not want to pay for COLAGE programming since students generally are against using their student fees for any funding requests.

Jorgensen said that if students would be asked their views on other committee requests, such as whether ASUN should receive funding, students would voice similar opposition.

Sen. Jeff Gromowsky of the College of Business Administration said that a "vast majority" of students voiced their disapproval for funding a gay/lesbian organization during an ASUN election in 1987.

During that election, 87.6 percent of the 3,023 students who voted in the election opposed such funding while 7.9 percent of the students voted in favor of the funding. The remaining students voted that they were uncertain.

Whitaker said he didn't think those figures were "representative" of the entire student population since some students boycotted the elections because a party called NOFAG was running on the ticket.

Sen. Bill Munn of the journalism

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Sens. Julie Jorgensen and Matt Gotschall react to Sen. Steve Thomlison's comments at Wednesday's ASUN meeting. Thomlison supported the withdrawal of Fund A support from COLAGE. Jorgensen disagreed.

Many could face surcharges

ASUN passes anti-surcharge bill

By Ryan Steeves
Staff Reporter

Legislation opposing additional tuition surcharges and supporting a study examining the expansion of the University of Nebraska was passed Wednesday night by the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

Bryan Hill, chairman of ASUN's Government Liaison Committee, said many UNL colleges could face tuition surcharges if the Legislature does not appropriate money to replace instructional equipment.

UNL engineering students paid an additional \$9 per credit hour this year

to help update lab equipment in the college. The students could face another surcharge next year if the Legislature doesn't appropriate funds for such equipment.

Government Bill No. 7, which Hill spoke in favor of, directs GLC to lobby the Legislature to appropriate money for instructional equipment.

"I think it directly affects the pocketbook of the student if we don't get this type of funding," Hill said.

The NU Board of Regents' budget request included \$1.75 million, \$525,000 of which is for the engineering college, to finance instructional equipment at UNL. Gov. Kay Orr excluded money for such equip-

ment in her budget.

If the engineering college does not replace or update equipment, it risks losing its national accreditation. The college is accredited by the Accrediting Board for Engineering and Technology.

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, said other UNL departments face similar equipment funding problems, but are not evaluated by an accreditation board.

The engineering college may have to impose further surcharges to maintain its quality instruction, Griesen said, "and it's conceivable that we

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'Pay-the-player' bill delayed

By Victoria Ayotte
Senior Editor

The Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Nebraska Legislature Wednesday failed to take action on a bill that would allow a stipend to be paid to University of Nebraska-Lincoln football players.

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The committee may reconsider the bill next week.

State Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha, the sponsor of LB709, said he believes the bill will pass in com-

mittee when it is reconsidered. Not all committee members were present at the committee when the bill came up, Chambers said.

Chambers said the bill is necessary to stop exploitation of football players by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

The bill would direct UNL officials to pay players a stipend, the amount of which would be determined by the university. The bill would go into effect only if four other states in the Big Eight pass bills requiring a stipend.

Chambers has introduced a similar bill every year since 1981. Last year, the bill passed in the Legislature, but was pocket vetoed by Gov.

Kay Orr.

It's important for the Legislature to pass the bill again this year, Chambers said, to send a message to the NCAA.

Current NCAA rules prohibit monetary compensation to football players. Chambers said the rules are "unduly restrictive and unreasonable."

"We're going to have to bring outside pressure on the NCAA (to change the rules) and this bill would do so," Chambers said.

The NCAA takes "no concern" for the welfare of the players, he said. The players risk injury, cannot

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Furgason to remain at UNL

By Larry Peirce
Senior Reporter

Robert Furgason, University of Nebraska-Lincoln vice chancellor for academic affairs, said he withdrew his name Wednesday from consideration for the presidency of the University of Idaho.

Furgason said he weighed personal and professional reasons before deciding to stay at UNL.

"It's an honor to be considered for the presidency of a major land-grant university," he said, but he decided to stay at UNL which is "on the move" with excellent leadership and support for educa-

tion.

Furgason served as vice president for academic affairs and research at UI before coming to UNL in 1984. He also earned his bachelor's and masters degrees in chemical engineering at UI.

Furgason was named one of four finalists for the job Jan. 25. Other candidates named at that time included 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.

House members and university officials discuss policy

By Amie DeFrain
Staff Reporter

More than 30 greek house members and officers debated the provisions of a greek housing policy with university officials Wednesday at a Student Speech Forum in the Nebraska Union.

Police procedure for entrance into the public areas of greek houses and house visitation policies were the main topics discussed at the forum.

House members and officers at-

tended the forum to ask questions to Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen, Director of Greek Affairs Jayne Wade Anderson, Doug Zatechka, director of university housing, and Lt. Ken Cauble of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police Department.

The policy, sent out Tuesday by Griesen to all fraternities and sororities, requires officers to enforce "a sound internal code of conduct that is consistent with the University Code of Conduct." If house officers do not follow the policy, they will not be

considered approved university housing and freshmen cannot live in the house.

The policy has been in effect for some time. University officials are now making an effort to enforce the policy by sending out the form.

The undergraduate executive officers, the chapter advisers and the house corporation president or board chairperson must submit the signed proposal to Anderson by March 15.

The policy requires the chapters to meet applicable housing codes pertaining to health and safety; employ a

house director who resides on the property and acts as liaison with greek affairs; follow all policies of visitation for the opposite sex; and have no alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs present in the housing unit.

The proposal states that house members are required to give UNL police "access for cause" to the public areas of the chapter houses. Public areas include the living room, dining room and recreation room.

Brad Brunz, president of Sigma Nu fraternity, asked Cauble to define what is meant by "access for cause."

Cauble said "noise complaints" and "endangerment of inhabitants" are considered possible reasons for the police to enter.

Later, when the topic of alcohol on house premises arose, Cauble said that an officer seeing a house member drinking through a window isn't probable cause for entrance.

"However," Cauble said, "if we see kegs being carried in, we will write a report."

Problems arose in the past when

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