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WEATHER:

Thursday, sunny, high in lower 60s, S winds 15 mph. Thursday night, low 35-40. Friday, sunny, high 70. Saturday through Monday, dry conditions, high in 70s Saturday but cooling to 60s Monday.

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Candidates debate official vote, involvement

By Ryan Steeves
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Disagreement over how to get students involved and an official student vote on the NU Board of Regents highlighted the second ASUN debate of the year.

Three of the four parties running for the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska were present at the debate. The SLUMBR party was absent.

The debate, held Wednesday afternoon in the Nebraska Union Crib, was sponsored by the University Program Council's Talks & Topics committee.

Dan Rock, presidential candidate of the PRIDE party, praised the current ASUN regent winning the unofficial student regent vote this year. But, he said, the next ASUN must work to

make the vote official.

Rock criticized IMPACT presidential candidate Bryan Hill for not supporting an official vote.

But Hill said he does want an official vote on the board. He said his immediate goal is to maintain the unofficial vote. ASUN would waste time lobbying for an official vote because the Nebraska Legislature already has defeated such proposals many times this decade.

"Why has the Legislature constantly opposed (the student regent vote)?" Hill asked. "It's because the leaders of the state do not have the faith in the student regent yet."

Hill said he would do an "awesome" job as ASUN president and student regent. State senators would note his achievements and see that students can make decisions on important issues, he said.

If student regents continued such successes, Hill said, UNL students could effectively lobby for the vote in a few years.

But Rock insisted that an official vote is needed this year. Rock said that Richard Wood, NU vice president and general counsel, told him that an official vote probably would require an amendment to the Nebraska constitution.

Rock said state senators have a great respect for students and would support an official vote.

"I think they would be proud enough to give us a vote on the Board of Regents," Rock said of state senators.

Rock said ASUN's Government Liaison Committee doesn't lobby the Legislature hard enough to win support for issues like a student regent vote.

Rock said former ASUN members who are re-elected or reappointed become apathetic. Students should elect new members because they have ambition to lobby effectively, he said.

But while Rock promoted fresh leadership, Hill touted experience.

Hill, chairman of GLC, said this year's student lobbying efforts have been successful.

In their budget, UNL officials requested \$8 million dollars for academic program enhancements, Hill said. Gov. Kay Orr included only two such appropriations in her budget, Hill said: money for the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid and money for additional College of Business Administration faculty.

Both items were targets of student lobbying, Hill said.

"I think that says something for

student lobbying efforts," Hill said.

Monika Jegeris, 1st vice presidential candidate for PRIDE, accused Hill of not seeking student involvement in lobbying drives.

"If you did all those good things, why don't people know about it?" Jegeris asked.

Jegeris said PRIDE would strive to elicit more student involvement.

Off-campus students, for example, are an overlooked part of the student population, she said. To get off-campus student involved, she said, ASUN under PRIDE leadership would mail them information about ASUN.

PRIDE also would circulate surveys in classes to get opinions from a variety of students, she said.

Devi Bohling, 1st vice presiden-

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Professor says women can save physics supply

By Lisa Twiestmeyer
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More women must pursue degrees in physics if the supply of physicists is to meet demand in the 1990s, according to the chairman of the physics department at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Richard Starace said that by the end of the century, the demand for physicists in both industry and academia will greatly exceed supply.

In the early 1980s, he said, fewer students pursued Ph.D.s in physics because there was an oversupply of physicists in the job market. This has created a shortage that will be difficult to fill in the next decade, he said.

Although an increasing number of European physicists have been applying for jobs in the United States, Starace said women are still the solution.

Women earn only 2 to 3 percent of all physics Ph.D.s, he said, which is the lowest percentage out of all the sciences. The Commission on the Status of Women in Physics has identified three reasons why few women study physics, he said.

Starace said one reason is that many young women who are interested in the sciences are advised in high school not to take math and science courses because "they won't need them."

Another reason is that women who do decide to study physics in college are often discouraged from pursuing advanced degrees because there are very few women faculty members and graduate students in the field to serve as role models, he said.

Finally, Starace said, it's often

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Norm Kormoy of Omaha asks Judiciary Committee members to support "Living Will" legislation.

Senators hear opposition to living will bill

By Jana Pedersen
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Concern that the adoption of "living will" legislation will lead to direct forms of euthanasia or mercy killing was the focus of testimony opposed to LB479 Wednesday in the Legislature's Judiciary Committee.

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LB479, which is known as the Terminal Ill Act, would legalize the upholding of living wills in Nebraska.

Living wills are written forms of denial of medical treatment to artificially extend life.

Sen. David Landis of Lincoln, co-sponsor of the bill, said the act is merely an extension of current medical practice.

Currently, consent must be granted by a patient before any medical procedure can be administered, he said.

If patients are physically unable to grant consent, Landis said, their family members may give consent for medical procedures the patients don't want.

The bill would help provide for situations when a patient is unable to grant or deny consent, he said.

"The concept is one of self-determination," Landis said.

If patients "at a time of sound mind" leave living wills or other forms of written notifi-

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Food service budget approved by ASUN

By Ryan Steeves
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After surviving two amendments to reduce the food services' appropriation, the Nebraska unions budget was passed by student leaders Wednesday night.

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska voted 19-1 to approve the unions' \$1.24 million budget for 1989-90. Each UNL student pays \$26.46 in student fees for the unions' budget. The student fee-funded budget for the food services is \$14,637.

Senators accepted the budget after rejecting a proposed amendment to cut \$9,637 from the food services portion of the budget. The Com-

mittee for Fees Allocation had recommended allocating \$14,637 to the services.

Senators, however, encouraged next year's senate to make no appropriation to the food services if they lose money in the 1989-90 school year.

Debate over the amendment illustrated a recurrent controversy about whether or not food services should make a profit, making student fee support unnecessary. Currently, union officials use student fees to offset debts incurred by the services.

Sen. Loren Wiedel of the College of Business Administration proposed the amendment, saying union officials should run food services like a business. Wiedel said the services could

use minor price increases for food and drinks to offset losses.

Sen. Michael Ho of the College of Engineering and Technology said pricing isn't the only variable in business. The food services could lose customers if prices increased, Ho said.

Daryl Swanson, director of the unions, told senators that union officials have tried to make food services more profitable.

Last year, the food services made a profit for the first time in eight years, he said. Swanson attributed the profit mainly to new food services management and Burger King.

In the past, Swanson said, \$40,000 of student fees was used for the services. But this

year, the food services requested \$19,000 while increasing its budget.

Senators also must consider salary raises, Swanson said. If the Legislature again raises salaries at UNL, this increase would apply to food service employees and student fees must rise to pay for the increases.

After senators defeated the amendment, Sen. T.K. Olson of the College of Law asked that \$4,637 be cut from the food service budget. Olson said the partial cut would show that senators support the food service but want it run more efficiently.

Senators voted to postpone the amendment indefinitely.