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Wednesday

WEATHER

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Wednesday, partly sunny, twenty percent chance of showers, highs in the upper 50s, winds 15 to 30 mph. Wednesday night, lows in the upper 30s. Thursday, partly sunny, highs in the upper 50s.

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## Campus Recreation/Athletic Facility Main Features

### PHASE I

Cook Pavilion--Completed

### PHASE II

#### Coliseum addition

- four multi-purpose courts
- suspended running track
- weight training facility
- Campus Recreation offices
- equipment rooms

#### Coliseum renovation

- racquetball & squash courts
- swimming pool renovation

Should be completed August, 1989

### PHASE III

#### Complete Coliseum renovation (addition of upper level)

- basketball courts
- Health, PE & Recreation Offices
- classrooms & laboratories
- multi-purpose recreation activities
- locker & shower facilities

\*Projected start--January, 1990  
\*Projected completion--January, 1991  
\*Pending approval of NU Board of Regents & Legislature.

Source: Stan Campbell, Director of  
Campus Recreation.

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## Regents to vote on rec center proposal

By Lee Rood  
Senior Editor

The NU Board of Regents will vote Saturday on a proposal for financing nearly \$5 million in renovations for the last phase of the Campus Recreation/Athletic Facility.

According to Campus Recreation Director Stan Campbell, Phase III of the project includes the renovation or construction of athletic training space, locker rooms, combative arts and multi-purpose rooms, three classrooms, faculty offices and lab rooms and the Center for Healthy Lifestyles in the NU Coliseum.

The proposal asks for the regents to approve the issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes and/or revenue bonds "in an amount not to exceed \$4,925,000" to finance Phase III.

Kim Phelps, director of the university budget, said the university would use the bonds and/or notes -- depending on their interest rates -- to pay for Phase III. The university would then repay the money out of a fund established from charges to public football ticket holders, she said.

The fund, established in 1987, charges non-discounted Nebraska football ticket holders a \$3.50 per ticket charge to help finance the Rec Center and pay for upkeep and repairs in rec-

reational facilities.

Phelps said \$2.50 from each charge would go specifically toward paying back the Phase III bond/note money.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln students, faculty and staff do not have to pay any of the project's construction costs, Phelps said.

However, maintenance and operating costs of the building will be paid for through faculty/staff user fees and an increase in next year's student fees, he said.

The final cost of Phase III, estimated in 1987 at \$5.2 million, will depend on construction and inflation rates when bidding for the last phase begins, he said.

Bidding will start around January 1990 and the renovations should be complete by January 1991, he said.

Phase I, completed in fall 1987, and Phase II, expected to be finished in August, involved the construction of the Cook Pavilion, 13 racquetball courts, one squash court, a suspended jogging track and other renovations -- including the Coliseum's swimming pool.

Funding for all phases was provided by \$5 million in donations from the NU Foundation, \$3.5 million borrowed from a Student Fees & Facilities Revenue Bond Surplus account and about \$700,000 in the football ticket assessment revenues.

Phelps and Campbell said they don't expect

any problems getting the regents' approval Saturday because the board has been well informed about the third phase from its inception.

"This is just the logical final step to get the facility done," Phelps said.

Campbell said "it would be a terrible tragedy" if financing was not approved by the regents or the Nebraska Legislature -- which has final approval of the plan because the university is asking to have notes or bonds issued.

Existing locker rooms are in horrible condition, he said, and the building has substantial need for multi-purpose and combative arts areas.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen said the project would not be complete without the last phase.

"With the completion of Phases I and II, we'll be just one basketball court better than before we tore down the men's P.E. building," Griesen said.

The men's P.E. building had three courts, he said. Four courts have been renovated since Phase II of the project was completed, Griesen said, but Phase III will make a total of eight courts available to students for intramural sports and women's athletic events.

Saturday's regents meeting is at 8 a.m. in Varner Hall.

## Orr introduces bill to move border, give up 1,500 acres

By Brandon Loomis  
Senior Reporter

Gov. Kay Orr will introduce a bill to the Nebraska Legislature within the next two weeks that would cede about 1,500 acres of Nebraska land to South Dakota, according to sources in the governor's office.

Doug Parrott, Orr's communications director, said the governor will review legislation drafted by the Department of Water Resources to move the border between the two states to the middle of the Missouri River between Dakota County in Nebraska and Union County in South Dakota.

The Missouri, which was designated as the border at the beginning of this century, has since shifted, leaving about 1,500 Nebraska acres on its northern banks.

Parrott said Orr will follow the advice of the Nebraska Boundary Commission with her decision.

The Nebraska Boundary Commission met with its South Dakota counterpart in February and agreed that the border should be moved.

Tom Lamberson, assistant director at the Department of Water Resources, said his office finished drafting the bill late last week. He said the bill is basically a replica of the

boundary commission's agreement.

"The compact that was agreed to just had to be put in statutory form," Lamberson said.

South Dakota Gov. George Mickelson signed a resolution March 6 that would change the border. Now Nebraska must pass its own resolution and send it to the U.S. Congress for ratification.

Nebraska State Sen. Gerald Conway of Wayne, who has pushed three years for the change, said that although Nebraska stands to lose 1,500 acres, the border change should benefit the state's economy.

"To some extent it would behoove us to give up that property," Conway said.

Midwest Energies Co., of Sioux City, Iowa, plans to develop a community and golf resort called Dakota Dunes on 1,400 South Dakota acres. But about 400 of those acres are actually on the Nebraska territory north of the Missouri.

Because there are no bridges linking mainland Nebraska to the northern territory, Conway said, Nebraska provides no services, such as fire protection or schooling, to the area.

"They probably would just not develop that land if it were in Ne-

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## Position created to recruit, retain minority grad students

By Lisa Twiestmeyer  
Staff Reporter

The Office of Research and Graduate Studies has created a new position to help recruit and retain minority graduate students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

John Yost, vice chancellor for research and dean of Graduate Studies, said Tuesday he has set up a position for a minority graduate assistant for the next academic year to explore the most effective ways to recruit and retain minorities in Graduate Studies.

The person filling the position will work with administrators in research and will conduct studies and surveys on ways to recruit minority students, Yost said. The person also will be active in helping UNL retain the

minority graduate students here now, he said.

"I'm excited about what can be accomplished," Yost said. "The individual who fills the position will help us further to translate our commitment into action."

Yost said the student also will be involved in studying UNL's minority graduate student population compared to that of UNL's peer institutions to find out how UNL can be competitive with other schools.

"I'm convinced that to be an exceptional university we are going to have to be more culturally diversified," Yost said.

Yost said the graduate student will receive a \$7,500 stipend for the academic year, with the possibility of an additional stipend for the summer.

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### Flower power

Rod Drown, an employee of the UNL Department of Grounds, cleans up leaves around daffodils on the south side of Richards Hall Tuesday afternoon.