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CORRECTION:

A graphic about student consumption of alcohol on campus had a misprint. The percentage of students that drink three or more days a week in 1988 was 7.9 percent, not 17.9 percent.

WEATHER:

Wednesday, mostly sunny, high in the upper 50s with SE winds, 5-10 mph. Wednesday night, clear, low in the mid 30s. Thursday, mostly sunny and warmer, high mid to upper 60s.

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Officials debate Kearney lobbying efforts

By Natalie Weinstein
Staff Reporter

State Sen. Don Wesely of Lincoln said Tuesday that University of Nebraska officials have either "confused or ignored" the NU Board of Regents' position on adding Kearney State College to the university system.

Wesely said central administration officials through Vice President for University Relations Lee Rupp should have been lobbying against

Kearney joining the university system until a study on higher education in Nebraska is done since that is the regents' position.

Instead of this, Wesely said, officials have sent a message to the senators publicly that they are neutral on the issue. Wesely said "a few senators" have even been told privately that central administration officials support Kearney becoming a part of the NU system.

Friday, the Legislature gave first-round approval to LB247. The bill,

which calls for a \$250,000 study of post-secondary education in Nebraska, was amended to include LB160, a bill that places Kearney State College under the management of the regents and adds the school to the NU system in 1991. Kearney State is currently governed by the State College Board of Trustees.

Rupp said his lobbying has reflected the regents' position.

"I certainly have not lobbied anybody to vote for 160," he said.

"If Senator Wesely or anyone else

would say that I asked for a vote for 160," he said, "I'd deny that."

Rupp said he has told senators that the regents are not opposed to Kearney coming into the system but that a study must be done first.

Regent Don Blank of McCook said the regents' position, which is the "official NU position," is that the board is opposed to Kearney coming into the system until there is a comprehensive study done on higher education in Nebraska.

Blank said a study could show that

Kearney should become a part of NU, that all the state colleges should become a part of NU or that the present system should remain.

Regent Chairman Nancy Hoch of Nebraska City said the regents' position has not changed at any time.

"Our position is clearly not neutral," she said.

Nebraska needs to know the ramifications of adding Kearney State to the NU system before it is put into

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War games

Staff Sgt. David Bettis and Airman First Class Timmothy Arroyo, members of the Nebraska Air National Guard's base security unit, lead a group of soldiers transporting a pretend victim to shelter during Tuesday morning's mock warfare exercises near the Lincoln Air National Guard base.

Cost increase causes library to cut materials

By Brandon Loomis
Senior Reporter

Dramatic increases in the cost of library materials have forced Love Library to cut back on the number of books and magazines it buys despite yearly budget increases of about 5 percent, a library official said.

Joan Giesecke, associate dean for collections and services, said that this year, the library has cut 221 periodicals to save \$48,000.

This school year, Chancellor Martin Massengale approved a one-time sum of \$150,000 to the library to keep the cuts to a minimum, she said.

"We're experiencing the same concerns as all the major academic libraries in the country," Giesecke said.

Those concerns stem mainly from an average yearly price increase of 12 percent for serials, she said.

"Gene," a genetics journal that the library subscribes to, is an example of how prices have risen, she said.

In 1979, "Gene" cost \$50 a year, she said. Now it costs \$1,700.

"I assume that in 10 years it's a slightly larger journal, but \$50 to \$1,700 is a huge increase," Giesecke said.

Over the same 10-year period, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's library budget increased less than 100 percent, she said, from \$1.36 million

to \$2.22 million.

The library's materials budget increased 5 percent this year, Giesecke said, "which was nice, but when serial prices are increasing 11 or 12 percent a year, it makes things sort of difficult."

Among the reasons for the price increases are increasing costs to publishers and the devaluation of the dollar. A weaker dollar makes foreign serials more expensive, she said.

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-- Giesecke

To alleviate budget problems, the library joined a cooperative series retention program with the other Big Eight schools, Colorado State University and the University of Wyoming two years ago, she said.

Participating schools keep track of who subscribes to certain serials, she said. The other schools then borrow serials from each other through library loans, she said.

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Phi Mu alumnae struggling to keep UNL Chapter open

By Larry Peirce
Senior Reporter

After years of decreasing membership and a lack of money, alumnae of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln chapter of Phi Mu sorority are rushing new members this week in an effort to save the chapter, according to former Chapter Adviser Sharon Ash.

Phi Mu's national organization said it wanted to close the house in May because its low membership was a financial liability. But because UNL owns the house, at 1125 N. 16th St., former members are trying to reorganize and keep the building, Ash said.

If the building was not owned by

UNL, Ash said, the chapter might have been terminated and then re-established later.

Jayne Wade Anderson, director of greek affairs, said current members of the house will be made alumnae in May, and national and local alumnae hope to have 50 new members by April 22 to start over.

If the new members are found, Ash said, the reorganization will be moving in "fast-forward" to prepare the members for next fall.

Ash said the chapter cannot afford to operate with fewer than 50 students.

"This is a do-or-die situation," she said. "If we don't get 50, we're out."

Membership at the house has been decreasing for several years, Ash said, and current members have not been able to build it back up again.

"It was not a successful chapter," she said.

Anderson said removing current members of a house when reorganizing is standard procedure in the greek system.

If the national organization allows an unsuccessful chapter to continue, Ash said, "it becomes a financial burden" because the national organization must pay the chapter's delinquent bills.

"The bottom line everywhere is money," she said.

Lincoln alumnae will conduct

pledge classes three times before this semester ends and three times this summer to educate new members about the operation of the house, Ash said.

New members will be challenged because they will have to step into leadership positions for rush activities next fall, she said.

Ash said Phi Mu has 500 alumnae members in Lincoln to provide "strong numbers of support" for the reorganization.

The reorganization is an "all-greek affair," Ash said, with other sororities and fraternities showing their support. Phi Mu has asked other sororities for referrals of women who haven't been able to "have the soror-

ity experience," she said.

Reorganizations like this are common "across the country" at other sororities and fraternities when memberships are low, Anderson said.

However, she said, the process is new and "exciting" at UNL.

Anderson said that based on the number of women showing interest in joining sororities, Phi Mu should be able to find 50 to 60 new members by April 22.

Ash said the search for new members is moving along rapidly.

"We get new names every day," she said.

If reorganization efforts succeed, Ash said, she will become the chapter adviser of the sorority.

Cornstock tightens security to avoid possible liabilities

By Scott Cook
Staff Reporter

Security this year at the annual Cornstock music festival will be tightened in an effort to keep alcohol away from the event, according to Janel Zager, Cornstock chairperson.

Zager said upper administration officials have threatened to cut off funding for the annual event if measures are not taken to curtail alcohol consumption at this year's concert.

Zager said most of the complaints about last year's Cornstock were from administrators and East union employees who reported incidents of fighting and of someone urinating in a hallway.

She said alcohol always has been present at the concert, but recently the problem has reached a point where something has to be done.

"In the last four years it's gotten worse," she said, "and it gets to a point where the administration puts its foot down and says enough."

Zager said security in the past involved only five police officers. This year, there will be eight officers, she said. Also, 20 volunteers will be recruited to aid in the effort to keep alcohol off the premises.

Also, Zager said that a snow fence will surround the parameter of the concert area to limit entrance to the area.

Zager said the fence will have one gate for people with coolers and one for people without coolers, she said.

All coolers will be visually

checked before they are allowed to enter the concert area, she said.

She also said no open containers, such as pop cans, will be allowed through the gate.

Aside from the added security measures, Zager said, the concert will be the "same as always."

"People can come and go as they please and it's free admission," she said, "and if people really want to drink, they can prime before."

Zager said there would be no arrests made or tickets issued if alcohol

was found.

"We'll just ask them to take it back to their car or take it home," she said.

Zager said possible liability problems are the big reason for the increased enforcement of the university's no-alcohol policy.

Zager said that in the past, there have been car crashes following the concert. She said the university could be liable for any injuries during or following the event.

This year's concert is April 28 from noon to 6 p.m.