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WEATHER:

Friday, partly cloudy and a little cooler, high in the mid to upper 60s with N winds 10-20 mph.
Friday night, mostly cloudy, low in the mid 30s.
Saturday, mostly sunny, high in the upper 60s.

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Officials say pay boost proposal positive

By Jerry Guenther
Staff Reporter

Some University of Nebraska officials said Thursday they are encouraged but cautious about a \$60.5 million NU faculty and staff salary increase proposed by the Nebraska Legislature's Appropriations Committee.

The committee recommended Wednesday that faculty salaries at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln increase 11.5 percent during the 1989-90 and 1990-91 budget years.

The committee also recommended for the two-year budget a 9 percent faculty salary increase for both the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Nebraska Medical Center, and a 7.5 to 9 percent salary increase for NU non-academic staff.

The committee is expected to vote on the preliminary recommendations

today.

Joe Rowson, NU director of public affairs, said he is encouraged by the committee's actions on faculty salaries.

"The proposal that has emerged is very positive," Rowson said. "But the process is still at an early stage."

"None of this tells us how it is going to turn out in the final analysis," he said.

Jim Lewis, former president of the UNL Faculty Senate, said he is satisfied with the committee's recommendation to increase UNL faculty salaries by 11.5 percent.

However, Lewis said he had hoped the non-academic staff would have received a larger increase in the committee's tentative recommendations.

"The staff and faculty have to stick together to form a better university," Lewis said.

Warner said the increases for non-

academic staff would be prorated, and that some staff members would receive more than a 9 percent increase and others would get less.

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"It's only an average 9 percent increase," Warner said. "It does not mean it is for each employee."

Bryan Hill, president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, said he is encouraged by the committee's recommendations.

"I'm very pleased," Hill said.

"We got very close to what we had asked for."

The NU Board of Regents had requested an 11.2 percent increase for NU faculty and a 12.5 percent increase for non-faculty for each of budget years 1989-90 and 1990-91.

Hill said he also is enthused about other preliminary recommendations of the committee.

Among those recommendations was \$1.9 million to be used for replacing instructional equipment universitywide.

Hill said that recommendation came even though Gov. Kay Orr didn't provide for funding of instructional equipment in her budget proposal.

Hill said he thinks student contact with state senators may have helped senators to make the recommendation.

"We had talked to a lot of senators and a lot of senators seem to have

recognized the need," he said.

Another committee proposal recommends allocating \$168,000 to the UNL College of Business Administration to hire additional faculty during the next two years.

Hill said the appropriation is significant because it wasn't requested in the university's budget until 1990-1991.

The committee is expected to finish discussing the proposed university budget today, including capital construction and a 5 percent tuition increase for NU students.

Once the committee finishes making its recommendations on state agency appropriations, it incorporates its findings into a legislative bill.

The bill will then be debated by state senators on the floor of the Legislature, and has to be signed by Gov. Orr before funding goes into effect.

Officials consider multi-level garage for UNL problem

By Roger Price
Staff Reporter

Because of limited space for additional surface parking at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, a multi-level parking garage is being considered, according to a member of the parking advisory committee.

Ray Coffey, who also is the director of business affairs for the vice chancellor for business and finance, said he recently has decided that the university has reached the point where a parking structure makes sense.

"If we can work out ways of financing it," Coffey said, "it is definitely a possibility."

Coffey said UNL is running out of available space to expand ground-level parking.

"When you only have an area large enough to park 200 cars and you need to park 600, the only way to do it is to stack them on top of each other," Coffey said.

Coffey said that although details for the garage have yet to be worked out, it most likely would be available to whoever wanted to pay the estimated \$30 to \$40 a month garage parking fee.

Even with the \$40-a-month charge, Coffey said, it would be necessary to seek additional funding for the project. Coffey said one way of raising money would be to rent out retail space on the ground level of the garage and form a "mini-mall."

Increased student parking fees or donations also may be options for financing the garage, Coffey said.

Coffey said the building and maintaining of surface-level parking costs about \$65 per space per year. A garage would cost about \$700 per space per year to build and maintain, he said.

By charging \$40 a month per space, Coffey said, about \$480 of the \$700 will be generated. The other \$220 would need to come from elsewhere, he said.

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Where's my desk?

Sociology professor A.L. Marsteller taught his sociology 153 class outside Thursday afternoon, north of Ferguson Hall.

15 percent increase More students seek counseling

By Shawn Schudlies
Staff Reporter

Following a national trend, University of Nebraska-Lincoln students are seeking more mental health counseling this year, a UNL official said.

Margaret Eager, director of UNL's Mental Health Clinic, said the number of patients counseled at the clinic has increased 15 percent since last year.

The increase may be the result of advances in mental health care, more awareness of the resources available

to students and less stigma attached to seeking help, she said.

Mental health counseling has advanced in past years, she said. In the past, institutionalization may have been the only option for someone needing psychiatric help. Today, outpatient clinics are more common, she said.

New medicines and research also have improved possible treatments, she said.

Eager said students are more aware of these resources than in the past. A student may see someone in

his own family get counseling and realize that he could get help, too, she said.

Seeing other people get counseling also reduces the stigma attached to it, she said. Students used to think they should ignore whatever was troubling them and hope it would go away. Now students realize it is healthier for them to get counseling and work out their problems, she said.

Eager said students usually come to the clinic to seek counseling for difficult times in their childhoods, such as parents divorcing, or to deal with the stress of building a future.

Protestors gather at test site

By Brandon Loomis
Senior Reporter

INDIAN SPRINGS, NEV. -- A rental van loaded with Lincoln residents and peace rambled into the Nevada desert Thursday after more than 28 hours of squirming, sleeping and singing.

Eight University of Nebraska-Lincoln students, three Lincoln High School students and an eighth grader from Everett Junior High School traveled to the Nevada Test Site for the culmination Saturday of "Reclaim the Test Site II," a national peace demon-

stration against nuclear weapons testing.

At about 6:30 p.m. PST, Lincoln demonstrators drove their tent stakes into the sand at Peace City, a makeshift tent area 18 miles northwest of here, across U.S. Highway 95 from the test site.

During the trip the protestors complained of crowding and occasional foot odor, but agreed the chance to join thousands more in non-violent protest will be worth the inconvenience.

Joe Bowman, a junior anthropology major, said he plans to

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