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WEATHER:

Monday, mostly cloudy and cooler with a 30 percent chance of showers, high in the low 50s with NE winds at 10-20 mph. Monday night, cloudy and cold, low in the lower 30s. Tuesday, sunny and warmer, high in the low to mid 60s.

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## Regents' stand stirs debate

By Roger Price  
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A "compromise" made by the NU Board of Regents has stirred more debate about whether officials should examine the effects of Kearney State College entering the University of Nebraska system before supporting the merger.

NU President Ronald Roskens announced Saturday that regents would support LB247 if it is amended to state that the Legislature would reconsider integrating Kearney into the NU system in 1990 if a committee studying the move recommended against it.

Under LB247, Kearney State College would become the University of Nebraska at Kearney in July 1991.

Regent Don Blank of McCook said the regents' support for the amendment is a compromise that the regents have been working toward for some time.

The regents, he said, have supported a study of Kearney's role all along, but he would have preferred only to consider adding Kearney to the NU system after the study's completion.

"I just hope the senators stick by their words and reconsider the move in 1990," Blank said.

ASUN President Bryan Hill said he feels that if the bill is passed, even with the regents' proposal, the decision on adding Kearney State to the university system already will have been

made.

"I think they are making their decision right now, and it will be really tough to change it in 1990," Hill said.

Hill, who also is the UNL student regent, said he still supports the ASUN Senate's resolution against Kearney's addition until after the study has been completed.

"They're still putting the cart before the horse," Hill said.

State Sen. Don Wesely of Lincoln said he thinks the regents and the NU central administration were right to recommend a study before adding Kearney to the NU system. But Wesely said he was disappointed in their decision to support LB247 before hearing the results of such a study.

Wesely said that with the university's announcement, Kearney already may be on its way to joining the system.

"If the decision is to proceed and act... no matter what the study says, eventually it will be a done deal," Wesely said.

Joe Rowson, NU director of public affairs, said even with the university's support, LB247 still faces at least one major challenge -- legality.

An opinion issued by Nebraska's Attorney General Robert Spire said the Legislature does not have the power to move Kearney from the state college system to the NU system, he said.

Rowson said he expects the bill to be challenged in court if it is passed.

## NU president says he will decline LSU nomination for chancellor post

From Staff Reports

University of Nebraska President Ronald Roskens said he does not want to be chancellor at Louisiana State University, according to Joe Rowson, director of public affairs for the University of Nebraska.

Roskens was one of 32 people nominated for the LSU position. The nominations are made to the search committee by persons holding similar positions at other universities, Rowson said.

Rowson said it is not unusual for people in

Roskens' position to be nominated by search committees because of the limited number of major research institutions.

Roskens is still waiting to receive a letter from the search committee at LSU before he formally declines his nomination, Rowson said.

According to an article in the Omaha World-Herald, Roskens has been nominated for several positions at other universities since 1982. These include the University of South Florida, the University of North Carolina, Texas A&M and Iowa State University.

## Hill says he's ambivalent about proposed tuition hike

By Jerry Guenther  
Staff Reporter

ASUN President Bryan Hill said he has mixed feelings on a recommendation that could increase tuition 5 percent at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in each of the next two years.

Friday, the Nebraska Legislature's Appropriations Committee gave preliminary recommendations for the 5 percent increase at all state operated colleges and universities except the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

The committee recommended to increase tuition by 5 percent at UNO

only during 1990-91 after some members said that UNO's tuition rates already are near the same level of its peer institutions.

Hill, also the UNL student regent, said he wasn't surprised by the committee recommendations, but is concerned about a trend of tuition increases at UNL.

"It's not a major increase," Hill said. "But I'm always worried that students are paying a larger percentage of the instructional costs of education compared to what the state does."

UNL students pay about one-third of instructional costs through tuition, Hill said. A few years ago, they paid one-fourth, he said.

If that trend continues, Hill said, some students might be unable to attend UNL because tuition will be too high.

But, Hill said, the committee has made some other recommendations that are favorable to UNL, which makes the tuition increases "understandable."

Hill said he was pleased that the committee recommended Wednesday to appropriate \$1.9 million for replacing instructional equipment at UNL.

He said he hopes the recommendation will eliminate the \$9 per credit hour surcharge engineering students are paying for instructional equipment in the college.

"Overall, it's a difficult situation," Hill said. "I just hope down the road that UNL doesn't become too expensive for some people."

Undergraduate resident tuition increased 8.4 percent for 1988-89, 2.3 percent for 1987-88, 4.8 percent for 1986-87 and 9.9 percent for 1985-86.

During committee discussion Friday, Sen. Scott Moore of Stromsburg said he thinks tuition should rise at UNL by at least 5 percent because the committee has already tentatively recommended larger funding increases for UNL in other areas, such as faculty salaries.

"You can't have your cake and eat it, too, and we're giving them their

cake," Moore said.

A study the NU Board of Regents uses to compare UNL tuition and faculty and staff salaries with peer institutions shows that the cost of tuition at UNL is 27 percent lower than peer institutions' tuition.

Some of the universities in UNL's peer group are Iowa State, Minnesota, Purdue, Penn State, Maryland, Wisconsin and Ohio State.

Tuition charges at UNL are currently \$48.50 per credit hour for resident undergraduates and \$64.50 for resident graduate students.

The committee is expected to discuss university capital construction budgets after the Legislature adjourns Monday.

## UNL students arrested at Nevada nuclear testing site

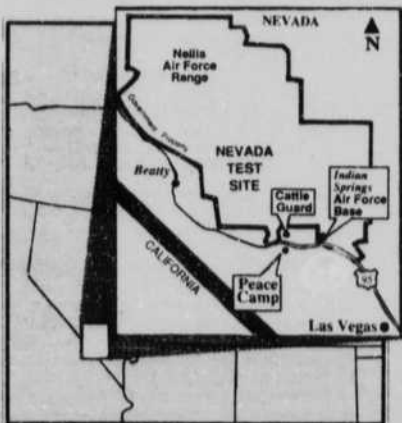
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INDIAN SPRINGS, Nev. -- U.S. Department of Energy officers arrested five University of Nebraska-Lincoln students during a massive peace demonstration Saturday at the Nevada Test Site, 18 miles northwest of here.

Joe Bowman, Tyler Davis, Nell Eckersley, Brent Hintz and Carl Klarner crossed a barbed wire fence enclosing the 1,350 square mile test site at 1 p.m. PST, joining thousands of people protesting the nuclear weapons testing facility.

The UNL group linked hands with Lincoln High School students

Camilla Eckersley and Kati Tobler and Ramana Lewis of Ashland, Ore.



The group walked side by side about 50 yards across the desert and

were met by special DOE security officers. Officers handcuffed the Lincoln group with plastic flex-cuffs and escorted them to other groups of demonstrators who also had scaled the fence.

Using flex-cuffs, the officers chained these groups together and marched them about a quarter of a mile through cactus and desert sand to a large chain link and barbed wire holding pen near the entrance of the test site.

Thousands of people who hoped their protests would stop nuclear testing chanted, sang and danced during the day-long rally in 90 degree heat.

Many of the protesters followed Shoshone Indian Corbin Harney over a cattle guard that serves as the entrance to the test site, land the

Shoshones claim is rightfully theirs. They immediately were arrested for trespassing on federal property.

Some demonstrators cooperated with officers while others went limp and were carried or dragged to the holding pen. Others clustered together arm in arm, sat on the cattle guard, and had to be forced apart by officers.

According to the Nye County Sheriff's Department, DOE officers made 1,070 arrests Saturday, the ninth day of "Reclaim The Test Site II." The gathering drew about 5,000 people from across the United States and much of the world, including West Germany, Australia, Japan and the Soviet Union.

Saturday's arrests brought the total number of arrests for the 10-day

event to 1,565. These numbers do not signify the actual number of individuals arrested, according to DOE media spokesman Jim Boyer. Many activists were arrested several times throughout the week, he said.

Those arrested were held at the site's pen for about four hours before being bussed to Beatty, about 75 miles northwest of the test site entrance. They were then taken to Beatty High School where they were given citations and released on their own recognizance.

More demonstrators were arrested Sunday, the last day of the protest, but numbers were not available.

Brandon Loomis and Connie Sheehan contributed to this story.



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Members of Beta Sigma Psi and Delta Upsilon spent Saturday afternoon playing in the mud at the Delta Upsilon "Oozeball" tournament near 20th and Vine streets.