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WEATHER:

Wednesday, mostly sunny and warmer, high 70-75 with S winds at 5-15 mph. Wednesday night, clear, low 40-45. Thursday, mostly sunny and warm, high around 75.

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Condom machines to make debut at Health Center

By Lee Rood
Senior Editor

In response to the AIDS epidemic and students' requests, the University Health Center will be installing condom machines in its first floor bathrooms and back entrance, university officials announced Tuesday.

Dr. Gerald Fleischli, the health center's medical director, said the machines, which should be installed within the next two weeks, come in response to "the most severe STD (sexually transmitted disease) -- AIDS" and recent student surveys.

One of those surveys, taken during the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska election last month, reported that 69 percent of students who voted support the in-

stallation of the machines in university buildings.

Kunle Ojikutu, health center administrator, said the machines, which will sell spermicide-coated condoms at 50 cents a piece, will increase condom availability with anonymity.

Current health center methods of providing condoms are intimidating for some students, Ojikutu said.

Students who want to purchase condoms at night from the health center have to ring a bell at the center's entrance and ask an on-duty nurse for condoms, he said.

During the day, students have to go to the center's pharmacy and face onlookers in line as they purchase condoms from a fishbowl for 10 cents a piece, he said.

"That can be embarrassing for shy students," he said.

The fishbowl will still be available, but now

students will be able to buy condoms in the privacy of the health center's bathrooms and back entryway on Vine Street -- which is unlocked at night, the officials said.

The back entrance is well lit and provides available parking space, he said.

Materials about acquired immune deficiency syndrome, condom use, safe sex and abstinence also will be placed next to the new machines, in exam rooms with condom packets and next to the pharmacy's fishbowl.

The education provided with the condoms could be very important, Ojikutu said, and it also will tell students to "think ahead."

Keeping the machines at the health center also will allow health center officials to protect the machines, keep them full and make sure the condoms are fresh, Ojikutu and Fleischli said.

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student

affairs, said that he likes offering condoms "in a health context" rather than at other areas on campus.

Providing condom machines in the residence halls would create problems, Griesen said.

"We have to recognize that our residence halls are used by younger kids" in the summer, Griesen said.

"... And I don't want parents to see condom machines in the residence halls and have them think that this is a part of college life," he said.

Some parents would not approve of the "appearance" of the machines, he said.

Ojikutu said the new machine in the center's rear entry would be covered with a "shade" during the day for appearance purposes, but that condoms will still be available in the bathrooms.

Bill provides protection

LB761 gets first-round approval

By Lisa Twiestmeyer and
Jana Pedersen
Staff Reporters

After almost two days of heated debate on the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Act, LB761, the Nebraska Legislature gave the bill first-round approval Tuesday by a vote of 40-2.

Several senators wanted to amend the bill but eventually agreed to delay action until LB761 comes up for second-round approval.

Sen. Loran Schmit of Bellwood, co-sponsor of the bill, said LB761 is designed to provide some forms of protection for citizens living in the county where a low-level nuclear waste site could be located.

The bill makes provisions for a nine-member committee in the county to monitor activity at the site. Until the final site is chosen, each of the three finalists would have a committee of up to nine members. The monitoring committees would provide input regarding local needs and resources concerning the site.

But Sen. Dave Landis of Lincoln said he thought the Legislature was taking a "paternalistic point of view" with the bill.

In referring to an amendment that would have allowed citizens in the county selected for the site to vote on whether to accept it, Landis said the Legislature needs to listen to the wishes of the people in the three counties where a site is being considered.

"We should not impose on them our perceptions," he said.

Although allowing citizens the opportunity to prohibit a site in their county isn't fair, he said, other wishes should be taken into consideration.

Sen. Merton Dierks of Ewing, the sponsor of the amendment, re-introduced the amendment after it had been ruled not germane on Monday.

The Legislature rejected it 24-22. Dierks distributed a handout to senators listing quotes from Gov. Kay Orr, U.S. Ecology spokesman Jim Neal and a Department of Environmental Control official saying the facility would not be built in a community that doesn't want the site.

Dierks said the state had made a pledge to its citizens that local approval would be required before the site is built.

"This is just part of our democratic process," Dierks said.

The Legislature should not deny citizens the right to vote on the issue just because it is afraid

of the outcome of the vote, he said.

Sen. Jim McFarland of Lincoln said the people of Nebraska and senators have been "deceived and misled" on the nuclear waste issue. When the original bill was introduced in 1983 on whether or not to join the nuclear waste compact, he said, the Legislature was assured that Nebraska probably wouldn't be chosen as the site.

McFarland said Nebraskans had been assured the facility would not be located in a community without the community's consent. The vote on Initiative 402 in November should not be confused with a community's right to vote on accepting a site, he said.

Passage of Initiative 402 would have withdrawn Nebraska from the low-level nuclear waste compact.

There has been a "campaign of deceit, misrepresentation and subterfuge to not let the people vote" on the issue, McFarland said.

Schmit challenged McFarland to prove that any deception took place.

"You are totally wrong," Schmit said, "and I bitterly resent you implying that this administration was involved in deceit and deception."

The people of Boyd, Nemaha and Nuckolls counties, the three prospective locations for the site, all voted to keep Nebraska in the compact in November, he said. The people have been given the vote, he said, and the "waste has to go somewhere."

Sen. Doug Kristensen of Minden said it was "far-fetched" to believe that citizens thought they were voting on whether to accept a local site when they voted on Initiative 402.

Kristensen said that while he doesn't think the people have been deceived, it seems that people were led to believe a community would have the right to vote on accepting a site so Initiative 402 would be defeated.

Once Nebraska remained in the compact, he said, there has been much less emphasis on local support of a site.

Sen. Owen Elmer of Indianola said another vote on the waste site would "drive further wedges" between the people in the community involved.

Elmer said he feels that currently one of the three communities under consideration is suitable. He said he opposed Dierks' amendment so future conflict could be avoided.

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Lincoln police cite NU football player for alleged off-campus domestic assault

From Staff Reports

Lincoln police cited a University of Nebraska football player for domestic assault Monday after he allegedly pushed a UNL student during a domestic dispute.

Lt. Albert Maxey of the Lincoln Police Department said Kelly Anders, a resident of Neihardt Hall, went to the man's residence at 3111 S St., and "confronted him as to their domestic status."

Anders, a junior news-editorial major, alleges that she was pushed by the man, Maxey said. She said she then went back to her resi-

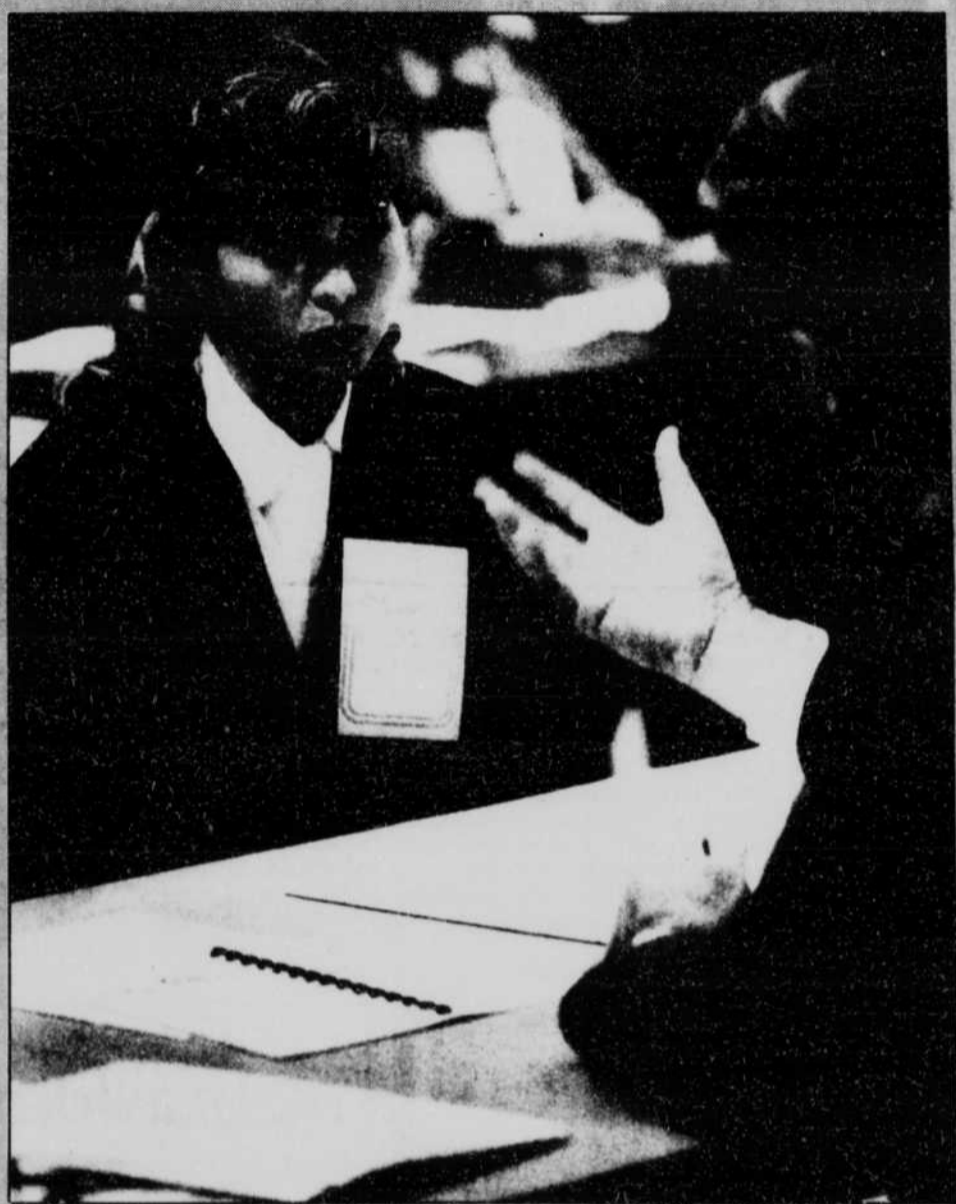
dence hall, Maxey said, where the man later arrived to "try and talk it out."

Lt. Ken Cauble of the UNL Police Department said the Anders called the UNL police and an officer detained the man until Lincoln police officers arrived. The officers cited him for domestic assault, as the alleged incident occurred off campus.

The incident occurred between 9 p.m. and 9:40 p.m. Monday, according to the Lincoln police report.

Husker coach Tom Osborne said the player informed him of the incident but no disciplinary actions are planned at this time.

He said there is "another side of this story and we'll have to see what develops."



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Julie Zvolanek, a senior elementary education major, interviews with Jon Hoerman from Garden City, Kan., during the Career Planning and Placement Center's teachers fair Tuesday at the Nebraska Union. More than 700 teacher candidates and 100 school district representatives from seven states participated in the fair.

Number of UNMC drop applicants

By Michelle Cheney
Staff Reporter

Although the number of medical student applicants in the United States has started to increase after a seven-year decline, that has not been the case at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, according to Sue Pope, the administrator of academic affairs.

According to data released last month by the Association of American Medical Colleges, the national number of medical student applicants is up to 25,825 this year, 348 more from the same time last year.

The increase comes after a steady decrease in medical school applicants since the 1982-83 school year.

Despite the national increase, however, the current number of students who applied to UNMC for next year dropped to 762 from 803 who applied for this year, Pope said. She said that number could change as the fall semester nears.

The number of applications to UNMC has

fluctuated each year for the past seven years, she said. It has not decreased each year like the national average. The lowest number of applicants in the past seven years was 679 in 1987-88. The highest number of applicants was 1,337 in 1984-85.

Dr. Calvin Davis, assistant dean of administration for the University of Nebraska Medical Center, said the national decline of applicants in the past seven years could be because of the expense of medical school and the long-term educational commitment required from medical students.

Davis also said the popularity of law and business professions may have taken away applicants from medical school. He said the increase in applications was not substantial, but said he hopes the trend will continue.

While the total number of applications has fluctuated over the last seven years, the number of women applying has increased consistently and the number of minorities applying has doubled.

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