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## WEATHER:

Wednesday, partly cloudy, warm and humid with highs in the 80s. Winds 10 to 15 miles per hour with a 20 percent chance of thundershowers and lows in the upper 60s. Thursday, sunny and warm with a high around 90. During the weekend, highs in the 80s to 90s, lows in the 60s, with scattered thundershowers.

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## Change and improvement are synonymous to Roskens

By Jana Pedersen  
 Senior Reporter

If running a university is anything like giving a speech, former University of Nebraska President Ronald Roskens may not be completely satisfied with his chief administrative performance.

"When I give a speech, I never feel at the end of that speech that I did as well as I could have, which is another way of saying that I continuously push myself. It's a form of self-discipline, I suppose, to improve," he said Aug. 23.

But Roskens wouldn't say whether he is dissatisfied with his performance as NU president.

"I believe that I should leave to others the matter of judgment of the extent to which my participation... was effective," he said. "(I'm) really too close to be able to give a reasonably objective examination."

During an interview with the Daily Nebraskan, Roskens preferred to talk in a conference room, away from the familiar large desk he worked behind for almost 13 years. He said he didn't want to give "the wrong impression" in photographs taken throughout the interview.

"You see, this is no longer my place," he said, leaving his former office.

Despite his desire to constantly improve and give the right impression, Roskens said he has a hard time calling himself a perfectionist.

"I don't know that I consider myself a perfectionist, but I rather imagine many people who have been associated with me would," he said. "I've heard it said occasionally, but it's probably mentioned more frequently beyond my ears," he said, smiling and sipping from a cup of coffee.

Even though he believes these associates might label him harshly, Roskens has nothing but praise for those he has worked with at NU.

"I have never viewed the role that I have played... as singular in its importance, because a university president can accomplish little or nothing alone," he said. "He or she must be able to galvanize those who make up the institution -- inspire people."

Over the years, Roskens has had to do his share of inspiring.

From almost the beginning of Roskens' term as president, NU has faced financial shortages, and more than a few times he has been forced to deal with budget cutbacks during a fiscal year, which is not an easy job, he said.

"The lean years are always... more difficult," he said. "They lead to a sense of despair on the part of many people in an institution, and some even get to the point of hopelessness."

But the professor in Roskens has a method for boosting morale in low

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Former University of Nebraska President Ronald Roskens emphasizes a point during an interview Wednesday. "I believe that I should leave to others the matter of judgment of the extent to which my participation... was effective," he said.

## Tuition trend slows; aid increases

By Brad Rundquist  
 Staff Reporter

A decade-long trend toward higher college tuition costs nationwide has slowed this year, according to an annual College Board survey.

The Associated Press reported that the survey shows average tuition rates rising 5 to 9 percent this year among the nation's colleges.

In the 1983-84 school year, rates at some four-year public colleges increased 20 percent. Over the last five years, rate increases have settled into the 5 to 9 percent range.

At the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, tuition this year for a resi-

dent undergraduate student taking 30 credit hours is \$1,810, a 6.28 percent increase over last year, according to the University of Missouri Tuition Study.

UNL experienced a 7.4 percent increase in tuition costs in 1983-84 from the year before.

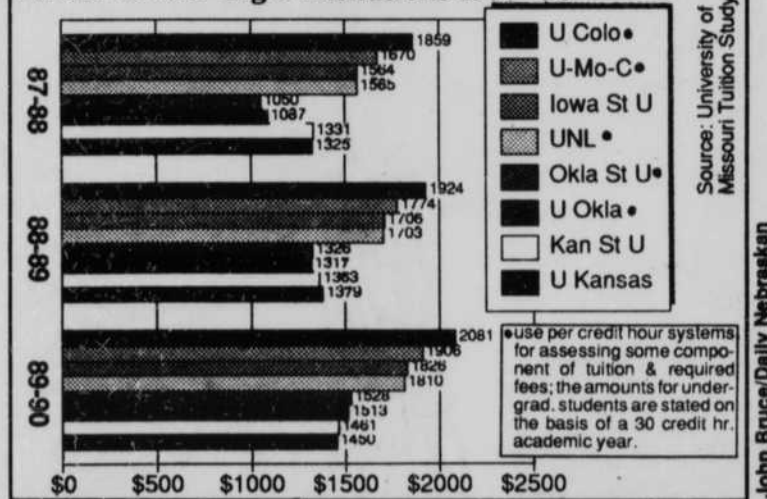
The study shows that UNL's 1989-90 increase is the second smallest among Big Eight institutions. The smallest increase, 5.15 percent, was at the University of Kansas. Two colleges, Oklahoma State and the University of Oklahoma, experienced double-digit tuition increases.

One positive increase this year is in the area of financial aid.

John Beacon, director of the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, said the estimated \$35 million awarded by the OSFA is a noticeable increase over last year's total. Beacon said he didn't know last year's exact total because accurate figures weren't kept until this year.

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Tuition & fees Big 8 institutions 1987-'90



Source: University of Missouri Tuition Study  
 John Bruce/Daily Nebraskan

## Study shows hard times ahead for college students

By Jerry Guenther  
 Senior Reporter

If a national study last fall charting student incomes is any indication, students who do not receive financial aid at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln may be hard pressed to make ends meet this academic year.

According to the study conducted by the New York-based research firm CollegeTrack, students had personal earnings of just over \$4,500 last year.

Stuart Himmelfarb, president of CollegeTrack, said the firm conducted the study last fall. It was based on 1,350 interviews from full-time college students at 30 colleges and universities nationwide.

Even though UNL was not included in the study, Himmelfarb said the results are projectable for college students across the country.

He said students' actual buying power might be greater than the average \$4,500 they earned last year, because two-thirds of all students nationwide receive money from home.

Figures from UNL Institutional Research & Planning indicate that it will cost undergraduate resident students \$4,240 for tuition, room and board during 1989-90.

Of that \$4,240, \$1,810 is for tuition. That figure is based on a student taking 15 credit hours each semester at \$51 a credit hour. Students also must pay \$140 in fees each semester for seven or more credit hours.

Students are charged \$1,075 for room, and \$1,355 for board, based on 20 meals per week.

That leaves an "average student," as defined by the study, with about \$250 to pay for books, transportation and miscellaneous expenses. Student incomes from the survey do not include financial aid awards.

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, said he thinks it is becoming more difficult for students to afford college.

But, Griesen said, even though college costs have escalated at a rate above inflation, students' ability to

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## Shooting prompts vigil to call attention to gay-bashing

By Natalie Weinstein  
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Members of Lincoln's gay/lesbian community will hold a candlelight vigil Sept. 7 to bring attention to and "to grieve for all those people who have been victims of anti-gay and anti-lesbian violence," according to a vigil coordinator.

Nanci Rivenburg, a coordinator and a junior biology and women's studies major at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said the vigil was prompted by the shooting death of J. Eric Jones early Sunday morning at 11th and F streets. The vigil is not an attempt to make Jones a martyr, she said.

"He is no less or no more important than anyone who has died from the violence," she said.

The vigil will take place at 8 p.m. Sept. 7 on the north steps of the Capitol.

Jones, 27, of 4619 Bancroft Ave., was attending a party Saturday night at 1032 F St. Rodney Life, a 30-year-old partygoer from Lincoln, said the crowd was a mix of homosexuals, heterosexuals, blacks and whites.

Lancaster County Attorney Mike Heavican said that according to witnesses, five men came into the party at about 3:30 a.m. Sunday and began harassing some partygoers about their sexual orientation. They were asked to leave and did.

When one partygoer went to his car, the men confronted him and hit him in the head. He lost his glasses during the assault and went back to the party to get help finding the glasses.

Shortly after 4:30 a.m., Jones and several other men came back outside with him and got into an argument with the five men who had harassed them earlier. During the confrontation, Jones was shot once by one of those men. The bullet severed a main artery and lodged in

his abdominal wall. He died less than two hours later. Another person at the party received a minor head injury during the confrontation.

Two Omaha men have been arrested in connection with Jones' death. Neither has been formally charged, Heavican said.

One was booked on a charge of second-degree assault. Another was booked on charges of manslaughter and the use of a weapon to commit a felony. A third is being held as a witness and could possibly be charged. Heavican said police are searching for the other two men.

Heavican said those at the party have told police they were harassed about being homosexuals.

"That's fine. They were there," he said. "But from the standpoint of any legal investigation you have to look at the escalation."

The derogatory remarks and gestures were part of the series of events, he said. Heavican

would not be any more specific, saying the rest will have to come out in a trial.

Heavican may hesitate to pinpoint the motive behind Jones' death, but members of the gay and lesbian community won't.

Margie Winn, a vigil coordinator and a senior advertising major at UNL, said the crime is clearly a case of gay-bashing.

"My impression is that there is no question that it was directed at the gay community, whether or not at J. (Jones) himself," Winn said.

Life said he heard the men accused of the crime making anti-gay gestures and remarks.

"When J. was willing to stand up for the rights of homosexuals," Life said, "he immediately became a target."

Shawn Leavitt, a senior business major and an acquaintance of Jones, said people

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