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WEATHER:
Friday, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of afternoon t-showers. Winds from 5 to 15 mph and a high around 80. A 60 percent chance of t-showers Friday night, low around 65. Saturday, mostly cloudy and cool with a 40 percent chance of t-showers, high around 75. Extended forecast: cool with a chance of t-showers daily. Highs 70s and lows 50s.

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Ceiling falls, releasing asbestos

Professor says he requested ceiling repairs two years ago

By Jerry Guenther
Senior Reporter

Although parts of an asbestos ceiling caused extensive damage when they fell in Burnett Hall over the weekend, the director of the damaged lab said he's more upset that the ceiling in the room wasn't replaced earlier.

Hans Gilde, assistant professor of modern languages and literature at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said he first suggested that the ceiling in rooms 305 and 306 needed to be removed and replaced two years ago.

Rooms 305 and 306 of Burnett connect to form a lab that foreign language students use to listen to tapes and practice their speaking skills.

Gilde, who oversees the lab, said he made another request this summer to have the ceiling replaced when parts of it fell in the hall outside the lab.

"I got no response," Gilde said. "If they would have fixed that ceiling last summer, we would've only put out about 200 students. Now it's 2,000."

Gilde said he saw the collapsed ceiling Wednesday morning after returning from Labor Day break and immediately notified maintenance men.

UNL officials quickly closed the

lab because some asbestos was released.

"Asbestos. That's the magic word," Gilde said. "That got their tails moving."

Jerry Delhay, manager of building maintenance, said many buildings on both UNL campuses contain asbestos, but it is removed only from buildings that show signs of wear or stress.

Delhay said it would cost millions of dollars to replace all the asbestos in buildings on both UNL campuses.

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--Gilde

Gilde said that although the ceiling has looked "iffy" for the past couple of years, he didn't notice anything unusual Friday when he left the room.

"We were very lucky that the room was unoccupied when it fell," Gilde said. "Somebody could have been very seriously hurt."

Delhay said the university has hired an emergency contractor to

clean the room and furniture.

Delhay said UNL will install new lights and a drop ceiling in the room, and the room will be closed at least eight days.

Although Delhay said he doesn't know yet why the ceiling fell, he said he thinks it was probably condensation and old age.

Total costs of the damage still are unavailable, Delhay said.

Because of the fallen ceiling, Gilde said, students will be unable to use the lab for about two weeks. Students in some foreign language classes are required to spend time in the lab.

Gilde said the temporary loss of the lab is causing academic problems for students because it is occurring early in the semester when many students want to get off to good starts.

But, Gilde said, students in foreign language classes still can get and drop off tapes for their classes from 307 Burnett. However, students must find a different place to listen to their tapes and use their own tape players, he said.

"I think the students have every right to be upset," Gilde said. "They paid a \$5 lab fee and now they can't even use it."

Gilde said the ceiling in his office, located next to the lab, also fell, forcing him to move to the audio/visual room next door.

Blank says NU Regents need to answer key questions before picking president

By Lisa Twiestmeyer
Staff Reporter

Members of the NU Board of Regents must answer five key questions before deciding whether an outside consultant is needed to help in an analysis of the university's administrative structure, said Regent Don Blank of McCook.

The regents met Thursday with three consultants whom they may consider to help in an internal assessment of the university structure and the search for a new NU president.

Blank, chairman of the board's internal governance committee, said that before the regents decide whether to hire an outside consultant they must answer: where the university is now, where it is going, where it should be going, whether structural changes are necessary, and what kind of person they are looking for in a president.

Blank said he wants the regents to come up with answers within 10 days to two weeks so they can decide how extensive an analysis is necessary and whether an outside consultant is

needed.

The answers to the last question will hinge on the answers to the first four, Blank said.

"Anytime you are looking for a new president, you need to know what guidelines to set up," Blank said. "We will do a thorough internal assessment (of the institution), and following that, we will begin our search."

The three consultant firms the board heard presentations from were chosen because they could help not only in the internal assessment process, but also in the presidential-search process, Blank said.

Other consultant firms primarily are search organizations only, he said.

The following representatives discussed their firms' services with the board: Charles B. Neff, vice president of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, and Caesar Naples, vice chancellor of faculty and staff relations for the California State University System and a consultant to AGB; Ronald Stead of the Academic Search Con-

sultation Service; and Paul Sharp of Leadership Development Associates.

Neff said the AGB is a higher education association in Washington, D.C., that works with the governing boards of universities and colleges. Presidential searches and consultations are one of the services the association provides.

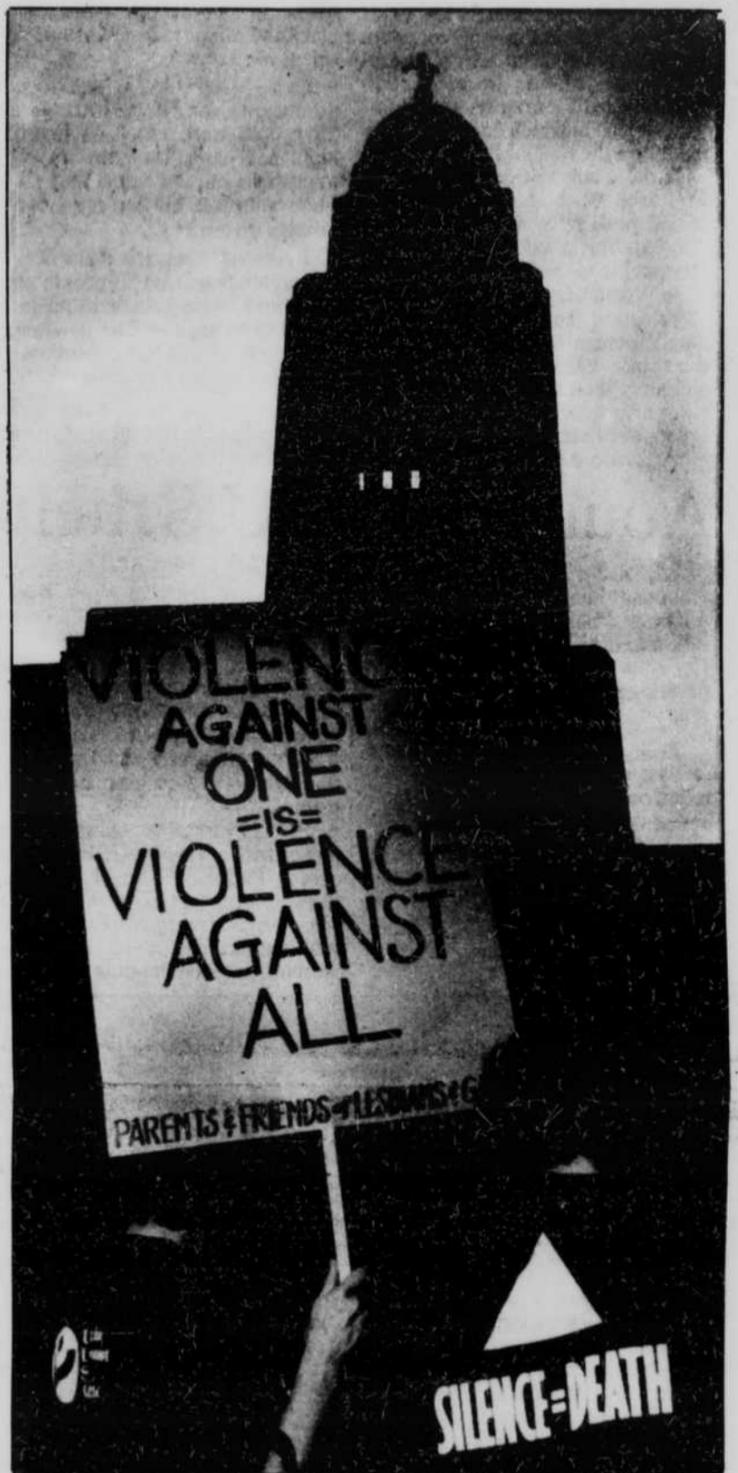
The AGB conducts a pre-search consultation, Neff said, which would help the regents define the leadership qualities needed at NU. Such a consultation usually lasts three to four days and costs about \$9,000, he said.

Neff said a full search for a president, including the pre-search consultation, costs \$21,000 plus expenses such as travel and takes about six months.

Stead said the Academic Search Consultation Service conducts a pre-search study to help the search committee look at the university's needs and what kind of person it needs as president.

After this report, his service helps

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Jean Durgin-Clinchard, left, and Kathy England brought their messages to a "vigil against hate crimes" at the State Capitol Thursday night.

Vigil marchers protest violence

By Emily Rosenbaum
Staff Reporter

distaste for violence," said Todd Brittain, one of the vigil's organizers. "We must find it unacceptable and we must say so."

End the Silence" and "One Night Without Violence" read the banners carried in a group of about 150 demonstrators who marched in a candlelight vigil Thursday night.

"We're here tonight to show our

The participants gathered on the north steps of the State Capitol and then walked along Centennial Mall to R Street.

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LES uses UNL power plant, causes outage



By Theresa Sindelar
Staff Reporter

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's City Campus was without electrical power for five minutes around 11:30 p.m. Wednesday when the UNL power plant assisted the Lincoln Electric System by letting it use UNL's power.

Don Ganow, assistant utilities manager of the UNL plant, said LES had a 34,500 volt switch that wouldn't open or close. LES needed power from the UNL plant while it was working on the problem.

Officials from both plants decided to wait until evening to work on the switch because

they didn't want to risk cutting power to the state fair.

"UNL had to back-feed power from East Campus while LES used our power," Ganow said, "and that was the first time we have had to use their (East Campus') power."

Ganow said the outage occurred while power to City Campus was being restored by LES.

Power was restored to the entire campus within five minutes.

Douglas Gale, director of the UNL Computing Resource Center, said he knew of no problems with the major computer systems because of the outage.

Ganow said LES had to repair the switch because "it was an outage waiting to happen."