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WEATHER:

Tuesday, sunny and warm with a high from 80 to 85 with winds from the south at 10 to 20 miles per hour. Partly cloudy Tuesday night with a low near 60. Wednesday, a high in the 80s. Cooling off Thursday through Saturday with a chance of showers on Friday. Highs in the 70s Thursday to the 60s by Saturday.

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A jogger uses the track in Cook Pavillon.

UNL policeman Kratochvil receives Carnegie Award for rescuing boy from fire

By Roger Price
 Staff Reporter

Although he does not consider himself a "glory seeker," UNL police officer Bryan Kratochvil recently was selected to be one of 16 people in the United States and Canada to receive a Carnegie Award for heroism.

Kratochvil won the award for his actions in October 1988 when he saved the life of then 5-year-old Christopher Smillie who was caught in a fire at 3272 Starr St.

Kratochvil carried Smillie out of a burning apartment building after seeing the smoke from the fire, running to the scene and entering the building when he heard the cries of children.

Since the rescue, Kratochvil has received letters and awards of recognition from the Lincoln Fire Department, American Red Cross, the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, NU Board of Regents, Gov. Kay Orr, Federal Bureau of Investigation, the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators and the International Footprinters Association.

Kratochvil also is a candidate for Parade magazine's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Kratochvil has collected "a photo album thicker than any encyclopedia" of clips and awards, he said.

Although Kratochvil said he is very excited about receiving all the awards, he said the past year also has been very difficult for him because he still is upset about Smillie's 2-year-old brother, Nicholas, who died in the same fire.

"I felt that little boy so close to me, I just couldn't find him," Kratochvil said. "It's something that I live with day to day. There's not a day that I don't think about it."

Kratochvil said his family has made him a videotape of the television reports that followed the rescue, but he has watched it only once and cried throughout the tape.

"It was very emotional, very hard for me to deal with," Kratochvil said.

"The first day that I can go on without thinking about the kid who died, my life will be a lot easier," Kratochvil said.

Kratochvil said he received a letter formally notifying him of the award last Saturday. He received a certificate, a medal and \$2,500 from the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission.

With the money, Kratochvil said he will pay off his car loan early, throw a party for everyone who helped him through this last year, and buy steaks for the other officers on his shift.

Kratochvil said he was very grateful to the rest of the UNL police department and especially to retired chief Gail Gade who nominated him for the award.

"If it wouldn't have been for them, I wouldn't have worked for it," Kratochvil said.

CFA member: Harvest Room renovations are a positive step

By Jerry Guenther
 Senior Reporter

Although a \$50,000 funding request for renovations to the Harvest Room has received mixed reactions, an ASUN senator said she thinks attempts to make the cafeteria profitable are a step in the right direction.

Julie Jorgensen, senator from the College of Arts & Sciences and member of the Committee for Fees Allocation, said changes are needed so the Harvest Room can attract more students.

The NU Board of Regents approved a \$150,000 funding request for capital improvements at both campus unions during its Sept. 8 meeting.

Of the \$150,000 expenditure, \$36,400 is requested to renovate the entrance to the Harvest Room and revamp the space the UNL Dairy Store occupies to make it accessible for a pizza parlor.

"I think the general direction they're headed is correct," Jorgensen said. "The decision (to add a pizza parlor) is most advantageous."

Jorgensen, who also was a member of CFA last year, said she voted against using student fees to subsidize losses from the Harvest Room

and plans to vote against any such requests this year.

"Burger King has shown that it is possible for food services to make a profit (in the Nebraska Union)," she said.

Kevin Lytle, last year's CFA chairman, said he doesn't think the renovations will help attract more students to the Harvest Room.

Lytle said getting a pizza chain into the Nebraska Union would help the overall profitability of food services in the union, but he thinks money should be spent to develop a food court.

"For the past 15 or 20 years they (union officials) have been throwing ideas at CFA and nothing has changed," he said.

Lytle, who now works as an analyst with the Federal Reserve Bank in Omaha, said the question of how to make the Harvest Room profitable is nothing new.

Lytle said the Harvest Room will have problems attracting students as long as there are fast-food restaurants located downtown.

"Any money they put into the Harvest Room is just thrown away," he said.

Daryl Swanson, director of the Nebraska Unions, said action by an executive committee

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Revival of publication considered

ASUN gauges yearbook support

By Diane Brayton
 Staff Reporter

ASUN currently is working on plans to revive the Cornhusker Yearbook, according to Jon Bruning, Association of Students of the University of Nebraska second vice president.

The Cornhusker Yearbook, a book including all University of Nebraska-Lincoln students, last was published in 1971. Bruning said the "turbulence" of the times was the main reason the publication ended.

"Anything that was established tradition

went under," Bruning said.

Student interest dropped, Bruning said, and costs of the yearbook started to go up.

Bruning said the cost of a campus publication remains the main problem in reviving the book. People have been trying to reinstate the yearbook for the last four or five years, he said, but did not carry through with their plans because of financial limitations.

ASUN wants to keep the price at about \$20 or \$30 to make it cheap enough to attract students, Bruning said.

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UNL veterinary applicants on the increase

By Lisa Bolin
 Staff Reporter

Although the number of UNL students interested in pre-veterinary sciences has increased this year, a national study shows that fewer students are applying to veterinary school.

Gene White, director of the Institutional Animal Care Program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said even though UNL does not have a professional veterinary school, the percentage of students who list veterinary science as their primary interest is up this year compared to past years.

The College of Agriculture reported 82 students listing pre-veteri-

nary science as their primary interest in 1989, up from 60 in 1987 and 54 in 1988.

John Tasker, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University in Lansing, said he began the study of the nation's veterinary schools in 1980. Since then, he said, the number of students applying for veterinary school has declined significantly.

In 1980, the number of students nationwide who applied for acceptance was 7,286, Tasker said. This number has decreased to 3,922 in 1989, he said.

White said there has been a decrease in applicants for all areas of medicine. He said he feels this decrease can be attributed to a change in students' attitudes.

Fewer students want to spend the time in school needed to pursue a career in medicine, he said.

Tasker also said he believed this to be the reason for the decline in applicants.

"At the present time, people of the college-age are more interested in business-oriented careers that are high-paying and only take four years of schooling," he said.

The average veterinary student spends a total of seven to eight years of schooling in order to become a professional, White said.

"The professional school is very intense and very competitive," he said. "Applicants are required to have a minimum grade point average of 3.0. It's tough to make, and a few students fall by the wayside."

In his study, Tasker said, he also discovered the number of male applicants has declined.

More than 50 percent of students

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Pre-Veterinary Science Students

