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WEATHER:

Thursday, mostly sunny and warm, high around 80, southwest winds 10 to 15 miles per hour. Clear and mild Thursday night, low around 50. Friday, mostly sunny and warm, high around 80. Saturday and Sunday, warm and dry with highs in the 80s. Increasing cloudiness Monday with a high in the 70s. Lows in the 50s throughout the weekend.

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Participating in a Navy exchange program, J. Scott Weldon spent two months this summer on a British Royal Navy ship.

ROTC midshipman rubs royalty elbows Student sails with Royal Navy

By Michelle Cheney
Staff Reporter

While other UNL students were vacationing and soaking up the sun this summer, UNL student J. Scott Weldon was sailing with the British Royal Navy and meeting British royalty.

Weldon, a midshipman in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Navy ROTC program, spent two months this summer on a British Royal Navy ship as part of a Navy

exchange program. Weldon is a senior exercise-physiology major.

Weldon rubbed elbows with royalty on his last day in England. His ship, the HMS Amazon, was guarding the royal yacht. As he was taking pictures of royalty figures, Queen Elizabeth II motioned Weldon to come closer. He said he thinks she motioned him because his uniform was different from the British Royal Navy uniform.

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Survey shows UNL students rank parking No. 1 problem

C.J. Schepers
Staff Reporter

Parking is the most serious problem in the minds of UNL students, according to the spring 1989 UNL Student Health Survey.

On a scale of one to seven, with one being no problem and seven being a serious problem, about 80 percent of 305 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students interviewed for the survey rated parking as a five, six or seven, outdistancing concerns over alcohol and stress.

About 58 percent of students surveyed rated alcohol and stress as serious problems (five, six or seven).

The spring semester data recently was tabulated into a report by Greg Barth, information systems manager for the University Health Center.

This was the first year the study included the question: "How serious a problem are the following at the University, on a scale of one to seven, with one being no problem and seven being a serious problem?"

The items rated by students include: parking, student fees, stress, safety, crime, sexual harassment, gambling, alcohol, drug abuse, sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS.

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, said he tries to convey students' parking concerns to UNL's parking administration.

Griesen said that when he traded places for a day with freshman Larry Miles in mid-September, he heard a "flood" of complaints about parking from students in Miles' architecture class.

But Griesen said that parking concerns are

not unique to UNL. He said he has seen "tremendous" parking problems at three other campuses where he has worked: Ohio State University, the University of Michigan and the University of Nebraska at Omaha.



One explanation for increased concern over parking, he said, is that the number of student drivers at high schools and colleges also has increased.

"The number of cars seems to escalate every year," he said.

"When I was in high school, you could count on one hand the number of students driving," Griesen said.

Survey results show that more upperclassmen said parking was a serious problem. While 61.1 percent of freshman rated parking as a major concern, 72 percent of sophomores, 85.8 percent of juniors and 89.6 percent of seniors reported the same.

Differences between males and females over the parking issued varied slightly, with 83.4 percent of the females and 77.2 percent of the males rating parking as serious.

Other significant differences between males and females were seen in the areas of stress, crime, safety, drug abuse, alcohol and sexually transmitted diseases.

See PROBLEMS on 2

Students learn work skills

Agriculture program prepares graduates for jobs

By Jerry Guenther
Senior Reporter

The UNL College of Agriculture is turning over new ground and combining different fields of study to help students become better prepared for their occupations with a program started last year.

NUPAGE, which stands for New Partnerships in Agriculture and Education, is a program of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

The program, which began in August 1988, is partially funded from a three-year grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battlecreek, Mich.

Maurice Baker, co-director of NUPAGE and professor of agricultural economics, said graduates often feel unprepared for their occupations, even after spending at least four years studying and preparing.

"We tend to teach students school skills and not work skills," Baker said. "We teach them how to take exams and that's not what they need when they get out of here."

Through NUPAGE, Baker said, faculty members have the opportunity to start courses that they believe could strengthen students' learning experiences.

Baker said NUPAGE has board members who meet with faculty groups to listen and discuss proposals for new courses or learning experiences.

NUPAGE also encourages students and community partners, such as agricultural producers and food representatives, to help plan and develop new courses, he said.

"The only input students frequently get is an opportunity to evaluate the course and the instructor after they have taken it," Baker said. "They have no opportunity to benefit from their own suggestions that may later get incorporated into the course."

Becky Thomas, outreach coordinator of NUPAGE, said she speaks with professors and department chairpersons to get names of students interested in helping to plan a course.

Thomas said she also talks to the students who have been suggested to get additional names.

"We're trying to broaden the base (of people planning the course), so that isn't the same old input," Thomas said.

Although student input is important in getting a new course developed, Baker said, faculty initiative is critical.

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Search committee applicants chosen

By Jana Pedersen
Senior Reporter

Despite senators' concerns about a restrictive time frame and small number of applicants, ASUN voted Wednesday to approve the nominations of two students for a position on the committee that will help select the new University of Nebraska president.

Seniors Deb Fiddelke and Matt Gotschall were unanimously approved as nominees for the committee position during the meeting of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

After ASUN President Bryan Hill told senators that only three applicants were interviewed for nominations to the committee post, Sens. Marc Shkolnick and Bart Vitek questioned the effectiveness of the way the committee opening was published.

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"It troubles me greatly that there were only three applications," Shkolnick said. "It seems to me that the type of university we have should lend itself to preparing (a greater number of) qualified applicants."

Shkolnick said he did not doubt the abilities of either Fiddelke or Gotschall, but he said he was disappointed that there were no residence hall or minority nominees.

"We better make damn sure we are involving the minorities in this decision," he said.

Vitek said that because this particular position was so important, he was upset that senators didn't try to recruit minority applicants.

"We need to go that extra yard," he said. "We need to spread the word better and take it into consideration that people don't know that they might be qualified."

But Shkolnick said he realized that because nominations are due by the end of this week, the limited time frame prevented adequate publicity.

Hill said he would have been willing to extend the deadline to allow for more applicants if the deadline for nominations had been any later.

But Hill said he was confident that either Fiddelke or Gotschall would adequately represent the UNL student body if selected for the committee position.

Hill said two nominees from each campus will be submitted to the NU Board of Regents who then will select one of the six applicants to sit on the 12-member presidential search committee.

The committee will review all presidential applications starting in January and make a final recommendation of six applicants to the regents, he said.

Cost of recycling stopped UNL efforts in the past

Editor's Note: This is the second story in a four-part series about recycling.

By Jana Pedersen
Senior Reporter

If a proposed recycling program is started at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, it won't be the first.

About ten years ago, the local paper recycling company, Dennis Paper Sales, installed several wooden bins on campus for collecting old newspapers, according to

Edie Truax, office manager for the company.

The student group Ecology Now is trying to initiate a similar recycling program at UNL. J. Burger, project coordinator for the group, said he thinks recycling would save UNL money and help the environment.

The original recycling project ran into problems after just a few years, Truax said, because of the decreasing value of newsprint on the recycling market.

"Basically what happened ... is that the newspaper market was so bad that we couldn't sell it once we collected it," she said.

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