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WEATHER:

Monday, mostly sunny, breezy and becoming cooler, high in the mid-60s, northwest winds from 15 to 25 miles per hour. Monday night, cool and cloudy, low in the mid- to upper-20s. Tuesday, partly sunny and breezy, high in the mid- to upper-50s.

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Regents recommend firm to aid in search

By Lisa Twiestmeyer
Staff Reporter

Members of the NU Board of Regents decided Friday to recommend a consultant firm to aid in the search for a new NU president.

At an internal governance subcommittee meeting of four regents and two student regents, the regents voted 4-2 to recommend Heidrick and Struggles Inc. as their choice for a presidential search consultant firm.

Regent Don Blank of McCook, subcommittee chairman, said fee negotiations with the Chicago firm probably will begin this morning. Once a fee has been established, he said, he will set up a telephone conference call for the full board to approve the firm and the fee.

During a presentation at the Nov. 10 regents meeting, William Bowen

Board plans to negotiate flat fee with Chicago company

of the firm's Chicago office and R. William Funk of the firm's Dallas office said Heidrick and Struggles normally charges one-third of the new president's salary plus expenses. The two also said they would be willing to negotiate a flat fee.

Blank said Friday that the fee will be somewhere around \$40,000. If the fee were based on one-third of the salary of former NU President Ronald Roskens, he said, the figure would be around \$36-\$38,000.

But, Blank said, Roskens' former salary shouldn't be the figure the fee is based on, and he would rather negotiate a flat fee with the firm.

"We won't need a great deal of negotiation," Blank said. "I don't think more than probably (a difference of) a couple thousand dollars is all we're talking about."

Blank said he feels strongly that a consultant is needed to help provide regents with names of candidates and to help "with the hundreds of details of a search."

Regent Kermit Hansen of Elkhorn said he previously was against hiring a consultant, but changed his opinion "180 degrees" after listening to presentations at the last two board meetings.

There could be "an aura of doubt" among presidential candidates as to what they might face as NU president, Hansen said. A consultant firm could help clear up that doubt, he said, and could bring in candidates the board otherwise might have missed.

Hansen said he had a slight preference for Korn/Ferry International, a firm based in Washington, D.C., that

also gave a presentation at the November board meeting.

Blank said he preferred Heidrick and Struggles because the firm's education office is in Chicago, and it may be more "Midwest oriented" than Korn/Ferry.

Before voting on a firm, the regents had narrowed the selection down to Heidrick and Struggles and Korn/Ferry.

J.B. Milliken, executive assistant to the NU president, said that out of the six firms that came before the board, Heidrick and Struggles and Korn/Ferry were the two which generally represent large state universities.

In other business, Blank announced the selection of the final two members of the presidential search committee. Irv Omtvedt, vice chan-

cellor for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, will serve as administrative officer to the committee. Edith Steans, affirmative action officer at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, is the committee's affirmative action adviser.

Blank said the search committee will meet before the December regents meeting.

The regents also discussed the job description of the NU president. Blank said the board needs to put together its own description outlining what is expected of the new NU president.

The current job description is an executive memorandum that gives no restrictions to the president, Blank said. The regents must draw up their own description that tells what they expect of the president and the direc-

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UNL student hurt after 18-foot fall

By Cindy Wostrel
Staff Reporter

A University of Nebraska-Lincoln student was in fair condition after falling 18 feet in an elevator shaft at Cather Hall Sunday.

Freshman Varner Hike, known as "J.R.," fell from an elevator in Cather residence hall Sunday morning. He received lacerations to his leg and a compression fracture to his lower back, according to Sandra Keefover, Lincoln General Hospital head nurse.

Hike is a Cather Hall resident.

Cather Residence Director Steve Grajewski said he heard Hike yelling at about 7 a.m. He went to the basement and found Hike in the shaft. In-house maintenance man Mike Leopold pulled Hike out. Grajewski called an ambulance that took Hike to the hospital.

Grajewski said the elevator breaks down periodically, but that this was the first incident of someone falling down the shaft that he knew of.

Keefover said Hike would be released when he felt comfortable enough.

The UNL Police Department would not release any further information about how Hike fell.



'Post-game celebration

UNL students lead the celebration after Nebraska's win over Oklahoma Saturday.

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Hill to ask regents to reconsider Woodruff vote

By Lisa Twiestmeyer
Staff Reporter

UNL student regent Bryan Hill said he plans to ask the NU Board of Regents at its December meeting to reconsider its vote to acquire and demolish a building with possible historic value.

Hill said information on the condition and historical value of the Woodruff Building, 10th and Q streets, should have been given to the board before it voted to acquire the building. Instead, he said, the information was distributed while the regents were in the process of voting on the issue.

At the Nov. 10 board meeting, regents unanimously approved acquiring the Woodruff Building and converting the property to a 45-stall parking lot.

After some discussion of the building's possible historical value at the regents' September meeting, regents asked that the School of Architecture review the feasibility of refurbishing the building.

An information packet with the results of three architecture profes-

sors' evaluations was distributed to the regents at the November meeting.

However, Hill said, because the packet wasn't given out until during the vote, there was no time for regents to study the information.

"By the time we got it, there wasn't any chance to read it," Hill said. "It wasn't utilized by the board. It took me a while to figure out it was supporting my position."

Hill said he opposes demolishing the Woodruff Building. According to the information from architecture professors, he said, the building probably meets the criteria for placement on the National Register of Historic Places.

Hill said he had asked John Goebel, vice chancellor for business and finance, for the information the week before the November meeting. Goebel told him he could not give the information to him without giving it to all the regents, Hill said.

Goebel could have mailed the packet to all the regents, Hill said. Hill again tried to get the information the day before the meeting, he said, but couldn't.

Hill said the information had been

mailed to Goebel on Nov. 2.

Goebel said Sunday that he received the information Nov. 3. Because there wasn't enough time to get the materials to all the regents for study before the meeting, he said, he compiled a summary statement of the information to be distributed at the meeting.

Volleyball court fate uncertain

UNL officials to decide Phase III plans

By Jerry Guenther
Senior Reporter

A decision on whether to proceed as planned with Phase III of Campus Recreation Center construction will be made during the middle of this week, University of Nebraska-Lincoln officials said over the weekend.

John Goebel, vice chancellor for business and finance, said he and other UNL officials met Friday to examine ways that would allow the Nebraska volleyball team to keep the Coliseum as its home, while possibly increasing the number of seats.

The summary statement was included in the information packet.

Goebel said he distributed the information at the time the agenda item was introduced, which is normal procedure at the regents' meetings.

"It's just a normal process we do at board meetings," Goebel said. "The board determines how they

vote on the issue."

The information packet contains evaluations by three UNL architecture professors on three aspects of the building. William Borner evaluated the condition of the internal environmental systems in the building; Keith

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Phase III includes raising the volleyball floor in the Coliseum about 13 feet, adding labs, offices and storage rooms and building men's and women's locker rooms.

"We've gathered enough information," Goebel said. "Sometime during the middle of (this) week we'll decide whether to proceed as planned or in some way alter the plans."

Along with himself, Goebel said, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Robert Furgason will decide whether to proceed with construction as planned.

The Coliseum currently can seat

about 2,500 fans for volleyball matches, according to the State Fire Marshal's established capacity, but increased attendance has caused officials to turn away fans at some matches this year.

According to Phase III of the construction plans, raising the present volleyball floor would reduce seating capacity to 2,400.

Barbara Hibner, assistant athletic director in charge of women's athletics, said she doubts whether capacity would even be that high because the pep band, scouts, press and opposing

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