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WEATHER:

Wednesday, partly sunny and warmer, high in the mid-40s, south winds 10 to 15 miles per hour. Wednesday night, clear, low in the mid-20s. Thursday, mostly sunny, high in the low-50s.

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Student leaders want more students placed on parking committee

By Victoria Ayotte
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More student members are needed on the Parking Advisory Committee because they are underrepresented, said the committee's chairman and the president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

Doug Oxley and Bryan Hill wrote letters to UNL Chancellor Martin Messengale urging the addition of three more students to the 10-member committee.

"The composition of this committee is by no means reflective of the demographics of the university community or the users of the university parking facilities," Hill wrote in his letter. "Students are clearly underrepresented in the membership of the Parking Advisory Committee to the benefit of the paid employees of the university."

The committee presently has six faculty members and four students. Oxley and Hill are proposing three more student members, which Oxley said would not make the committee too large.

Students provide 70 percent of the parking revenue, but only have 40 percent representation, Oxley and Hill said.

Oxley said issues brought before the committee often are seen in a different way by the student and faculty members.

"It's no wonder why students feel

frustrated in the decisions," Oxley said.

Underrepresentation is "the key to most of the problems," he said. "Many times the committee makes decisions that aren't representative of students' needs."

Proportional representation, Hill said, likely would make the committee "more responsive to the needs of all of its users."

Faculty and staff members park in lots close to campus, Hill said, while commuter student lots are farther away. Students and faculty paying the same price for parking permits is one example of the inequity resulting from unequal representation, he said.

Hill and Oxley said the committee is improving the parking situation after complaints this fall, but a representative committee would make it easier for the committee to solve remaining parking problems.

The main problem, Oxley said, is that students often are treated as second-class citizens when it comes to administrative decisions.

The parking changes were good, he said, but "it isn't getting to the core of the problem that students are not treated equitably and are not fully represented on the committee."

Oxley said the change in representation would "absolutely make a difference."

Hill said the change would be "one of the best things that could be done" to facilitate solving parking problems.

Landis says personal contact the way to successful lobbying

By Jana Pedersen
 Senior Reporter

Calling his constituents "bosses," state Sen. Dave Landis of Lincoln told members of the Government Liaison Committee Tuesday that the best way to successfully lobby senators is to have constituents contact them personally.

"The critical connection point between me and the public is the 33,000 people in my district," Landis said. "The senator will pay a good deal more attention to you if you are in fact one of his or her bosses."

Students who are contacting legislators from their home districts should establish that they are constituents from the beginning if they want to attract attention, he said.

He said another key to keeping a senator's attention is to be brief and relate personal views of legislation, not facts and figures.

"I want to spend a capsulized period of time where you fill me up with what you know as quickly as possible," he said. "You talk about the one thing that you are an expert on, something that I know nothing about... and what it is that you are an expert on is you and what you think is important."

The best time to contact a legislator about a bill is after the bill is introduced and while it is in the public hearing stage, Landis said.

He said that usually it's too late to change a senator's opinion after she or he has taken a public stand and voted on the bill.

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Pujie Zheng

Democracy 'ready to play' in China

By Pat Dinslage
 Staff Reporter

The average citizens of China are prepared to revolt against the central government and the central government is ready to "kill people and students" to stop it, a national lobbyist for Chinese students said Tuesday.

Pujie Zheng, chief lobbyist for the National Coordinating Committee of Chinese Student Affairs, told an audience of 20 at UNL that "democracy is like an orchestra."

"When everybody is ready to play, it will go," Pujie said. "If (everyone) is not ready, it is chaos. We came close, but didn't get it," Pujie said.

Pujie, a University of Virginia graduate student, said that although the people at the ministerial level in China are pro-democracy, they're not yet ready to put their lives and careers on the line.

Since the Tiananmen Square demonstration in June, the Chinese government is putting pressure on Beijing and other cities "not to do anything." Border controls have been tightened, government interference in production has increased and "special agents" have been put

among student groups. Some underground activity still is going on, he said, but not much.

The June demonstration has resulted in many more of the Chinese people worldwide "getting together and ready to bring democracy to China," he said. The government was surprised by their numbers during the demonstration, he said.

China is not stable today, Pujie said. Much of the movement for democracy now is motivated by the economic concerns of the average people, not just students, he said.

"The Beijing regime will not last until 1991," and there will be another demonstration, he said.

Although the standard of living has increased for the Chinese people since 1978, inflation in China was 30 percent in 1988 and rose higher in 1989. The Chinese central government has instituted some economic reforms since 1979, but the economy has slowed in the last 10 years, Pujie said.

Also, the "unofficial emperor" and real political power holder, Deng Xiaoping, has "reached his limit," Pujie said.

"He doesn't want to give up more

political power and the economy is getting in trouble," he said.

"The government should get out of the productive sector of the society... (and) be more open than it is in terms of investments," Pujie said, referring to the central Chinese government's retention of controls on investments and factory production.

Pujie does not approve of current United States policy concerning the situation in China, he said.

"The U.S. government has been unpredictable concerning China. If it had a clear policy, the Chinese government would know" what the U.S. reaction to its actions would be.

"Now, the U.S. is doing as little as it can," Pujie said.

Pujie has been lobbying Congress concerning student visa laws and was interviewed concerning his views on the current Chinese government on American cable television, he said.

Pujie said he feels that if he returned to China after completing his doctorate degree in physics, he would not be allowed to leave again.

"They would just give me a job in Tibet," he said.

The speech was co-sponsored by the Young Americans for Freedom and the Federalist Society.

Faculty research awards increase at UNL



By Amie DeFrain
 Staff Reporter

Research awards presented to UNL faculty by federal agencies and private sectors increased by 27 percent this year, according to officials from the UNL Office of Graduate Studies.

Doug Zbylut, UNL sponsored programs specialist, said that from July 1 to Oct. 31, 1989, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln received \$14 million in research awards compared to last year's amount of more than \$11 million received during that same period.

Zbylut said Gov. Kay Orr's proposed Nebraska Research Initiative, which was adopted by the Legislature last year, was a major influence to the award-funding increase.

John Yost, vice chancellor of research and dean of graduate studies, said heightened competitiveness between UNL faculty and

faculty from other universities contributed to the increase.

"Aggressive" faculty support by the offices of Sponsored Programs-Finance and Research and Graduate Studies were other factors, he said.

Yost said the awards are given to faculty members for a variety of projects, ranging from teaching to physics.

Some awards presented to faculty members earlier this month include:

- Terrance Riordan, associate professor of horticulture, received a \$35,000 award from the U.S. Golf Association for research toward possibly using buffalo grass on golf courses.

- More than \$900,000 was given to James DeShazer, professor of agricultural engineering and assistant dean of the Agricultural Research Division, for his continuation of research in implementing a work plan for low-

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