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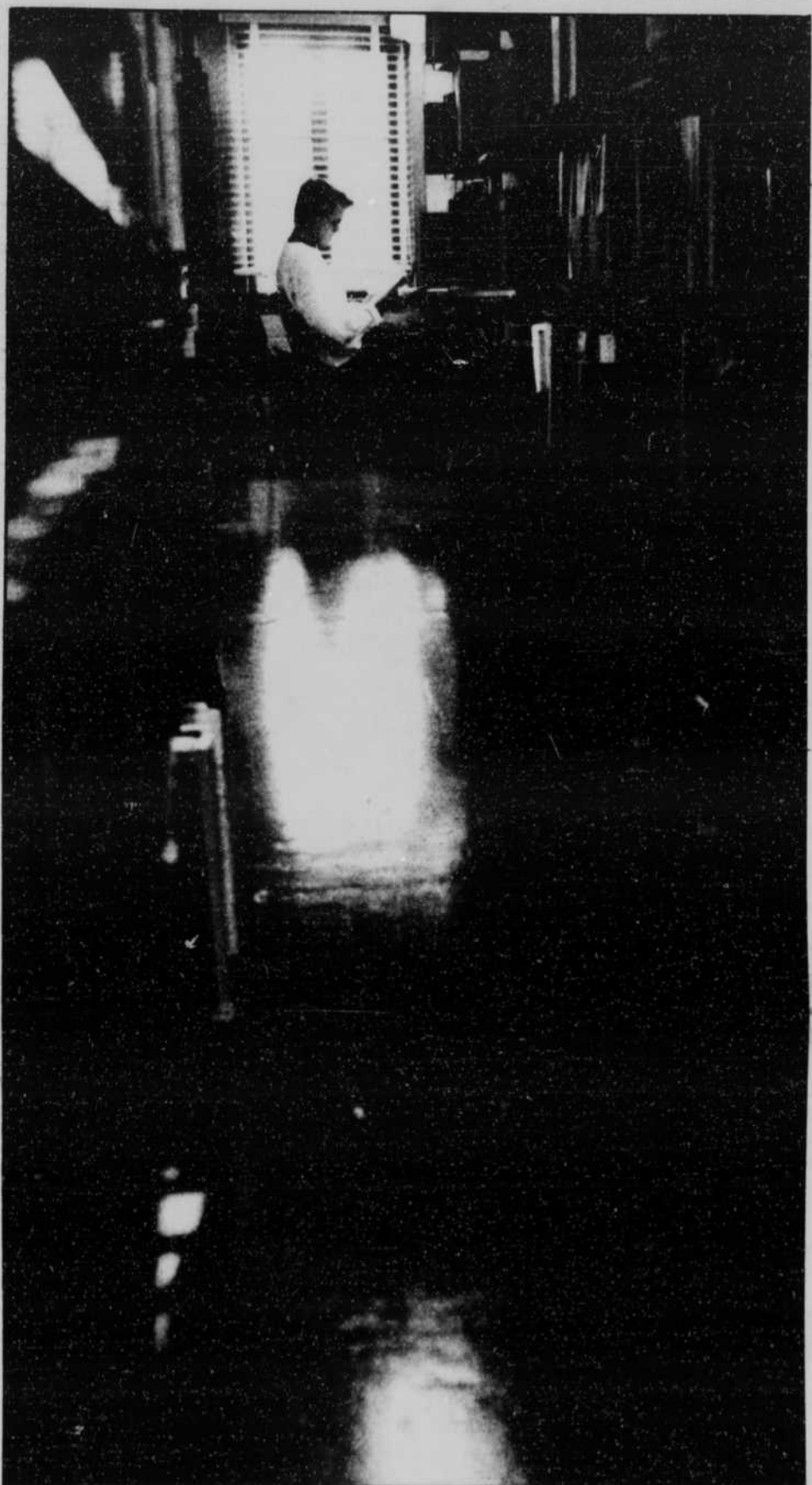
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WEATHER:

Thursday, mostly sunny and mild, high in the low-50s, west winds 5 to 15 miles per hour. Thursday night, clear, low of 20. Friday, mostly sunny, high of 50.

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The light at the end of the stacks is the end of the semester. Junior philosophy major Chris Brockway, of 1527 S 13th St., gets some study time in at Love Library.

Fellowship program expanding for minority graduate students

By Robin Trimarchi
Staff Reporter

To increase the number of minority graduate students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the university's Research and Graduate Studies Office is expanding its minority graduate student fellowship program, according to Dean of Graduate Studies John Yost.

Although the minority fellowship program was initiated late last year, Yost said this is the first year the university has been able to "maximize the effort," using available resources for nationwide minority graduate student recruitment and award funding.

Twenty-one fellowships were available for the 1989-90 academic year, three times the number available for last year. All the money received by the Research and Graduate Studies office from the NU Foundation, about \$100,000, was allocated for minority graduate student fellowships, he said.

Seventeen of those fellowships were awarded, he said. The Research and Graduate Studies Office determines the award recipi-

ents, said Yost, who also is vice chancellor for research.

Because funding is limited, Yost said, fellowships for doctoral students can be awarded for two academic years and one year for master's students. The academic departments then provide assistantships or fellowships for these students to continue with their degree programs, he said.

Yost said that as part of the recruitment program, the university has established a Minority Graduate Student Recruitment Travel Fund to provide financial support for prospective students' visits to UNL.

The Graduate Studies office also is encouraging faculty members to use the Faculty Speakers Program as a money source to pay faculty members to speak at academic institutions with predominantly minority enrollment.

Only students who are U.S. citizens or permanent U.S. residents, and who belong to racial minority groups "traditionally underrepresented in graduate education" are eligible for fellowships, Yost said.

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Study calls for coordinating body

Consulting firm recommends overhaul of governing system

By Jana Pedersen and
Jerry Guenther
Senior Reporters

Nebraska has outgrown its current governing system of higher education and should eliminate existing post-secondary governing bodies, including the NU Board of Regents, according to an independent consulting firm.

Patricia Widmayer, president of the consulting firm hired to study post-secondary education in Nebraska, said that based on interviews, letters and poll results, Nebraskans think all state technical schools, colleges and universities should be structured under an overall coordinating body.

Widmayer's comments came Wednesday as she and two other members of the Chicago-based Widmayer and Associates consulting firm presented the Higher Education Committee with an interim report on Phase I of the post-secondary education study.

The consulting firm's proposal would eliminate not only the current NU Board of Regents, but also the State College Board of Trustees and the Postsecondary Education Coordinating Commission, replacing them with a modernized system.

"Total change is the only way to achieve the goals Nebraskans talked to us about," Widmayer said.

The hiring of a consulting firm was mandated under a provision of LB247, which was passed by the Nebraska Legislature last spring. The statute calls for a comprehensive study of Nebraska's higher education system and the creation of a committee to oversee the firm's recommendations.

Members of the consulting firm outlined four recommendations for changes in the governance of higher education in Nebraska in an 85-page report.

One change would create lay boards of trustees for Wayne, Peru, Chadron and Kearney state colleges and the three branches of the University of Nebraska system.

Other changes would include establishing a new board of regents, expanding the role of the Nebraska Technical Community College Association and setting up a Council on Coordination composed of government and higher education leaders.

Widmayer said that if the changes are adopted, they not only would set a new course for Nebraska, but also would start a trend for colleges across the nation to follow.

Harold Enarson, senior consultant for the

study, said the diversity and roles of Nebraska's post-secondary educational institutions leaves the state without an overall structure in higher education.

"The flaw in the (current) system is that there is a confusion of governance and coordination," Enarson said.

He said governance should be handled at the campus level, while coordination works best at the state level.

To separate governance and coordination, the seven boards of trustees would be responsible for governing individual institutions, while the new board of regents would be responsible for coordinating collective concerns of all seven institutions, Enarson said.

Each board of trustees would be composed of seven lay members appointed by the governor and one student member assigned from each campus's student government.

The new board of regents would have six elected members and five members appointed by the governor.

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Although both the new board of regents and the Council on Coordination would have coordinating duties, the council would operate differently from the regents, according to the report.

The 14-member council would be composed of some members of the new board of regents, the Technical Community College Association, the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Nebraska, two senators, the governor, the commissioner of education and one citizen-at-large. Its main duties would be to coordinate the entire state's higher education goals.

According to the consulting firm's findings, the dissimilar campuses and different missions of each branch of the NU system provide conflicting needs that are too varied for the current NU Board of Regents and president to adequately address.

The report also states that, based on interviews with constituents of the university, "we

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ASUN tables amendment to anti-discrimination bylaw

By Jana Pedersen
Senior Reporter

After passing a bylaw amendment Wednesday that would prohibit ASUN from discriminating on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, creed, handicap or place of residence, senators voted to reconsider and table the amendment until next week.

Graduate studies Sen. Clark Sackschewsky initiated the motion to reconsider, expressing concern that passing the amendment would nullify the constitutions of student organizations that didn't include similar wording.

Sackschewsky said senators should wait a week before passing the amendment so student organizations can draft and consider legislation to comply with the amended bylaw.

Marlene Beyke, director of development for

the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, said that if ASUN adopted the amendment, all student organization constitutions would be void.

Student organization constitutions must comply with ASUN bylaws, she said.

Teachers College Sen. Marc Shkolnick, who also expressed concern about voiding the constitutions, said ASUN should adopt the amendment only after developing a way for student organizations to change their constitutions to comply with the new standards.

"If we're going to great lengths to get this passed," he said, "we must give a long time frame for the organizations to comply. We have to make this work."

Senators voted unanimously to postpone action on the amendment for one week.

NU I-back arraigned on Wednesday

From Staff Reports

Cornhusker I-back Lamont A. White was arraigned Wednesday in Lancaster District Court on possession of cocaine charges.

Appearing before Judge Bernard McGinn, White pleaded not guilty to the

charges stemming from his arrest June 18, 1989.

McGinn set a Jan. 16, 1990, jury trial date for White.

Conviction on the charges carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.