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## WEATHER:

Friday, mostly sunny and mild, high of 55 to 60, northwest winds 5 to 10 miles per hour in the morning increasing to 10 to 20 miles per hour in the afternoon. Friday night, partly cloudy, high of 20 to 25. Saturday, partly sunny, breezy and warm, high in the low 40s.

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## Committee agrees with changes recommended by consulting firm

By Jana Pedersen and Emily Rosenbaum  
Senior Reporters

Members of the Higher Education Committee created to oversee a study of post-secondary education in Nebraska declared Thursday that they are in general agreement with the recommendations made by an independent consulting firm.

The committee's response came a day after Widmayer and Associates, a Chicago-based consulting firm, recommended changes in the governance and coordination of Nebraska higher education.

Although committee members generally concurred with the report's findings, they decided to have further discussion on details before presenting any proposed changes to the Nebraska Legislature. The committee will meet Dec. 13 to hear further testimony.

In a preliminary statement drafted by committee member Eric Seacrest of North Platte, the committee indicated a need to allow enough time for careful consideration of the recommendations.

The statement also suggested that the details of the changes should be made later.

The changes recommended by the firm would eliminate the current NU

Board of Regents, the State College Board of Trustees and the Postsecondary Education Coordinating Commission.

The consultants' plan would provide for local governance of Wayne, Peru, Chadron and Kearney state colleges and the three branches of the NU system by establishing a lay board of trustees for each institution.

Coordinating duties for the seven institutions would be handled at the state level by a new board of regents.

State leaders in education and government would be responsible for further coordination of all post-secondary institutions as members of the nation's first ever Council on Coordination.

According to poll results presented by James Hale of the Gallup Association Market Research Group, 64 percent of Nebraskans surveyed said they would support an idea similar to the one proposed.

"Nearly two of three Nebraskans would support the establishment of a single statewide coordinating board combined with local boards for each public college and university in the state," Hale said.

But he said the same poll indicated that "nearly two of three Nebraskans would support leaving the state colleges and University of Nebraska system under separate boards as they are today."

Hale said the contradictory responses to the two separate questions could be attributed to a general lack of information about state higher education among Nebraskans.

Other contradictory responses indicated that Nebraskans are unsure of the role and mission of post-secondary institutions, especially state colleges, he said.

He said one notion expressed by many of those polled was that state colleges are a place for undergraduates to spend the first one or two years of a higher degree program.

That notion doesn't reflect the true role and mission of state colleges, he said.

"That's exactly what I think is really weird, and I think that's just confusion," Hale said.

He said the two biggest problems with post-secondary education as perceived by polled Nebraskans are high tuition and long travel distance.

"The public perceives that they are receiving a moderately good quality education at a somewhat inflated price in a location that is somewhat inconvenient," he said.

The committee also heard testimony from members of a separate advisory body composed of experts on higher education.

Among those who testified was

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## Joseph pleads not guilty to DWI charge

By Pat Dinslage  
Staff Reporter

Robert "Mickey" Joseph, the backup quarterback for the Nebraska Cornhuskers facing a charge of driving while under the influence of alcohol, entered a formal plea of not guilty at an arraignment in Lancaster County Court Thursday.

Appearing before Judge Donald Grant, Joseph's attorney, Hal W. Anderson, asked for an extended trial date to be set for mid-January, rather than in late December.

Anderson explained that he would not be available for a December date, and that Joseph, a sophomore at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, would be on Christmas break.

Grant agreed to set a January 18, 1990, trial date on the DWI charges.

Nebraska head football coach Tom Osborne said Joseph will travel to Tempe, Ariz., for the Jan. 1 Fiesta Bowl.

Osborne said the coaching staff dealt with the charges long ago by suspending Joseph from the Utah

game Sept. 16.

"We're not trying to play games with the court by delaying the trial," Osborne said. "That's between him (Joseph) and his lawyer."

Conviction of first-offense DWI carries a mandatory minimum seven-day prison sentence, a \$200 fine and a six-month license revocation.

Joseph is scheduled to appear in county court again today to face charges of failure to prove financial responsibility and failure to appear at his arraignment on these charges.

## UNL task force sponsors AIDS awareness booth

By Lisa Bolin  
Staff Reporter

Organizations around the state are hoping to increase the public's awareness of AIDS today during the second annual Worldwide AIDS Day.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln AIDS Education Task Force is sponsoring an AIDS awareness booth in the Nebraska Union, said Dr. Margaret Nellis, head of the Community Health Department of the University Health Center.

The booth is co-sponsored by the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, Nellis said.

Barbara Shaw, executive director of the Nebraska AIDS Project, said cards containing 10 facts on AIDS, supplied by the World Health Organization, also are available.

Shaw said Nebraskans are being asked to observe a moment of silence at 10:15 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. to remember those who have died of AIDS and who currently are suffering from the disease.

One gallery of the Sheldon Art Gallery's permanent collections will be darkened to observe the day, said Daphne Deeds, curator/assistant to the director.

Shaw said she hopes the day will cause people to think about AIDS.

## Vietnam class scheduled for 2nd semester

By Cindy Wostrel  
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A.L. Marsteller said he thinks the Iran-hostage situation and creation of the Vietnam War Memorial helped change the public's acceptance of Vietnam veterans.

A decade ago, A.L. Marsteller said he suggested starting a class on the Vietnam experience and was ridiculed. About a year and a half ago he told the idea to a colleague who said he couldn't make it into a sociology class.

But because of a change in attitude toward the Vietnam War, the sociology graduate student said, his proposal will become a reality next semester in a class he will teach called Sociology of the Vietnam Experience.

Marsteller said he plans to include scientific journal articles, books, fiction, combat footage, interviews with veterans and cultural artifacts such as music in the class, which already has reached capacity enrollment.

He also plans to invite one or two guest lecturers, including U.S. Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb.

"I think there are lessons to be learned," Marsteller said.

People redefine the past in light of present attitudes, he said, and that has happened with the Vietnam War.

"The country has been able to divorce the person from the soldier," Marsteller said.

"I'm very much excited about the fact that students today are interested in the topic (of Vietnam)," Marsteller said. "They're asking questions like, 'Well, what were we doing there?'"

Two events have precipitated a change in attitude toward the Vietnam War and its veterans, Marsteller said. One was the return of the hostages from Iran, he said. The hostages were

welcomed back as heroes, Marsteller said, unlike the Vietnam veterans.

The second event was the dedication of the wall commemorating those who died in service in Vietnam, he said. That wall, he said, is the second or third most-visited monument in Washington, D.C.

Vietnam veterans who were ostracized by the nation at that time are almost popular now, Marsteller said.

Recent movies such as Platoon, Full Metal Jacket and Casualties of War, and television shows such as China Beach and Tour of Duty have reminded Americans of the Vietnam War, he said.

A "Rambo" mentality also remains from former President Ronald Reagan's term of office, he said.

"He did make us feel good about ourselves," Marsteller said.

Veterans are becoming more politicized now, he said. Thirty members of Congress are Vietnam or Vietnam-era veterans, he said.

Marsteller is a Vietnam veteran himself.

He spent less than a year in Vietnam as an avionics mechanic on the basic tour of duty, he said. He said he did not receive any physical injuries during the war.

But many people who came back from the war suffered from depression and felt alienated even though they may not have received physical injuries, he said.

Marsteller said that between 330 and 370 similar classes are being taught at colleges and universities across the nation.

Though enrollment in the UNL class currently is closed, students wishing to take the class can sign up on a waiting list in 711 Oldfather Hall.



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Melissa Haley, a senior in English, and Heidi Schneider, a senior in restaurant management, take a break under "Old Glory" between classes Thursday.