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Thursday, cloudy and cold, 40 percent chance of snow, high in the upper-20s, northeast winds 5 to 15 miles per hour. Thursday night, cloudy and cold, low in the low teens. Friday, mostly sunny and not as cold, high in the mid-30s.	News ..... 2 Editorial ..... 4 Divisions ..... 7 Sports ..... 15 Classifieds ..... 18

## ROTC rule banning homosexuals prompts few protests locally

By Victoria Ayotte  
Senior Editor

Though the University of Wisconsin recently has experienced controversy over a policy barring homosexuals from ROTC programs, UNL officials said they have not heard many complaints about the policy's application at Nebraska.

The University of Wisconsin Faculty Senate voted Monday for a resolution suggesting removing the ROTC program from the campus if it does not change its policy barring homosexuals by 1993.

Lt. Col. Robert Jacobson, commander of UNL's Army ROTC program, said the issue has not been a "serious problem" here.

"I really don't think it's caused a major disturbance," Jacobson said.

Richard Wood, who said he had not heard complaints about ROTC's policy, according to Joe Rowson, NU director of public affairs.

The university, Rowson said, operates ROTC programs at UNL and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. ROTC has "traditionally been a program the university wants to offer to students."

The ROTC rule banning homosexuals does not violate any university or Nebraska policies, he said, and change in ROTC policies probably should be at the federal level where that policy was made.

"Even the statement from the Faculty Senate at Wisconsin is actually characterized as an effort to send a message to the Congress and the Pentagon," Rowson said.

Steve Thomlison, ASUN general studies senator, said he also is concerned about the controversy this topic could bring to campus and thinks change in the policy should be made at the federal level.

"You can't punish someone for something they don't have control over," Thomlison said. "I think it would be a great shame if the ROTC program were to be removed from UNL."

Thomlison said he has not heard any complaints about the policy at UNL.

David Whitaker, chairperson of the Committee Offering Lesbian and Gay Events, said he also has not heard complaints about ROTC's policy.

The policy is a potential issue on campus, he said.

"I think it will be a while for this university to get to the point of doing something like that (Wisconsin's action)," Whitaker said.

Rodney Bell, chairperson of UNL's Gay/Lesbian Alumni Association, said he has written three letters, one to each ROTC department on campus, inquiring about their policy on homosexuals.

Bell said he and other students are concerned about the policy, although it has not been a real campus issue yet.

"It's totally unfair," Bell said, "because there is no evidence that homosexuals are any more or less of a security threat."

"People need to know that this is happening."

Bell and Whitaker said ROTC prohibits homosexuals because they say they are a security threat and can be blackmailed.

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Southeast Community College maintenance worker Todd Miller takes a break from cleaning up soaked ceiling tiles. The tiles fell throughout the college Wednesday after the roof developed leaks. Physical Plant Director Bob Aguilar estimated between \$300,000 and \$500,000 in damages.

## ASUN complies with UNL policy

# Anti-discrimination bill passed

By Jana Pedersen  
Senior Reporter

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska passed legislation Wednesday that brings ASUN and all UNL student organizations into compliance with the University of Nebraska policy prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

After ASUN passed a bylaw amendment to add sexual orientation to its anti-discrimination clause, general studies Sen. Steve Thomlison initiated a motion to bring up a bill on emergency status. The bill included a provision giving student organiza-

tions until April 29, 1992, to change their constitutions to comply with the amended bylaw.

Last week ASUN postponed action on the bylaw amendment until such a bill could be drafted. Senators had expressed concern that all student organizations' constitutions would be nullified unless legislation was passed giving them time to comply with the amended bylaw.

While presenting opening comments on the emergency legislation, Thomlison said ASUN should adopt the bill to prevent problems from developing since the bylaw amendment was passed.

"I think this bill will allow them

(student organizations) to satisfy all the requirements in a timely manner," he said.

When another senator objected to the length of time granted before student organizations must make constitution changes, Thomlison said the 1992 date was necessary because student organizations may remain inactive for two years before they are dissolved.

He said ASUN must allow inactive organizations more than two years to comply with the bylaw because they may not meet for that length of time.

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## Demands build stress

# Counseling offered to graduate students

By Roger Price  
Staff Reporter

To alleviate stresses that many graduate students face, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is developing a model program for counseling graduate students, said the UNL vice chancellor for graduate studies and research.

John Yost said juggling family, work and school concerns causes a lot of stress for graduate students.

The Counseling Center, located in 226 Administration, with the help of

the Graduate Studies office began to offer one-on-one counseling services for graduate students this fall, Yost said.

The graduate counseling program also has offered a seminar on procrastination, he said.

Yost said his office started to provide funding for a graduate assistant to help in the counseling center this fall.

Linda Brockbank, a doctoral student in counseling psychology, is serving as the graduate assistant for the 1989-90 school year in the gradu-

ate counseling program, Yost said. She is working with Marty Ramirez, a psychologist at the counseling center, and Roger Bruning, associate dean of the graduate college, to expand the counseling program, he said.

Yost said he expects the counseling program to receive grants next year because very few other schools are even looking at graduate counseling. Currently, the only additional funding for the program is the gradu-

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## Vote expected in January

# Congress may ask student papers to limit alcohol ads

By Michelle Cheney  
Staff Reporter

Some members of Congress have favored legislation that would encourage college student newspapers to refrain from running alcohol advertisements that glamorize drinking.

An amendment to the much-touted drug bill passed by the U.S. Senate encourages college newspapers not to print advertisements that encourage irresponsible or illegal alcohol consumption.

Originally, the amendment would have restricted all federal funds to state-supported colleges and universities if their student newspapers printed such ads.

The original amendment, proposed by U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., also would have prohibited alcohol companies from sponsoring events on university campuses. This amendment passed in the Senate Oct. 3.

However, after reexamining the first

amendment, Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wis., introduced a less restrictive version of the amendment that encouraged newspapers not to run the ads, but did not require withholding federal funds to those that did, said Keenen Peck, an aide to Kohl.

Peck said he and Kohl agreed with the amendment's goal of curbing alcohol abuse and underage drinking, but thought Bingaman's amendment violated free-speech rights of the student newspapers, universities and alcohol companies, Peck said.

Peck said ads that solely announce price and product are not the types the amendment aims to curb. But advertising should not encourage irresponsible or illegal drinking, he said. Ads such as Budweiser's "This Bud's for you" promotion encourage such irresponsible behavior, Peck said.

The revised amendment also says that a university will not lose its federal funds if an alcohol company sponsors an event. Advertis-

ing of these events, however, should be restricted to just advertising the sponsor and should not advertise drinking, the amendment says.

For example, Peck said, an ad that says "Come to the Stroh's Jazz Festival" is acceptable but "Come drink Stroh's beer at our jazz festival" is not.

The Senate passed the revised amendment in October. The bill and amendment is scheduled to be voted on by the House when it reconvenes in January.

Although the amendment is modified, Peck said, he and others are not in total agreement with the amendment.

Peck said he thinks abolishing advertising is an ineffective way of reducing alcohol abuse. He said the focus should be on educating the public instead of banning ads that deal with alcohol consumption. He said consumption is not the problem, abuse is.

Peck said another problem with the amend-

ment is that it does not specify which student newspapers are included.

He said some student newspapers are totally independent of their universities and receive no funds from them at all. He said some of these independent papers rely on alcohol advertising, and if alcohol ads were banned, the papers would go under.

Peck said it would be better to have an independent paper that got revenue from alcohol ads, rather than a university-funded-and-controlled newspaper with no alcohol ads.

In the 1989-90 school year, the Daily Nebraskan received 6 percent of its total budget from student fees, according to Dan Shattil, general manager of the newspaper. Shattil said the rest of the operational costs of the paper come from advertising.

He said a very small percentage of ad revenue comes from ads glamorizing alcohol and he has never had any complaints about alcohol ads that have been printed.