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WEATHER:

Thursday, mostly sunny, high near 40, north winds 10-15 miles per hour. Thursday night, partly cloudy and cold, low 10-15. Friday, increasing clouds, high in the low-to-mid 30s.

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State senator supports official student vote

By Victoria Ayotte
Senior Reporter

State Sen. Scott Moore of Seward said he supports an official student vote in Nebraska's higher education government, whether that vote comes in the existing governing system or a restructured system.

After introducing a legislative resolution Wednesday to give a student regent from one of the three University of Nebraska branches a vote on the current NU Board of Regents, Moore said he also favors a student vote as part of the proposed constitutional amendment to restructure higher education.

An official student regent vote on the board also would require a constitutional amendment, Moore said. If passed by the Legislature, both proposals would be put on the November ballot.

But Moore's resolution would be meaningless if legislators and voters approve the higher education facelift. Under the restructuring plan, the current NU Board of Regents would be abolished.

Moore said students still deserve a right to a vote on the proposed boards of trustees.

Under the proposals, boards of trustees would be charged with over-

seeing each of the three NU campuses and each Nebraska state college. A non-voting student member would sit on each board.

The proposed Board of Regents for Nebraska Higher Education would not have a student member.

Moore said one of the main reasons he introduced the student regent vote resolution this year was to raise the issue while the Legislature is considering the changes.

"Whatever mechanism we use," for restructuring higher education, "I think the student regent (or trustee) should be considered," Moore said.

"The student members of the Board of Regents provide the elected re-

gents with direct access to the university's campuses and are in a position to have first-hand knowledge of the students' most urgent needs," Moore's resolution states.

"Although the student members are not elected, do not serve six-year terms, and do not each have a vote on matters presented to the Board of Regents, the student members do represent a constituency of students on their campuses, and in their positions as students and student leaders warrant a vote on matters affecting their constituency," the resolution states.

On or before Jan. 1 each year, the governor would appoint one of the

three student regents to vote on the board for one year.

Moore said he proposed that only one of the student regents vote because he cares more about student concerns than campus concerns.

"It would really throw the board out-of-whack if you gave all three a vote," he said.

No campus could have a voting student regent in consecutive years, Moore said, because no campus should have more influence than the others.

Moore said he expects heavy opposition to the bill, based on opposition to previous attempts to give student regents a vote.

UNL enrollment not hurt by state colleges' gains

By Jerry Guenther
Staff Reporter

Undergraduate enrollment increases at the four Nebraska State Colleges has not hindered enrollment at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, according to a university official.

Lisa Schmidt, UNL director of high school and college relations, said a large percentage of the increase in the state colleges' enrollment came from their abilities to attract students who live near the colleges.

Nebraska's four state colleges include Wayne State College, Peru State College, Chadron State College and Kearney State College.

Schmidt said part of the reason state colleges have increased their enrollments is because they have attracted some students who would likely not attend college if they had to move to another area.

According to figures from the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, state colleges had a 6.4 percent increase in undergraduate enrollment from the fall of 1988 to the fall of 1989.

In 1989, state colleges had 13,685

undergraduates enrolled as either part-time or full-time students, up from 12,860 in 1988.

UNL's undergraduate enrollment also increased slightly over the same time period, according to figures from UNL Institutional Research Planning & Fiscal Analysis.

In the fall of 1989, UNL had 19,791 undergraduates enrolled as full-time or part-time students, 36 more than the previous fall.

During the 1980s, overall undergraduate enrollment at state colleges increased every year. Peru State College had the largest percentage increase of the decade, more than doubling in size from 667 students in 1980 to 1,444 in 1989.

Undergraduate enrollment at UNL has decreased slightly during the 1980s, down from 20,127 in 1980 to 19,791 in 1989.

UNL began the decade with three consecutive years of growth, reaching its decade peak of undergraduate enrollment in 1982 with 20,799 students.

Undergraduate enrollment declined at UNL from 1983 to 1987, with a

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ASUN offers conditional approval of bylaw changes

By Jennifer O'Cilka
Staff Reporter

Student leaders passed a bill Wednesday to support faculty senate bylaw changes if the senate will accept the ASUN president as an ex officio member of the faculty senate.

Bryan Hill, president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, said he feels that since the faculty senate changes would add deans and vice chancellors as unofficial members, students also should be included.

Under the proposed bylaw changes, the faculty senate would make deans and vice chancellors part of a UNL Assembly. Also, the senate would arrange an all-faculty meeting each spring and fall.

Hill said he wants to act on the

bylaw changes because he approves of them, but he wants student input.

Allowing the ASUN president to be a part of faculty senate meetings would bring students and faculty members closer together, Hill said.

"This allows for the concerns of the students to be heard by the faculty, and for the faculty's concerns to be heard by the students," Hill said.

In addition, the change could make student/faculty coalitions stronger, he said.

Also at the meeting, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen presented some of the university's budget increases.

Griesen said the faculty salaries at UNL will rise 11.5 percent, while teaching assistant salaries will increase 8.22 percent. Student wages will in-

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A UNL student passes by Hamilton Hall Wednesday afternoon as viewed in a reflection in a Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery window.

January busier than ever Caseload at Legal Services up

By Todd Neeley
Staff Reporter

Students currently seeking help from the Student Legal Services office probably will have to wait about a week for counseling, a university official said.

Shelley Stall, director of Student Legal Services, said the beginning of the semester usually is the busiest time of the year. But currently, the office is counseling more clients than ever before in January.

Stall said the increase is difficult

to explain because the same types of cases are coming into the office.

Students tend to put their problems "on the back burner" while they are on vacation, she said.

On the average, Stall and part-time attorney Chuck Bentjen each counsel about four students a day during the first week of the spring semester. Right now, Stall said, she counsels about nine students a day, and Bentjen sees about six or seven.

Stall said she doesn't want any student to wait longer than a week for

appointments. Appointments should level off in February and March and pick up again during Dead Week and Finals Week, she said.

"I can always tell the rhythms students are in," she said. "Then we do more advertising and workshops when students show need for our services."

The office counsels students with legal problems from traffic tickets and consumer fraud to landlord disputes and misdemeanor offenses.

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CFA to hold open forums

From Staff Reports

The Committee for Fees Allocation will hold two open forum meetings today to listen to students' opinions on the way the University of Nebraska-Lincoln spends student fees.

"These are an opportunity for students to voice their concerns

and opinions about how their student fees are spent," said Todd Kramer, CFA chairman.

The meetings, which will be at 5:30 p.m. in the East Union and 8:00 p.m. in the Georgian Suite of the Nebraska Union, also are a forum for students to ask questions about where their money is going, Kramer said.