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WEATHER

Wednesday, partly cloudy and warmer, high 50-55, southwest wind 10-20 miles per hour. Wednesday night, low around 30. Thursday, partly cloudy, high in the low-50s.

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CFA rejects fee use for program offering leadership development

By Roger Price
 Staff Reporter

The Committee for Fees Allocation recommended cutting \$24,696 from the Campus Activities and Programs budget Tuesday because committee members said they thought its leadership development program belongs in an academic college.

CFA member Lewis Coulter said the leadership development program is "a great program, but its in the wrong place."

Another CFA member, Tom Macy, said he would not support spending student fees for an academic program.

"This is so blatantly out of the realm of student fees that it is laughable," Macy said.

Committee members expressed concern that students enrolled in the Emerging Leader Program, one of the CAP programs, are paying tuition for credit from the educational psychology department, while the instruction is paid for with student fees.

"It astonishes me that students are paying tuition, and we're paying \$25,000 out of student fees for this program," CFA member Chris Potter said.

Coulter said several academic departments also offer leadership programs. The Agriculture Education department's 202 course actually is a course in leadership development, he said.

CFA also recommended eliminating the student-fee subsidy for union employees' half-price meals.

Daryl Swanson, director of the Nebraska Unions, told the committee that discounted meals are common practice in food services.

But CFA members said they would only support subsidized meals for food-

service workers, not for all union employees.

CFA member Julie Jorgensen said workers in the CAP office should not receive the same food benefits as workers in the food services.

Coulter told the committee that giving all union employees half-price meals would be "like a receptionist at the health center getting brain surgery for half-price."

CFA also recommended eliminating two new student staff positions from the budget for the Women's Resource Center, a savings of \$4,800.

Brad Brunz, CFA member, said not enough students use the center to justify the new staff positions.

"I just don't think it is a very travelled area. It's not standing-room only. I even think that maybe there could be a better thing there (instead of the resource center)," Brunz said.

Other committee members said they thought the center adequately could meet the needs of its student users with the current staff.

Potter said representatives of the center never adequately explained why it needs two additional staff members.

CFA also recommended deleting \$500 from the center's request of \$2,000 for the purchase of books and magazines, cutting it to its 1989-90 level.

Coulter said, "You can buy an awful lot of magazines for \$1,500."

Several items CFA deleted Thursday from the budget of the Office of Campus Recreation were reinstated after OCR's appeal.

CFA granted OCR an additional \$1,500 after OCR director Stan Campbell showed the committee that towel service and locker rental showed profits last year.

Although CFA stood by its decision to eliminate paid training of intramural referees, it did grant an additional \$7,500 to pay the referees for training once they have completed the initial training workshop.



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Colin Croft, a senior integrated studies major, listens to state Sen. Ron Withem of Papillion at the GLC meeting Tuesday night.

Education bill key to cohesive governing system

Withem supports restructuring

By Emily Rosebaum
 Senior Reporter

State Sen. Ron Withem of Papillion told University of Nebraska-Lincoln students Tuesday that the bill to restructure Nebraska's higher education government would help to create a more cohesive governing system and reduce "turf fights" between campuses.

Withem, chairman of the Legislature's Education Committee, spoke before a group of students attending a Government Liaison Committee meeting and explained LR239CA, which was advanced to the legislative floor Feb. 12.

Under the current system, Withem said, governing bodies of the universities, state colleges and

community and technical colleges don't communicate well because their members often compete for money and other benefits for the schools they represent.

Some opponents of the legislation have maintained that the change would create a "leveling" of the campuses, he said.

That argument says the seven campuses, as a result of being overseen by a coordinating Board of Regents for Nebraska Higher Education, would become identical, he said.

Withem said consultants have told him that the role and mission of each campus would not radically be changed by restructuring.

"Leveling is going to happen or not going to happen regardless (of governance changes)," Withem

said. The University of Nebraska Medical Center will remain a medical center and not turn into an "auto shop," he said.

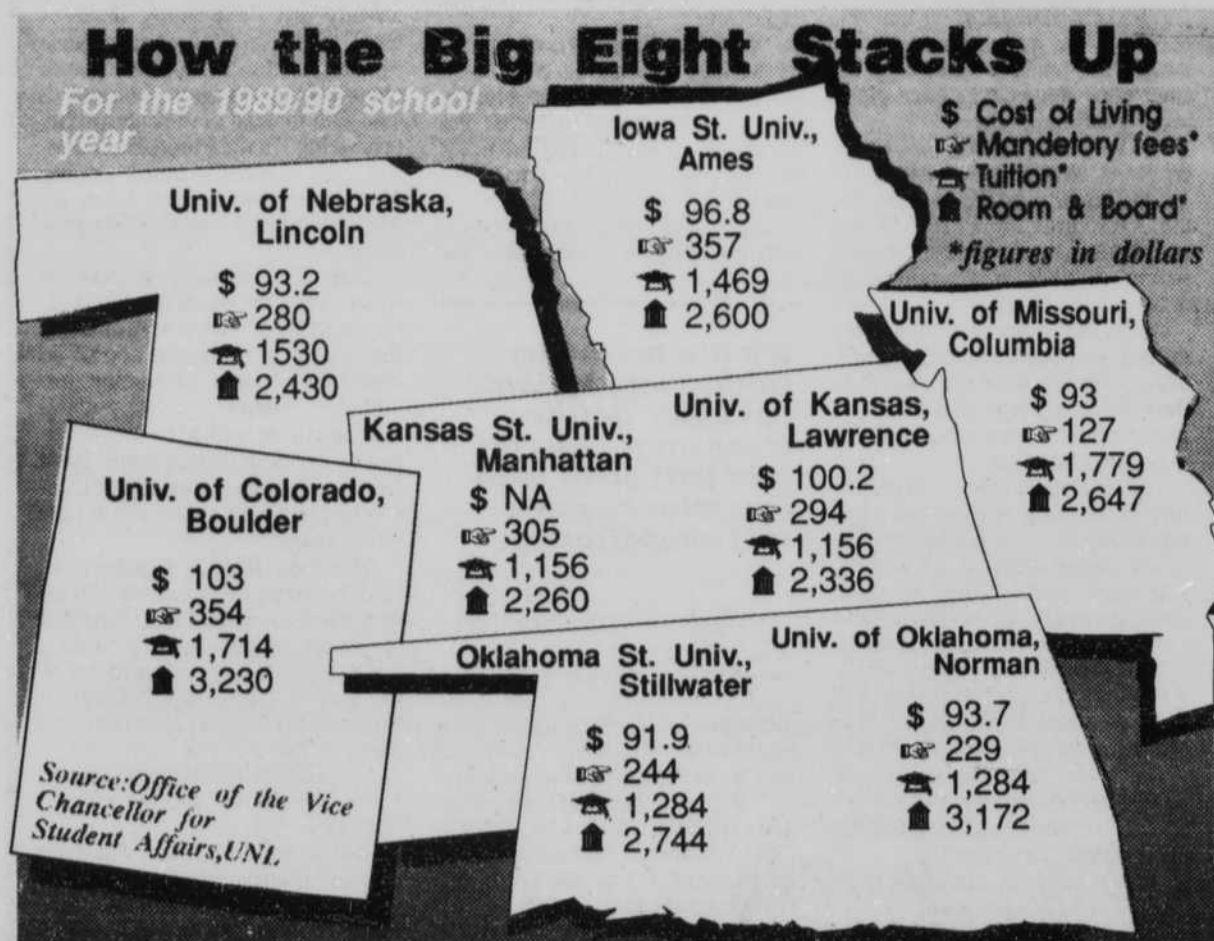
He said he also doesn't think the restructuring plan would cost much to implement.

Some of the "lumbering central administration" will be eliminated by the new system, saving state money, he said.

Although there would be some "marginal costs" in the beginning, in the long run, the restructuring would "help us spend our money more wisely," because the system would be more efficient and governing bodies would work together, he said.

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UNL cost ranks sixth among Big Eight schools



By Victoria Ayotte
 Senior Reporter

To attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, students pay an average of \$133 dollars less per year than students at other Big Eight universities, according to a report from the office of the vice chancellor for student affairs.

In-state tuition, mandatory fees and room-and-board rates for the Big Eight schools averaged \$4,373 for 1989-90, according to the report.

UNL's \$1,530 yearly tuition for 30 credit hours, mandatory fees of \$280 and housing cost of \$2,430 rank it sixth, with a total cost of \$4,240 among Big Eight schools.

Other Big Eight universities' rates in order: University of Colorado at Boulder, \$5,298; University of Oklahoma at Norman, \$4,685; University of Missouri at Columbia, \$4,553; Iowa State University at Ames, \$4,426; Oklahoma State University at Stillwater, \$4,272; University of Kansas at Lawrence, \$3,786; and Kansas State University at Manhattan, \$3,721.

Those figures do not include health fees at Colorado, Missouri or Iowa State, because they are optional at those universities.

Boulder also leads the pack in cost of living, with a rating of 103 on a 100-point index compiled by the re-

search division of the American Chamber of Commerce. One hundred points is the average on the scale.

Lawrence, Ames, Norman, Lincoln, Columbia and Stillwater round out the cost of living comparisons. A cost-of-living index figure was unavailable for Manhattan.

Lincoln's cost-of-living figure is 93.2.

Charles Lamphear, director of UNL's bureau of business research, said the cost-of-living standards do not necessarily compare, though, with the cost of attending school in each city.

The cost-of-living index is for a typical household, not a typical group, such as students, he said. The index includes average prices for groceries, housing, utilities, transportation, health care and miscellaneous goods and services.

Lamphear said a "big chunk" of the index is formulated from housing costs in the cities, which may not compare with housing rates in the universities' residence halls.

"I doubt if students even look at that (cost of living)," Lamphear said, when selecting a university.

Although other costs are included in the cost of living for students at each university, tuition, fees and housing costs constitute the major part of the total expense, Lamphear said.

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