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WEATHER

Thursday, partly cloudy and warmer, high around 50, southeast wind 5-10 miles per hour. Thursday night, partly cloudy, low in the mid-30s. Friday, mostly sunny and mild, high in the mid- to upper-60s.

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Candidates debate ways to boost involvement

By Matt Herek
Staff Reporter

Amid some mudslinging, candidates for the ASUN's executive offices disagreed over ways to get University of Nebraska-Lincoln students involved in student government.

During a debate in the Nebraska Union on Wednesday, Deb Fiddelke, TODAY party presidential candidate, said that if elected, she would restructure the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska senate so it represents a broader base of students.

Fiddelke told about 100 people attending the debate that many students think ASUN is closed to them if they don't belong to a fraternity or sorority. She said that if elected, she would make it clear that anyone can get involved.

"The TODAY party is made up of individuals that are going to work for students," she said.

VISION first vice presidential candidate Stacy Mohling also said too many students think ASUN is an all-greek organization.

Mohling said she would work with students in residence halls and the Residence Hall Association to let them know about the issues.

"VISION is the only party that represents the residence halls," said Mohling, RHA president and Neihardt Hall resident.

STAND's presidential candidate, Joe Bowman, said his party has gotten students involved in ASUN by attempting to increase voter turnout.

Area businesses have agreed to give students who vote discount prices on election day, he said. Duffy's Tavern, 1412 O St., will give students happy-hour prices Wednesday if they vote, and Chesterfield, Bottomsley & Potts, 245 N. 13th St., will sell \$2 pitchers of beer, Bowman said.

Amigos restaurant in the Reunion Plaza will offer a special on chicken

wings, and Project Import Records, 1418 O St., will give 10 percent discounts to student voters on election day, he said.

Bowman then accused the VISION and TODAY parties of not wanting an increased voter turnout and not wanting to restructure the ASUN senate because the two parties' power bases would be disrupted.

He went on to say that VISION presidential candidate Phil Gosch controls the greek houses and that more than 50 percent of VISION's and TODAY's candidates are in fraternities or sororities.

Gosch said he hoped to keep the debates positive and that he was offended by Bowman's remarks.

Brad Vasa, first vice presidential candidate for TODAY, said offering discount prices for voting students is merely a "Band-Aid" for the problem and won't cure apathy.

Barb Walker, STAND first vice

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Harry's Wonder Bar hosts late-night, unofficial debate

By Victoria Ayotte
Senior Reporter

More than 100 people packed Harry's Wonder Bar Wednesday night as ASUN presidential candidates agreed, drinks in hand, that they should have a good time.

The debate, sponsored by the Monday Evening Club Amended, was not an official debate registered with the ASUN Electoral Commission for the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

But moderator and former ASUN senator Brian Svoboda told the rowdy bar crowd that the club's events are usually the "best thing

since sliced bread."

VISION presidential candidate Phil Gosch said "nobody's minds are going to get changed" by the debate and urged supporters to socialize together and remember that after the elections, all students will have to work together.

"Before this thing all started, we were all friends," Gosch said. "Let's keep that in mind."

"Let's remember first and foremost we're students and kick back and enjoy ourselves," Gosch added.

"We're all here together in a bar," TODAY presidential candidate Deb Fiddelke said. "If we can't relax . . . then there's no

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Various methods employed to deter student cheating

By Mindy Mozer
Staff Reporter

Students may think twice about cheating this semester because of methods University of Nebraska-Lincoln professors are using to prevent it.

Some professors require identification, some use different versions of tests and some "watch real closely" to eliminate the temptation to cheat.

Bill Avery, political science professor, last week required students to show identification when turning in their tests.

Students in his 100-level international relations course presented him with picture identification. That prevented students from bringing in "ringers," he said.

"My objective is to make cheating difficult and to make it costly," Avery said. "I can erect barriers to cheating, but I can't stop it."

Avery said it is impossible for him to know all the students in his lecture classes. There are 210 students in his international relations class, he said.

Avery began asking for identification this year because the university switched to picture ID cards.

"Before, students could claim they didn't have a driver's license," he said.

Kathy Austin, director of Student Judicial Affairs, said Avery's method is not a new idea. The method has been used on other campuses and is listed in a book about how to prevent academic dishonesty, she said.

Identification also is required with standardized tests such as graduate exams, Austin said.

Other professors may not require identification, but they have their own methods to eliminate cheating.

Richard Dienstbier, professor of psychology, said he discourages cheating by talking

about it with his students.

"I tell the students in my class that if they cheat, they flunk the entire course," he said. "Cheating is a serious offense, so I attach a serious penalty."

Dienstbier said cheating is a bigger problem in 100-level courses than in upper-level ones because the students are "less mature."

Although he hasn't had a problem recently, Dienstbier said, he has seen as many as five people flunk for cheating in one semester.

Dienstbier said he uses two or three forms of tests, printed on different colors of paper.

But that sometimes isn't enough to combat cheating, he said.

"I've watched a person cheat off of a paper two people away," he said.

The psychology department also uses cameras to prevent students taking the Keller plan from cheating, Dienstbier said.

The cameras are used because there is a "significant amount of cheating" in that course, he said. That's partly because of the many tests the students take.

Dienstbier said he didn't know how the cameras operate.

John Berman, professor of psychology, wouldn't comment on the cameras because "they would lose their effectiveness."

Donald Miller, vice chairman of the math department, said math professors often separate chairs to prevent cheating.

During final exams, he said, students from several classes take their math exams in one room. In those cases, math professors separate students so they are sitting next to students in different courses.

"There's a limit with what can be done to prevent cheating," Miller said. "Students need to realize that once they are out on the job, it won't matter whether they got an A or a B in the class."

"The important thing is what they learned."

Recommended increase brings fees to \$155 each semester

By Roger Price
Staff Reporter

Each full-time UNL student will pay \$15 more in student fees every semester if recommendations made by the Committee for Fees Allocation are approved.

CFA's Tuesday night recommendation that UNL students pay \$155 in fees each semester will now be forwarded to the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen and Chancellor Martin Massengale. Massengale gives final approval to Fund A. Fund B fees must go a step further and be approved by

the NU Board of Regents.

Griesen reviewed the entire student fee recommendation with CFA on Tuesday night after the committee added \$5,000 to the Kimball Lied Performing Arts Committee budget.

A 9.3 percent salary increase for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln staff caused much of the student fee increase, Griesen said.

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Rainy reflections . . .

During a light rain, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln student passes a puddle near Hamilton Hall on Wednesday morning. Today's forecast calls for fog lifting in the morning and becoming partly sunny and warmer.

