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Monday

WEATHER

Monday, partly cloudy, breezy and warmer, high around 70, southwest wind 15-25 miles per hour.
Monday night, partly cloudy, low around 40.
Tuesday, partly cloudy, high 55-60.

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Feelings differ on proposed student discounts

By Robin Trimarchi
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Beerman concerned that voting incentives project negative image

Some state and university officials said they are concerned that rewarding student voters with discounted beer and albums presents a negative image of University of Nebraska-Lincoln students.

Nebraska Secretary of State Allen Beerman said the idea, proposed by a candidate for president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, would be an "exchange of value for a vote" and is "akin to a type of a bribe."

"It may not be illegal," Beerman said, but with the university budget and the student regent vote before the Legislature, "it's not good PR for the

students."

Candidates for ASUN support the incentives as a way to increase involvement in Wednesday's elections.

Joe Bowman, presidential candidate for the STAND party, said his party arranged one-day discounts from local businesses for students who vote in the ASUN elections as an "attention-getter" to show that ASUN can confront student needs. He said he did not present the idea as an answer to student apathy.

"I think it's great PR among the students," Bowman said.

Jim Langenberg, director of the ASUN electoral commission, said providing the discounts does not

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conflict with ASUN election rules.

Beerman said his main concern is that two bars are among the businesses that will offer discounts to students who vote.

"My reaction is that the university would not be generally pleased that if

you participate in student elections, you get to drink," he said.

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, agreed that although the practice does not conflict with UNL policy, it projects a negative image if it suggests bribing students

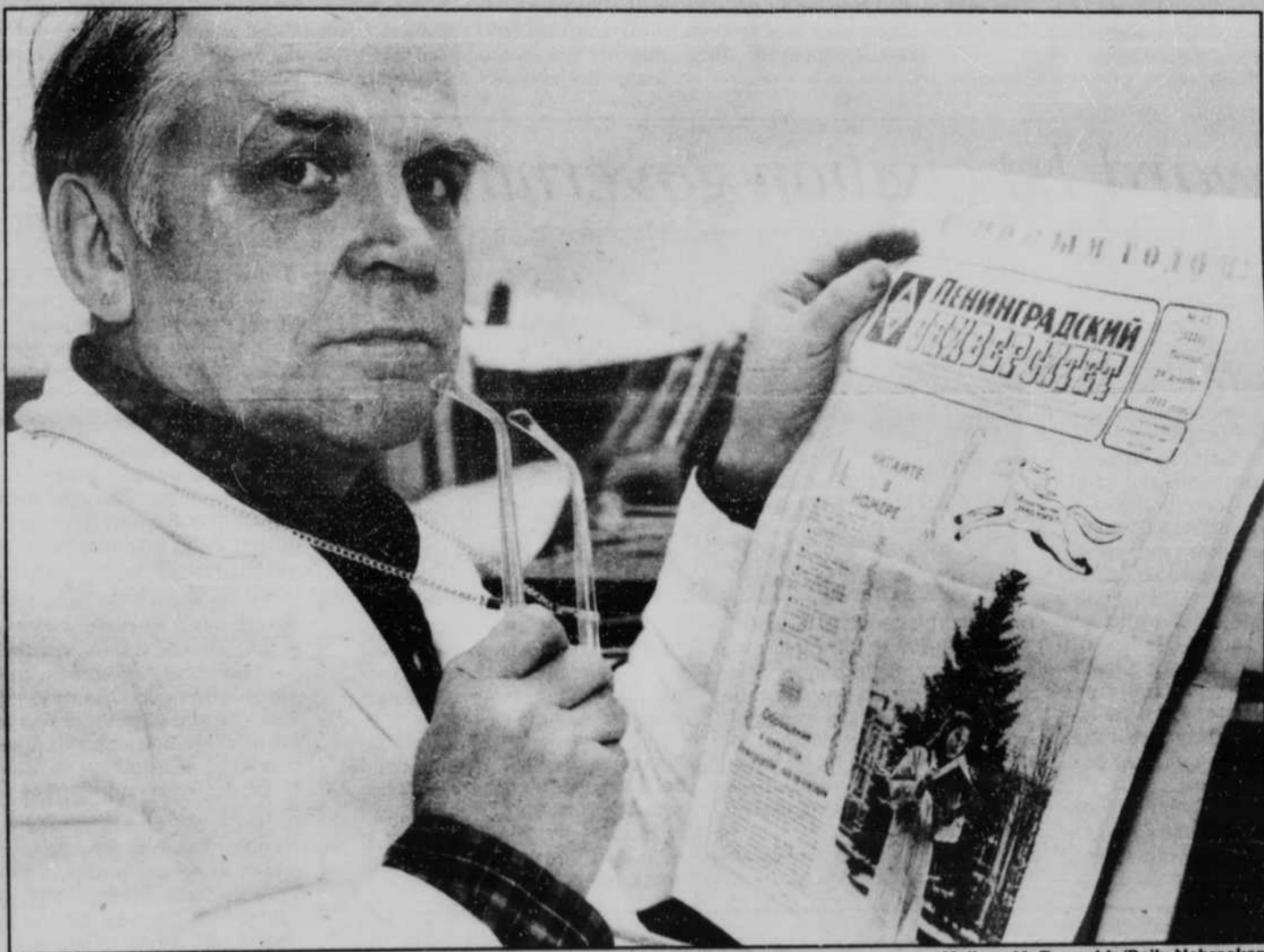
to vote.

"I would certainly hope that UNL students would participate in the elections simply on the basis that the people elected will have an impact on their lives," he said.

UNL students have proven they can have a major impact on legislation, Griesen said. As the student representative on the NU Board of Regents, the ASUN president is an elected public official and "plays a major role in the governance of this university."

"Who this person is should be important to the students," he said. "I would hate to have it perceived that (discounts were) the incentive for students to vote."

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Melissa McReynolds/Daily Nebraskan

Konstantine Kvitko, a visiting Russian scientist studying plant science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, keeps in touch with his college, the University of Leningrad, through its campus newspaper. Because the weekly paper arrives about a month after its publication, Kvitko says he reads it more for emotional value than news worthiness.

Friendly staff impresses visiting scientist

By Mindy Mozer
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Though he's an ocean away from his country, Konstantine Kvitko feels at home in a University of Nebraska-Lincoln laboratory.

The visiting Russian scientist says that although the American lifestyle is "completely different" from the Russian way of life, the university atmosphere reminds him of home.

"The relationships between people in a university are the same," Kvitko says. "It's a case where people are kept together because of their interests."

It was Kvitko's interest in plant sciences that brought him to Lincoln in December to further his research on the chlorella virus -- microscopic algae. He came to learn from Nebraska scientists who specialize in the virus.

"I'm using this opportunity to be taught,"

he says. "To be taught a lot."

Kvitko plans to be in the United States for six months. After working in Lincoln, he will attend a conference in Virginia and visit labs on the East Coast, including one at Duke University in North Carolina, before returning home to Leningrad.

Once he returns to Leningrad, Kvitko says, he will continue his research and teach courses in plant genetics.

The 57-year-old's eyes light up when he talks about his research. He spends most of his time tucked away in a lab on East Campus.

Kvitko says he is studying two types of viruses in chlorella. One group is a set of strains that was isolated in America and the other set was isolated in Europe.

The American strain he is studying first was found by UNL researchers, including James Van Etten, a professor of plant pathology.

In fact, Van Etten's research is the main reason Kvitko came to UNL. Kvitko says he saw the research published in a journal in 1982.

Van Etten says Kvitko wrote him to ask

for more information on the research. The two scientists corresponded for five years before they met in Lincoln.

"I invited him because he was working on the viruses," Van Etten says.

Kvitko hasn't stopped working on the virus since he arrived in Lincoln. Even on Saturday, the gray-haired scientist can be found in the lab.

He works hard, he says, to make the most out of his trip. Working also relieves his homesickness. He left his wife and 30-year-old daughter in Leningrad.

"Of course I miss my home," he says. "But when you are busy at work it is possible to keep it under control."

Although Kvitko graduated from the University of Leningrad, he's not a Leningrad native.

He was born in Siberia, where he lived until he finished high school.

He had a friend, originally from Leningrad, when he lived in Siberia. The two decided to go to college in Leningrad.

Kvitko graduated from Leningrad Uni-

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Proposal allows part-time students to get discounts

By Jerry Guenther
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University of Nebraska-Lincoln officials are working on a proposal that would allow part-time students to buy computers from the Computer Shop at the University Bookstore.

Gerald Kutish, associate director of the Computing Resource Center, said computer vendors have contracts with UNL that allow the Computer Shop to sell computers to full-time students, faculty and staff at discounted prices.

But those contracts do not allow students who take fewer than 12 credit hours to buy computers at the shop, Kutish said.

Kutish said he is working with other UNL officials so that part-time students taking at least six credit hours in a degree program also can get discounts.

"We would like to think that a student in a degree-granting program taking six credit hours or more gets the same services as a full-time student," Kutish said. "After all, we don't say only full-time students can use the library."

To make the discount available for part-time students, Kutish said, UNL must demon-

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Association plans combat strategy to help libraries

By Sara Bauder
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The Association of Research Libraries is planning new strategy to combat large increases in the prices and number of academic journals that have put libraries nationwide in a bind.

Duane Webster, executive director of the Washington-based association, said because of problems created by the increases, the association is forming an office of academic and scientific publishing.

The office will provide an information system for libraries, he said, helping them pressure publishers to keep prices from rising so quickly.

The office also will try to educate scholars about the role they play in the crisis, Webster said. He said scholars must know what commercial publishers are doing and be encouraged to use journals published by universities and non-profit scholarly organizations.

Because more academic journals are available every year, valuable research is scattered between more periodicals, Webster said. He said there has been some sense of "watered down" content in academic journals.

He said studies have shown that journals published by commercial firms are used less

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