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Wednesday, good chance of thundershowers, high 55-60, variable winds 10-20 miles per hour shifting to northeast. Wednesday night, 50 percent chance of thundershowers, colder, low in the upper-30s. Thursday, blustery and cooler, mostly cloudy, high 40-45.

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Legislature advances restructuring proposal

By Victoria Ayotte
Senior Reporter

The Nebraska Legislature on Tuesday advanced the resolution that would call voters to the polls in November for a constitutional amendment to restructure higher education governance.

Senators debated LR239CA all morning before advancing it to a second round of debate, select file, on a 26-19 vote. The resolution would replace the current NU Board of Regents and the State College Board of Trustees with a Board of Regents for

Nebraska Higher Education and a board of trustees for each of the seven state colleges and universities.

State Sen. LaVon Crosby of Lincoln was one of those against the resolution and said it would create "more provincialism" because seven boards instead of two would vie for money from the Legislature.

Crosby said she believes voters want more elected regents, not a par-

tially appointed board as proposed by the resolution.

Crosby said senators should not be so eager to change the system because of disapproval of the regents' dismissal of former NU President Ronald Roskens.

Sen. Scott Moore of Seward said the restructuring proposal has nothing to do with Roskens' dismissal.

The present system is "flawed," Moore said, and senators are trying to improve it.

"I think it's high time for a change in higher education," Moore said.

Other senators agreed with Moore. Most of those opposed to the re-

structuring, Sen. Ron Withem of Papillion said, are just against change.

"We need to lift ourselves out of that," Withem said. "There is widespread support for this proposal."

But Sen. Dianna Schimek of Lincoln warned that the restructuring could create a "political nightmare" for the Legislature with more boards than ever lobbying the Legislature.

"Change for change's sake is not a valid reason," Sen. Jim McFarland of Lincoln said.

Sen. Howard Lamb of Anselmo also spoke against the resolution, warning that restructuring could lead to "years and years of indecision."

"Nobody is going to know where they stand," Lamb said. "... and postsecondary education in this state is going to suffer as a consequence."

Sen. Lowell Johnson of North Bend said the proposed restructuring is a "serious blueprint" for higher education and could help serve the increasingly diverse needs of students.

"The time has clearly arrived for the rational framework envisioned by LR239(CA)," Johnson said.

Sen. David Landis of Lincoln voted to advance the resolution, but said he is concerned about the effect of re-

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Rider in the storm . . .

Paul Durbin, a math teacher at the Lincoln branches of Doane College and College of St. Mary, was prepared for Tuesday's thundershowers as he crossed campus. Durbin's "pride and joy" that he has ridden since he was 15 years old, is a late 1940s Schwinn. It now serves as his rain bike, Durbin said.

Candidates plug platforms, encourage student voting

By Emily Rosenbaum
Senior Reporter

In the final ASUN debate Tuesday at the Nebraska Union, presidential and first vice presidential candidates encouraged students to vote and touted their parties' tickets.

Phil Gosch, VISION party presidential candidate, urged students to increase last year's 12 percent turnout.

Gosch said student leaders are blocked in their attempt to lobby the Nebraska Legislature because they "don't have legitimacy."

A large turnout today would help solve that problem, he said.

Deb Fiddelke, TODAY party presidential candidate, said her party has pointed out several times that it has "proven student leaders."

She said that leadership shows in the party's platform, which was constructed based on input from UNL students.

Fiddelke said TODAY's candidates are not running because of what they can gain from being ASUN leaders, but for what they can do to help students.

"You deserve to have the best student leaders as your representatives," she said. "Remember that when you go to the polls."

Joe Bowman, STAND presidential candidate, said the real issue of the election is greek representation in ASUN.

He said most ASUN members are in fraternities and sororities because of the cohesive-

ness and organization between greek houses.

As a result, off-campus and residence hall students are left out of ASUN, he said.

ASUN elections often center on student apathy, but there is no apathy, only disregard for non-greek students, Bowman said.

"STAND has come to offer you a choice in this election," Bowman said. "TODAY and VISION are merely bricks in the wall; STAND is the trumpet that will bring it down."

Bowman said STAND is calling for a "bullet vote," which asks for students to vote only for STAND candidates, none of whom are in fraternities or sororities.

He said the TODAY and VISION parties are "products of inbreeding" from ASUN and, if elected, would produce a "new batch of professional politicians."

"If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything," he said.

Several of the questions at Tuesday's debate focused on cultural diversity, problems with racism and concern about homophobia.

All the presidential and vice presidential candidates agreed that Monday's anti-racism rally on campus was a clear indication that students are concerned about racism.

Gosch called the rally a "show of strength," but said the white supremacist fliers which prompted the rally are proof that problems still exist.

Fiddelke said TODAY has been working to establish a 100-level, multi-cultural awareness

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Cult authority tells horror stories of human sacrifice, cannibalism

By Sara Bauder
Staff Reporter

Midway through his lecture Tuesday, satanic cult authority Ted Gunderson read from a book advertising the sale of human parts.

The book, circulated to cults, put the value of a human skull, in good condition, at \$300. A skull in secondary condition was worth \$200.

The book was running a special sale -- \$10 for a human rib. Gunderson said cults use the body parts in religious rituals.

Gunderson, a retired FBI investigator and a 1950 graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, spoke to a crowd of 550 in the Nebraska Union.

Gunderson said he wants to make people more aware of cults so that something is done about them. He said the FBI does not investigate cult activities because satanism is considered a religion and because there are no bodies to link with the human sacrifices.

Gunderson's stories brought looks of shock to the faces of many audience members. He described ritualistic sexual molestation of children, complete with robes, chanting and candles. He showed pictures drawn by children who had been molested -- pictures of blood, body parts and genitals.

He told the crowd about how cult members develop multiple personalities as defense

mechanisms. Cult members need those mechanisms to survive incidents such as being placed in a coffin with a human body, feeling themselves lowered into a grave and hearing dirt being piled on top of the coffin.

One woman, who escaped a cult, had 35 different personalities, he said.

Escaping from cults is not easy, Gunderson said. He said people who do escape must go into hiding because cults hunt them down and murder them.

But some are not able to escape. Gunderson told about "breeders," or people who are kept in the cult for the sole purpose of producing babies for human sacrifice. Because the babies are born at home, there is no record of them, so murders cannot be traced.

Gunderson, who has investigated cults since he retired from the FBI in 1979, said cults have taken out four contracts on his life.

Cults have infiltrated all levels of society, Gunderson said. He said there are doctors, lawyers, priests, and judges involved with cults. Gunderson said a U.S. Army colonel is a known satanist. That colonel is in charge of all Army reserve personnel files, he said.

Because cult members are in many important positions, they can cover up crimes they commit, Gunderson said. He said those crimes include cannibalism, murder, kidnapping and drug trafficking.

Social Security exemption proposal would cut student jobs, raise tuition

By Cindy Wostrel
Staff Reporter

A Bush administration proposal that would eliminate the Social Security tax exemption for students employed by state colleges and universities could cut student jobs and increase tuition.

The budget proposal would require universities nationwide to withhold 7.65 percent of

student employees' paychecks for the Social Security tax. Universities would be required to match that amount.

The bill could replace a 1973 agreement between Nebraska and the federal government exempting those students.

Nebraska Deputy Attorney General Eugene Crump said that although he hasn't seen the agreement, he believes it would be superseded

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