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WEATHER

Wednesday, mostly sunny, high in the mid-60s, northwest wind 10-20 miles per hour. Wednesday night, mostly cloudy, low in the mid-30s. Thursday, mostly cloudy, high in the low-60s.

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New UNL ID-card system attracts attention

By Roger Price
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Schools from as far away as Argentina have contacted the University of Nebraska-Lincoln about its new photo identification card system.

Warren Embree, systems coordinator for support services, said UNL was the first university to build its own complete photo ID system, and did it very inexpensively compared to the cost of a packaged system.

Embree said representatives of Texas-Arlington, Illinois and North Carolina universities, Kearney State College, the University of Nebraska Medical Center and the University of Nebraska at Omaha have visited UNL to examine the system.

Embree said officials from several other schools, including one in Argentina, have called to request information on the system.

All the schools that have visited have been "very impressed," Embree said.

Doug Zatechka, director of the Office of University Housing and chairman of the ID-card committee, said the biggest reaction from the other universities was, "You did that much, that fast?"

Zatechka said the entire photo ID system was installed in eight months for \$325,000.

William Fierke, University of Illinois registrar, said he was surprised by how quickly the system was installed.

Fierke said Illinois has had photo IDs capable of storing information magnetically for four years, but no university offices have equipment to read that information.

Incorporating students' social security numbers in bar codes on the IDs is one of the best aspects of the UNL system, he said.

Fierke said Illinois is looking for a new

system, and it will include bar codes.

"In higher education administration we don't let students plagiarize, but boy do we steal from each other," he said.

Fierke said Illinois probably will use color photographs on its cards because that is what it currently uses.

Illinois, he said, will not install a complete system, such as UNL's, which is used by every campus office. Instead, the administration will issue new cards, but each office on campus will have to convert to the new cards at its own expense.

"While you people build the whole airplane, we're building a canal and letting people float through it," he said.

Kearney State College also is looking for an ID system similar to UNL's, an administrator said.

John Mayeski, library director and chairman of the campuswide ID system committee,

said KSC is considering installing a system much like UNL's and having UNL produce the ID cards.

Because photos for the UNL ID system are taken on videotape, Mayeski said, it would be easy to take photos of students and their signatures at KSC and send the tapes to UNL to have the cards made.

"Working together, I think it could be a good cooperative effort," he said.

Mayeski said KSC eventually would purchase the complete system, but buying cards from UNL would help decrease the initial investment.

Zatechka said UNMC also is considering purchasing cards from UNL.

UNL would charge the other schools enough to cover the cost of the cards and wear on the system without having to "gouge" the other schools, Zatechka said.

Parties debate issues before runoff election

By Victoria Ayotte
Senior Reporter

TODAY and VISION presidential candidates for ASUN disputed each other's ability to bring a new student government and fresh ideas to ASUN at a debate Tuesday.

The Residence Hall Association sponsored the debate in the Crib of

leaders, Gosch said. Voters want student government, "not student politics," he said.

"We want a better student government, too," Fiddelke responded. Fiddelke, who is chairman of the Government Liaison Committee, said her party has "seen the flaws" in the current administration and TODAY candidates have the experience to correct them.

"One party brings people who get things done for students," Fiddelke said. "I am very dedicated and very motivated."

The candidates also debated how to better represent off-campus and residence hall students in student government.

Fiddelke said restructuring ASUN so senate representation is based on where students live as well as what colleges they are in is the best plan for a representative student government.

"Unless you're willing to make the dedication, you're not going to see a change . . . for many years to come," Fiddelke said.

But VISION presidential candidate Phil Gosch said Fiddelke's plan would take longer than his because it

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the Nebraska Union. It was the last debate before today's runoff election for ASUN executives.

TODAY presidential candidate Deb Fiddelke said her ticket is not composed of the "same old student leaders."

"We don't just bring you some glossy statements," Fiddelke said. "We bring you real issues."

VISION presidential candidate Phil Gosch disagreed.

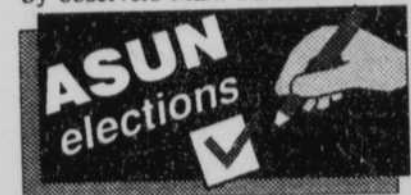
"UNL voters have voiced their discontent" with the current student

Electoral Commission hears suggestions for ballot count

By Roger Price
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The Electoral Commission of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska on Tuesday reviewed suggestions from observers of the ASUN general election ballot count.

The suggestions were submitted by observers Mark Buhrdorf of the



STAND party and Russ Johnson of the VISION party.

Johnson said Monday he made the suggestions because "they're not very open about what the heck they're doing."

Buhrdorf said he thought he was "shoved off to the side" while ballots were counted Wednesday night, instead of being allowed to observe the counting.

The suggestions for today's runoff election included the following:

- Use all the safety methods and devices used during Wednesday's election. If ASUN cannot afford electronic ballot counting for today's election, next year's Homecoming ballots should be hand-counted and the runoff ballots counted by computer.

ASUN plans to hand-count the ballots tonight because of the high cost of computer balloting.

Buhrdorf said he wanted electronic counting of the runoff ballots because there is more room for error in hand-counting.

- Only the electoral commission should be allowed to count votes.

Former ASUN President Jeff Petersen helped with the ballot-counting process during the general election, Buhrdorf said.

- Representatives of the faculty, the ombudsman, the Daily Nebraskan and KRNU should observe the counting.

But Buhrdorf said at the meeting that he realized press representatives should not observe the counting because of the possibility that results would be released early.

- Only one person should be in

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Students honored

UNL students John Liston (left), Mike Wiedel and Beth Olson received the General Motors Volunteer Spirit award Tuesday in recognition of their volunteer work in Lincoln. Nominated for the award and selected by a committee comprised of University of Nebraska-Lincoln faculty members and students, the volunteers received three shares of GM stock and a plaque. Olson said the satisfaction of volunteer work is "better than anything. I'm amazed to receive an award for it."

Alliance to promote interaction

By Doug Isakson
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The revival of a 19th-century college tradition at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will bring faculty members into residence halls to serve as role models for students.

Lyn Jakobsen, assistant director of housing for resident education at UNL, said the new "Faculty/Student Alliance" program will develop relationships between students and faculty outside the classroom.

"It takes away that 'authority figure' thing," Jakobsen said, "and helps them (students and faculty) get to know each other as people."

Similar programs were used in the 1800s, Jakobsen said, and again were developed in the 1960s. She said they are being used with great success on campuses such as Rice University in Houston and the University of Colorado.

According to a written proposal

issued by the University Housing Office, the program will have several functions. It will provide positive role models for students, and it will allow students and faculty to share experiences.

Faculty members might participate in student discussions on topics such as sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS, abortion, career decisions and health and wellness.

They also could participate in parties and floor athletic events and could provide a faculty perspective on campus issues such as alcohol, condom machines, lighting, parking and financial aid.

The program also would develop more "special interest floors" where students of the same major can get together to study.

Jakobsen said the idea for the Alliance at UNL was first proposed by James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs.

She said Griesen is searching now

for a liaison between faculty and housing to help the Student Affairs Advisory Board recruit about 24 faculty members interested in participating in the program. She said faculty response to the program has been very positive.

"It's a commitment," Jakobsen said. "It takes someone who really wants to do this. There's been a lot of excitement."

Faculty members will be selected before May, Jakobsen said.

The program might be appealing for all faculty members, she said, but it might be easiest for those who already have tenure and have less research and writing to do.

Jakobsen said the program will have a faculty member assigned to a floor for an entire year. She said the program will start out slow, allowing them to work out the problems before expanding it. But, she added, she plans to add more faculty as the program progresses.