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| Friday, sunny, high 45-50, northwest wind 5-15 miles per hour. Friday night, mostly clear, low in the mid-20s. Saturday, mostly sunny and warmer, high near 60. | News ..... 2<br>Editorial ..... 4<br>Sports ..... 6<br>Arts & Entertainment ..... 9<br>Classifieds ..... 11 |

## New education proposal disappoints regents

By Thomas Clouse  
Staff Reporter

Some members of the NU Board of Regents said Thursday they were disappointed by the Nebraska Legislature's changes in proposals to restructure governance of higher education.

The Legislature on Wednesday amended LB1141, which provided for implementation of the original restructuring plan, into a proposed constitutional amendment. The bill now proposes giving governing power to the Coordinating Commission for Post-secondary Education.

The Legislature advanced that bill to a final round of debate along with LR239CA, which proposes replacing the current board of regents and State College Board of Trustees with an

overall governing board and institutional boards.

Regents Chairman Don Blank of McCook said he is disappointed about the change to LB1141 because it came on day 58 of the 60-day legislative session.

"If this was introduced early, then there could have been public hearings and debates," Blank said.

Regent Margaret Robinson of Norfolk also said she was disappointed the amendment came at this time.

"This (the amendment) is something that needs a lot of consideration," she said.

Regent Kermit Hansen said the amendment to LB1141 is a good idea. But he said he was concerned because there was no opportunity for public hearings.

"In the last days, there is an understandable rush," Hansen said. "I wish it wasn't rushed quite as much."

Blank said in a news release that many aspects of the new proposal are not available yet.

"It appears that the resolution is quite general about what is meant by coordination, which is to be spelled out by the Legislature next year after the resolution has appeared on the ballot," Blank said.

"I think a coordinating commission is what's needed, but we have no idea what it is," Blank said.

Details such as the budgeting process, governance and other provisions concerning the new coordinating commission have not been spelled out, Blank said.

"The Legislature's desire to ap-

point a coordinating commission, in itself, does not provide much guidance," he said. "Twenty-three states have coordinating commissions, and no two are alike in their duties, responsibilities and functions," Blank said.

But Regent John Payne of Kearney said he approves of the proposal. "It would be my opinion (that) the coordinating committee would be better -- not an ideal alternative -- but better than the proposed LR239CA," Payne said.

Blank said in the news release that community colleges have been left out of LB1141 as amended.

"These and other important aspects of the new resolution should be reviewed and openly discussed before -- not after -- the Legislature

takes a vote," Blank said.

Regent Rosemary Skrupa of Omaha said she is concerned that LB1141 wouldn't provide for coordination of the three elements in the Nebraska's higher education system -- the state colleges, the university and the community colleges.

"If we are going to coordinate higher education, let's coordinate the whole higher education system," Skrupa said.

She said 29 percent of Nebraska students in post-secondary education attend community colleges. It seems "ridiculous" not to include those schools in coordination of higher education, she said.

"Almost a third (of post-secondary students) are without any comprehensive planning," Skrupa said.

## Multi-cultural exposure sought through course

By Sara Bauder  
and Jennifer O'Clilka  
Staff Reporters

Requiring a cultural diversity course at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is not only a good idea, but a necessity, said Jimmi Smith, director of multi-cultural affairs.

Smith said Thursday such a course is needed because administrators have not yet hired enough minorities in faculty positions.

If minority faculty members were hired in all departments, Smith said, students could be exposed to different cultures through courses already taught.

"It would have been a much more natural transition if we would have hired professors of color," he said.

Smith said minority professors would expose white students to another world perspective, "a second opinion" and "a little spice of life," things the students haven't seen at home.

Phil Gosch, president-elect of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, said his admini-

stration plans to work on the issue of cultural diversity.

Gosch said he will establish an ASUN committee on cultural diversity at the beginning of the 1990-91 school year. Once the committee is established, Gosch said it probably will consider a proposal to create a multi-cultural class that would be required for all freshmen.

The proposal was part of the TODAY party platform during ASUN elections in March. TODAY presidential candidate Deb Fiddelke and first vice-presidential candidate Brad Vasa were defeated in the election, but second vice-presidential candidate Yolanda Scott was elected.

Gosch, who ran for the VISION party, said he will consider TODAY's proposal.

Ellen Baird, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, said that for the course to become a requirement, it first would have to be offered by a department and then be passed by the university curriculum committee.

Gosch said the curriculum is set up

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## Senators use delay tactics as retaliation for filibuster

By Victoria Ayotte  
Senior Reporter

Sen. Bernice Labeledz of Omaha on Thursday sought retribution against Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha for his successful filibuster of abortion bills.

Chambers' filibuster Wednesday led to the defeat of a bill to require informed consent and a 24-hour waiting period before performing an abortion.

Labeledz moved Thursday to amend a bill in the final round of debate and insert the provisions of her bill to require parental notification for mi-

nors seeking an abortion.

Labeledz succeeded in that motion with just enough votes, 25, but sought to withdraw the amendment when it was brought up for a vote.

Senators were ready to vote on the amendment, so it could not be withdrawn, but it failed 13-14.

"We had a victory anyway," Labeledz said, referring to the successful motion to return the bill to select file.

Some senators were concerned that the original bill, which would provide tax incentives for investment in North Omaha, could not be passed because bills advanced to final reading cannot be considered on final reading the same day.

But Sen. Jerome Warner of Waverly said the bill could be passed

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## Joseph's sentence includes fine, probation

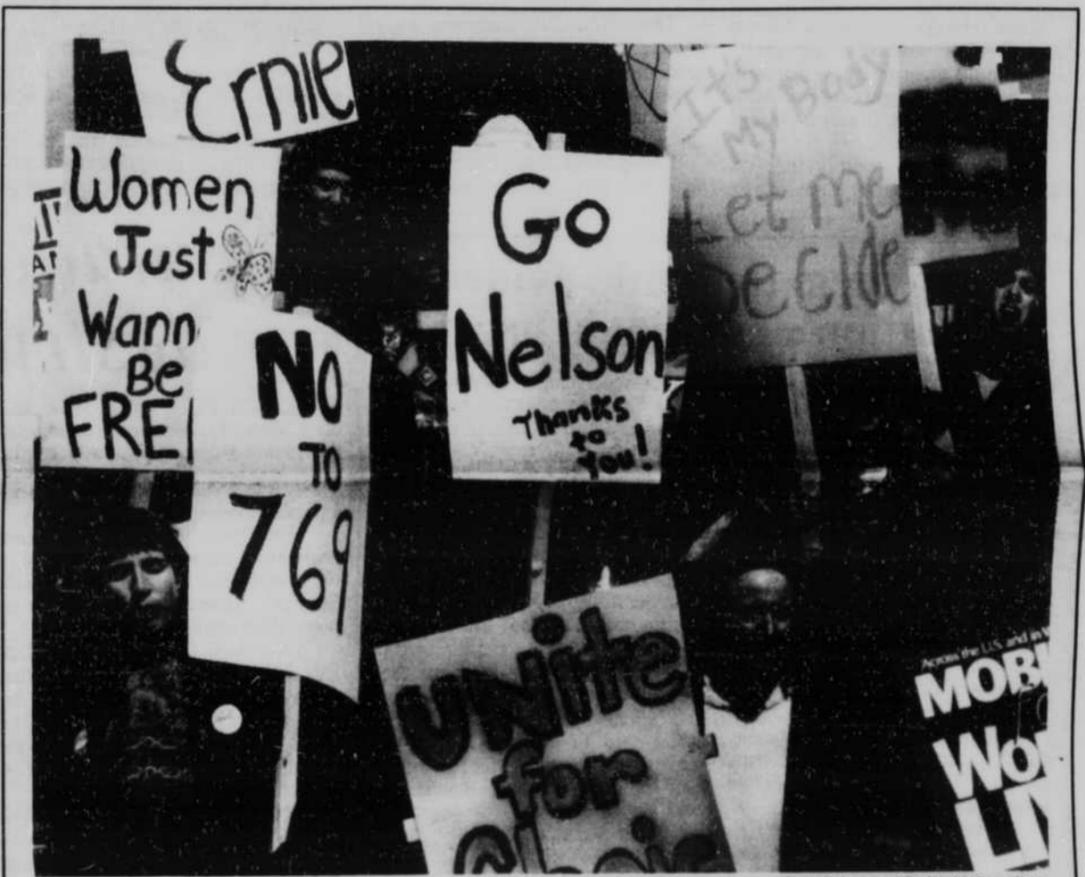
From Staff Reports

Robert "Mickey" Joseph, a quarterback on the Nebraska football team, was sentenced in Lancaster County Court last week to six months probation, a \$200 fine and a 60-day suspension of his driver's license.

Joseph pled guilty Jan. 18, 1990,

to charges of driving while under the influence of alcohol. Judge Richard H. Williams granted attorney Hal W. Anderson's request for a pre-sentence investigation.

Joseph was stopped Sept. 10, 1989, for exceeding the speed limit. When tested, Joseph's blood alcohol level was found to be in excess of the legal limit of .1 percent.



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Pro-choice marchers walk toward the State Capitol on Thursday afternoon. About 50 people participated in the walk that started at Broyhill Fountain.

## Speakers declare victory for movement

### Pro-choice supporters lead march

By Jannette Bush  
Staff Reporter

Pro-choice speakers urged supporters Thursday to continue informing the public and government bodies about the importance of choice in the abortion issue.

Chris Funk, executive director of Lincoln Planned Parenthood, and Elaine Waggoner, Nebraska president of Voters for Choice, addressed a crowd of about 50 on the Union Plaza as part of National Student Action Day.

Funk said the successful filibuster, which defeated the bill requiring informed consent and a 24-hour waiting period before an abortion, is a victory for the Pro-Choice movement.

But "what happened (Wednesday) night may not happen next year," she said.

Waggoner said the Legislature's action on the bill was the beginning, but "it certainly was not the

end."

Funk said time for debate could be limited during the 1990-91 legislative session, making filibuster methods difficult. She said that is why it is important for pro-choice supporters to organize at Planned Parenthood or other pro-choice organizations.

"Commit this issue to your heart as well as your guts," Funk said. "It's easy to rest on clichés."

Many people say "I'm pro-choice, but I don't like it when women use abortion as a means of birth control," she said.

"That is mythology presented by pro-life people," Funk said.

Waggoner said the fight for choice has been a long struggle. She said she thought pro-choice advocates were finished after the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision, which made abortions legal.

Waggoner said activists must work with democratic and republican pro-choice supporters to align

the two parties.

"It is an issue of concern to everyone," she said.

Once the speakers finished, the pro-choice supporters huddled together, gathered signs and marched to the State Capitol chanting things like, "Keep your laws off women's bodies," "Hear our voice, we're pro-choice," and "Keep abortion safe and legal."

During the march, Tom Kiefer, a UNL senior philosophy major, said people don't realize the Pro-Life movement is "repressive" and "oppressive."

"I'm glad Nebraska hasn't denied the will of the majority," he said.

Tammy Thornell, environmental fund-raiser for the Hudson Bay Co., said the rally was good, but more people should have been involved because numbers influence legislators.

But Thornell said the rally did

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