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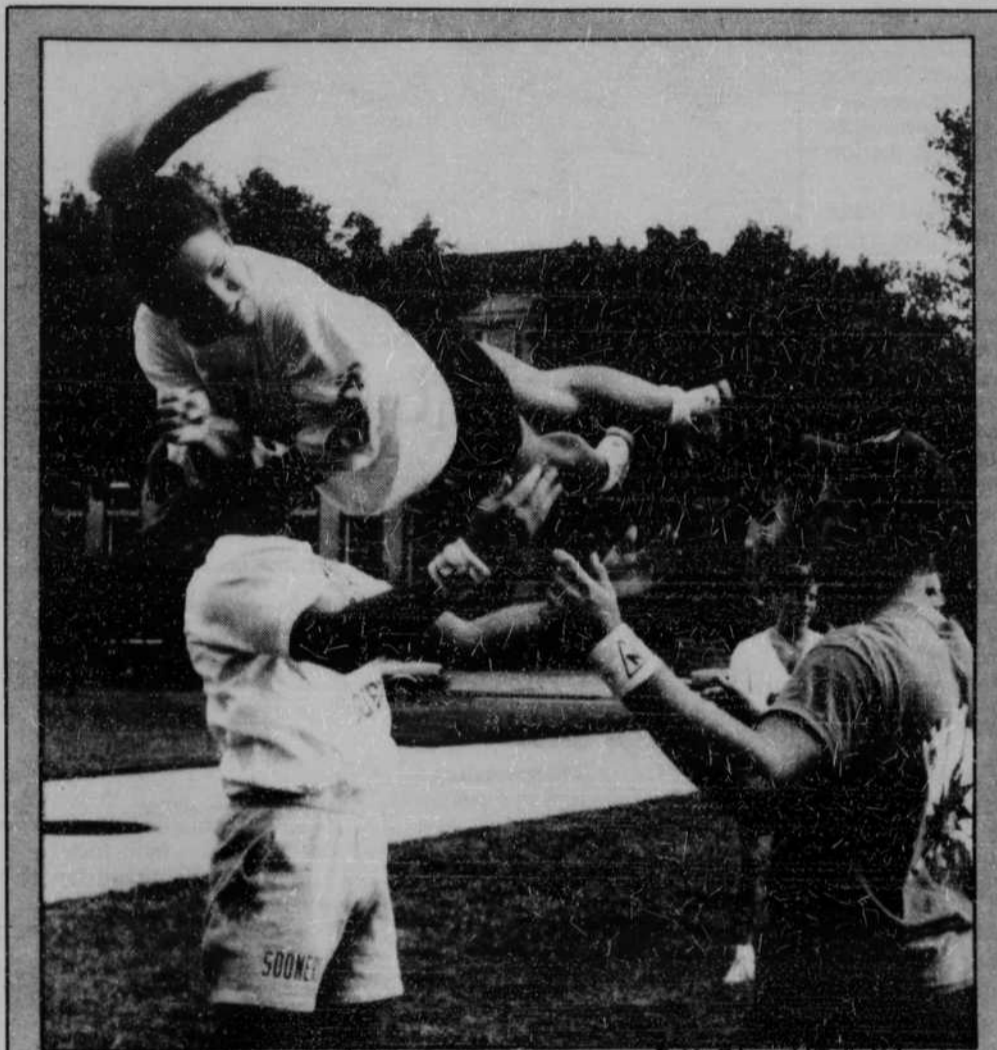
Wednesday

WEATHER

Today, partly sunny, light northeast wind, high in the mid 70s. Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy, low in the mid 50s. Thursday, considerable cloudiness, 30 percent chance of showers, high in the mid 70s.

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Airborne!

Suzette Gammel spins a leg-roll maneuver during junior varsity yell squad practice Monday. Dave Minderman, left, and Chris Pfantiel provide a soft landing.

Lid wouldn't cut state programs

UNL budget cuts possible

By Sara Bauder Schott
Senior Reporter

Budget cuts could hit the University of Nebraska-Lincoln if the proposed 2 percent lid passes, because spending reductions won't be made in the state's corrections and social services programs, a state official said.

Steve Ferris, acting budget administrator for Nebraska's Department of Administrative Services, said the state's "people-type" programs would be first priority for funding if the amendment is passed.

The proposed constitutional amendment on the November ballot calls for a 2-percent limit on increases in state spending.

Kim Phelps, assistant vice chancellor for business and finance, said the state has some fixed commitments that cannot be cut in funding, meaning cuts would have to be made in some other area. An example would be the corrections department, which has to house and care for an increasing number of inmates each year.

Ferris said the corrections department would need a \$30- to \$60-million increase just to house the inmates, Ferris said. He said the department's operating budget request is up 10 percent from last year.

Social Services, which provides Medicaid and child services programs, has requested a budget increase of 9 percent, Ferris said.

Under the proposed amendment, Ferris said, the state only could increase its budget by \$24 million next year. The budget last year was \$1.2 billion.

"It doesn't take long to reach the \$24 million mark," Ferris said. "After that we'll have to start looking at state aid and state agencies and see what consolidations and reductions can

be made."

Phelps said \$182 million of the university's 1990-91 budget comes from state funds.

The second part of UNL's budget, \$172 million, is not state-funded.

In a letter to Bill Arfmann, executive director of the Nebraska Association of Public Employees, Ferris stated one area that could be reduced or eliminated is state-supported scholarships under the State Student Incentive Grants Matching Scholarship Award and the Scholarship Assistance Program.

John Beacon, director of scholarships and financial aid, said that although he does not want to see declines in any aid to students, the 2 percent lid would probably have a limited effect on financial aid.

Beacon said state aid makes up a relatively small portion of financial aid at the university. Pell Grants from the federal government account for \$7.5 million worth of aid at UNL.

In contrast, aid from the SSIG and the SAP program account for about \$300,000 of aid, Beacon said.

If the university budget was cut, Ferris said, it would probably be up to the NU Board of Regents to decide what areas to reduce or eliminate.

"Usually, we appropriate a lump sum, and the Board of Regents has to decide where to put it," Ferris said.

The lid could also affect the way the university spends the money it generates, Ferris said. The amendment refers to general and cash funds, he said. Cash funds are the money generated by fees that state entities charge for services.

Ferris said there is some question if state agencies would be able to spend cash funds as

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White students form unions on campuses

By Adeana Leftin
Staff Reporter

On a handful of university campuses, white students who say they are being discriminated against are fighting back by forming white student unions.

In January 1990, the first such union was formed at the University of Florida.

Since then, similar unions have been formed or discussed on several other campuses, including Temple University, Louisiana State University and Suffolk University. Most recently, students at the University of Southwestern Louisiana and the University of New Orleans were planning their own white student unions.

At the University of New Orleans, Laura Oullio, a senior communica-

tions major, is organizing the group. She said she had read in Driftwood, the university's student newspaper, that Louisiana State University had a white union.

"... I thought it would be nice if we had one, too," Oullio said.

She said the group was not being racist, but admitted that others might disagree.

Oullio said she was waiting for

information from the union at LSU before continuing the formation of the group.

Mark Wright, founder and president of the original white union at the University of Florida, said he was taking a cue from the Black Student Union on the Florida campus.

"They were securing for their particular group resources. White students need the same voice," Wright

said. "I saw how successfully they were pressuring the administration for their wants and felt whites could do the same."

Last December, Wright said, there was a lot of anti-white talk on campus.

"We wanted to offer a counter opinion -- that not only are blacks not

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Students left behind

Shuttles face crowding problem

Shelly Biggs
Staff Reporter

An unexpected influx of riders shuttling to campus from remote lots has stalled some students' efforts to make it to class and caused the UNL parking department to consider adding another bus.

Lt. John Burke, University of Nebraska-Lincoln parking administrator, said about 700 people ride the shuttle each day. That number makes for a tight squeeze in the two buses serving the remote shuttle service which started up this fall.

The buses can carry close to 20 people at a time and make 38 trips every day from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. to and from the remote lots, Burke said. They stop 11 to 12 times on the four-mile route.

The buses are overcrowded during peak hours, from 8 to 9:30 a.m., Burke said. A third bus may be added to the route to resolve this problem, he said.

Students interviewed on the shuttles thought the buses were crowded enough to justify adding another bus.

Amy Herstein, an English major, said that she was left behind once because the bus was too full. She had

to wait another 15 minutes for the next shuttle, she said.

Herstein said she comes at least 45 minutes early every morning to catch the shuttle. The buses are getting slower as more people show interest in riding them, she said.

Cindy Logan, a criminal justice major, said that after 4 p.m., only one bus runs. Logan said she has had to wait 40 minutes for the bus to come around to take her to her car.

Kim VanEngen, a secondary education major, said she had never been left behind but had been on the bus when others were left.

"I think the buses should double up," VanEngen said, with two buses picking up students at the same time.

All students interviewed said they had seen or heard of people being left behind.

One shuttle bus driver, Carl Lintt, said students should park at the lots at least 25 minutes early to make sure they make it to class on time. If they miss the first bus, Lintt said, they have to wait about 15 minutes for the next bus.

Burke suggested that students left behind take alternate routes offered by Lincoln's StarTran bus system. A StarTran bus stops at 17th and Holdrege

streets and goes to Lyman Hall.

The StarTran SHUTTLE, which leaves 20 minutes after every hour from the 14th Street bus stop in Area 24, also drops off students at Lyman Hall. The Area 24 lot is across the street from Harper-Schramm-Smith near the railroad tracks.

The only difference between the shuttles and UNL's shuttles is that they are StarTran buses, Burke said. Both are free.

Despite the full buses, Burke said changes made in last year's system seem to be working.

"We didn't oversell the lots by the large percentage that we did last year, and we implemented the 800 remote parking spaces," he said.

The lots were oversold by only 22 percent this year, compared to 50 percent last year, he said.

The demand for parking permits has died down, Burke said. Commuter, residence hall and faculty lot parking permits are sold out, but there still are close to 200 spaces in the remote lots, he said.

The three remote lots are located south of the Bob Devaney Sports Center, on 17th and Holdrege streets and at 14th and New Hampshire streets. Shuttles face crowding problem

Service sees increase in alley-urination cases

By Alan Phelps
Staff Reporter

Student Legal Services has been getting a lot of business this year from students caught with their pants down after downtown bars close, the director said.

"When people come in here looking very embarrassed, we know right away -- urinating in the alley," said Shelley Stall, director of Student Legal Services, a branch of ASUN which provides free legal advice and representation to UNL students.

"The bars have to close at 1 a.m. This sometimes means shoving people out who have been waiting to use the bathroom," she said.

Stall said eight or nine students have sought her help this semester after running into the law as they relieved themselves in downtown alleys and found out they owed about \$120 in fines and court costs.

Only one or two people a year usually request legal help after being cited for urinating in alleys, Stall said.

"These types of citations usually used to be dismissed, but there are too many now," she said.

Several downtown business owners became irate at the smell in the mornings, Stall said, and alerted the Lincoln Police Department, whose arsenal against the offensive sights and smells includes undercover bicycle patrols.

"It's a phenomenon that we have seen over the last few years. People think that downtown is a public bathroom," said Capt. John Becker, who is in charge of the downtown beat for the Lincoln Police Department.

"Our suggestion would be to please use a restroom with approved facilities," he said. "The fact that we have foot patrols plus three or four officers riding bikes in the downtown area should serve as a word of caution. It's pretty expensive when you're caught."

Karen Steinauer, another attorney with Student Legal Services, said students have told her the undercover patrols have proved effective. "One guy said they literally jumped out of the bushes and nabbed him," she said.