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## WEATHER

Today, sunny and warm, northwest wind 5-15 miles per hour, high around 85. Tonight, fair, low in the low 50s. Wednesday, sunny, continued warm, high around 85.

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Members of the news media talk with officials at a preview for the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt on Monday at the Lied Center for Performing Arts.

## AIDS quilt to visit Lincoln

Committee hopes AIDS display will increase awareness

By Adeana Leftin  
Staff Reporter

AIDS is here. That is the message members of a committee to bring an AIDS quilt to Lincoln are trying to communicate.

Dave Anderson, co-chairman of the quilt committee, said Monday during a preview at the Lied Center for Performing Arts that "we think you'll be changed by seeing the quilt."

"It's a bad thing in that more people are dying of AIDS," he said. "It's a good thing in that it might keep more people from dying of AIDS."

The quilt, consisting of 12,000 panels, is owned by a group in San Francisco. Almost 800 of those panels will be displayed in Lincoln next month.

Dwight Miller, a Lincoln resident with AIDS, said he hoped more people would become aware of the disease through the display.

"For me, the quilt coming to Nebraska is proof that people realize that AIDS is coming to Nebraska," Miller said.

Margaret Nellis, interim director of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Campus Activities and Programs Office and a member of UNL's Task Force on AIDS Education, agreed.

"We've been working for several years to educate people, especially students, that AIDS is here," Nellis said. "The fact that we have quilts to present can speak to people in a way posters and pamphlets can't," she said.

Gayle Brygger of Lincoln lost a brother to AIDS. Brygger said she was excited about the idea of shar-

ing part of her brother's memory with people by making a panel for the quilt.

"They're not just nameless faces," she said of the victims. "It could be someone you know."

Brygger said making a panel was "a wonderful, satisfying experience," she said.

"It was a very personal sort of grieving experience," she said. "The panel is very much like Bill was."

Brygger's panel is one of the 25 to 35 panels expected to be added while the quilt is in Lincoln, Anderson said.

Last October, Anderson traveled with friends to Waterloo, Iowa, to see the quilt displayed there.

"If Waterloo could do this, then certainly Lincoln could, too," Anderson said.

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## UNL comes up short on classroom space

By Jennifer O'Clka  
Senior Reporter

Although students sometimes get stressed out because limits are placed on the size of classes, many University of Nebraska-Lincoln departments have stretched their limits to serve students.

Ellen Baird, associate vice chancellor of academic affairs, said stretching class limits further with the current facilities could hurt students more than it would help.

John Peters, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said UNL needs more classrooms.

"We desperately need more classroom space, a large lecture hall" and the development of better classrooms, he said.

Peters urged students to take a stand on the classroom issue by showing interest in a capital construction project before the Nebraska Legislature.

The plan recommended by the NU Board of Regents calls for \$1.4 million to "improve substandard classrooms/class labs" at UNL between 1991 and 1993. The proposal ranks ninth on the regents' priority list of projects.

Baird said limits on class sizes vary according to departments, disciplines and the level of courses.

"We are finding that in some of the required courses (those required in several majors), in some instances the smaller class sizes are meaning we can't cover student need . . .," Baird said.

Increasing the number of students accepted into the classes could really be shortchanging students in classes in which they require individual attention, Baird said.

"My experience is that (the departments) have tried very hard to accommodate needs as long as there is classroom space," she said.

Baird said the small number of large-size classrooms at UNL is a big disadvantage.

"We're very squeezed for space on campus," she said.

Stephen Hilliard, English department chairman, said more than 130 sections of freshman English are offered, each with a limit of 22 to 25 students. The National Council of Teachers of English recommends

classes of fewer than 20 students.

Hilliard said he did not know for sure how many students could not get into their requested courses each semester, but said many have to wait to take it. Because all UNL colleges require freshman composition, pressures are placed on the department to open more sections.

Hilliard said about 110 additional students are absorbed into existing sections through overrides. That number of students is roughly equivalent to four sections, he said.

"People, faculty, are very generous on taking on extra students because we want to help the students," he said.

English teachers take heavy teaching assignments and even two or three extra students can increase that greatly.

Hilliard said pressure also exists at upper levels of English because of the increasing number of majors.

"We are experiencing pressure across the board," Hilliard said. "That leads to a great deal of frustration of students. It's difficult."

Lack of available qualified faculty and space also creates problems, Hilliard said.

Classes in Andrews Hall run from 7:30 a.m. into the late afternoon and evening.

"Sometimes we might have the funds from somewhere to add a class, but we don't have the room," he said.

Jim Lewis, math department chair, said size limits in Business Calculus 104 and the two traditional calculus courses, 106 and 107, mostly are determined by the size of the room. He said about 126 students will gain registration to a class in an auditorium that seats about 120, Lewis said.

"We permit 126 to gain registration with the hope that during the first week (of classes) it will settle down and everyone will have a seat," Lewis said.

In Math 106 and 107, students are divided into recitation or discussion sections of about 30 students, Lewis said.

College algebra, which is taught by graduate students, is limited to about 35 students, Lewis said.

"We're always caught between the conflict that the class would work

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## Foreign student enrollment up

# UNL expanded global view, adviser says

By Heidi Monnich  
Staff Reporter

An increase in the number of foreign students attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is the result of increased awareness of the global perspective and how it affects students, UNL's international student adviser said.

Judy Wendorff said the university is becoming more interested in recognizing and recruiting from certain areas of the world that are not represented at UNL.

"The whole university, state and U.S. are more aware of global perspective and how it plays on students," she said. "UNL admissions is more interested in recruiting foreign students now, as a resource."

Foreign student enrollment at UNL this fall reached 1,194, 180 more than last year. In 1989-90, 1,014 foreign students attended UNL, 89 more than the previous year.

Peter Levitov, director of International Educational Services, said the foreign student enrollment at UNL

has stabilized in the 1980s, after large increases in the '70s.

The university appointed a committee in 1987, composed of faculty, staff and students, to examine ways to attract more foreign students, he said. The committee recommended a greater commitment to foreign student recruitment to create an increased international environment at UNL.

Since then, the university has produced a videotape, distributed to about 60 embassies, and has gained exposure through foreign students returning home after attending UNL, as well as from faculty members visiting foreign universities.

Wendorff added that, while UNL has made improvements in the number of foreign students attending the university, enrollment does not compare well with other universities.

Levitov said that in 1988-89 about 2,500 foreign students were enrolled at Iowa State University, more than 1,500 attended the University of Kansas and about 1,800 were at the University of Iowa.

Those figures compare to the 925

foreign students enrolled at UNL in 1988-89.

Patricia R. Johnson, international student programs coordinator, said this year's increase could be partly because of the relative inexpensiveness of colleges in the Midwest.

Johnson said transferring credits here also was easy for foreign students.

Wendorff said a possible reason foreign students found credit transfer easy last year was because of the existence of credentials analyst. The analyst examined foreign students' transcripts and determined how many credits were needed to make up for discrepancies.

There is no credentials analyst at UNL this year, but Levitov said funding has been approved for added clerical assistance in the graduate and undergraduate foreign admissions offices.

The new positions will allow staff members additional time to perform the credentials analysis that was done by the analyst last year.

## Number of foreign students attending UNL

