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promotion deal between Coors beer company and the Uni-versity of Nebraska-Lincoln Athletic Department was "a prostitution" of the university's image, a state senator said Thursday.

In a letter to UNL Athletic Director Bob Devaney, Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha said he is drafting a resolution, to be introduced in the 1991 legislative session, condemning the deal.

The letter also stated that Cham- known that it would offend people.

bers is doing research to determine whether further legislation is necessary to prevent such a deal in the future.

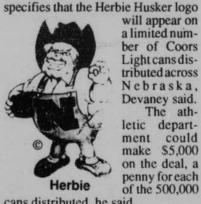
said he had no comment on Chambers' let-Devaney ter, but said he

Devaney

"We don't want to do anything to offend people," he said. "If I had it to do again, I probably wouldn't do it." Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne said the decision might have been a mistake

'It's one of those things that just kind of slips through the cracks, and I'm sure it will be rethought," Osborne said. "I don't think Bob consciously remembers ever OK'ing that. I don't know who did.'

Devaney said the deal was made with Coors to raise money needed to wouldn't have made the deal if he had continue athletic programs. The deal cans distributed, he said.



will appear on a limited number of Coors Light cans distributed across Nebraska, Devaney said. The athletic department could make \$5,000 on the deal, a penny for each of the 500,000

"We're trying to support the athletic department and support every sport," Devaney said. Of the 21 men's and women's athletic programs at UNL, men's football and basketball are the only ones that generate enough revenue to support themselves.

"We are trying to keep the pro-grams going, and we are grasping at the means to do it," Devaney said.

NCAA suspensions of the Oklahoma and Oklahoma State football programs have reduced funds for the entire Big Eight through lost televi-

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## Official: Grants, new researchers becoming scarce

By Sara Bauder Schott Senior Reporter

The race to snag financing for research grants is getting tighter, and new researchers are being nudged out of first place, an official said.

Marion O'Leary, chairman of the biochemistry department at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said the cost of research is rising faster than the rate of inflation, which means many projects are not being financed.

Because the cost of chemicals and equipment have risen quickly, the fact that more grant money is being awarded is misleading, O'Leary said.

"The awkward part is that there has been a regular growth in the amount of grants awarded," O'Leary said. "People wonder how there can be such a crisis." In 1989-90, UNL received nearly \$30 mil-

lion for research grants. In 1988-89, UNL received about \$23 million.

While all researchers suffer during funding

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Mad scientist Sophomore chemical engineering major Tim Wilwording works on an experiment for an organic chemistry class.

## ASUN collects needed signatures for petition

## **By Alan Phelps** Staff Reporter

tudents in the Division of Continuing Studies will have representation in student government without the hassle of carrying 12 hours, if a referendum passes in October

An ASUN senator says student leaders have gathered enough signatures on a petition to put e referendum on a special Oct. 9 ballot.

to place the issue on the ballot.

A two-thirds majority of eligible students voting would change ASUN bylaws to allow a continuing studies student with a minimum of three credit hours to serve on ASUN

Existing bylaws require a minimum of 12 credit hours to serve on senate, a condition proponents of the petition say hinders continuing studies representation in student government. Only about 1 percent of continuing studies students carry 12 or more hours, they say.

seat until ASUN elections in March. Sandra Haughton was elected with one vote -- her own - this spring, but she could not serve because she did not have enough credit hours.

Bylaws still would require students not in continuing studies to carry 12 credit hours to serve on Senate.

College of Business Administration Sen. Joann Mountford, in charge of the petition drive, said students seemed to support the petition effort, which had "a lot of ASUN senator

Mountford said. Several greek houses and student organizations also were contacted for signatures

Signatures collected for the petition still need to be validated, but Mountford said she doesn't think that will be a problem.

There'll probably be some doubles there, but we have over 100 extra signatures," she said.

"The Division of Continuing Studies doesn't

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska has collected 1,423 signatures. Petitioners needed only 1,300 signatures

If the referendum passes, the ASUN Appointments Board will decide who will fill the

support."

Petitioners set up booths in the Nebraska Union and passed out petitions in classes,

receive any representation on this campus and if (the bylaws) aren't changed, we'll never have a DCS seat," Mountford said.

