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WEATHER

Today, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers, northeast wind 10-15 miles per hour, high in the low to mid 70s. Tonight, becoming cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain, low 45-50. Saturday, mostly cloudy and cool with a 40 percent chance of rain, high in the low to mid 60s.

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Chambers denounces UNL-Coors deal

By Jennifer O'Cilka and Chris Hopfensperger
 Senior Reporters

A promotion deal between Coors beer company and the University 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 Chambers is doing research to determine whether further legislation is necessary to prevent such a deal in the future.



Devaney

Devaney said he had no comment on Chambers' letter, but said he wouldn't have made the deal if he had

known that it would offend people. "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 conspicuously remembers ever OK'ing that. I don't know who did."

Devaney said the deal was made with Coors to raise money needed to continue athletic programs. The deal

specifies that the Herbie Husker logo will appear on a limited number of Coors Light cans distributed across Nebraska, Devaney said.



Herbie

The athletic department could make \$5,000 on the deal, a penny for each of the 500,000 cans distributed, he said.

"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 programs 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 million 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

Students 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 the referendum on a special Oct. 9 ballot.

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

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.

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

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 support."

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

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



New hiker/biker trail would link UNL, Capitol

By Christine Pillard
 Staff Reporter

A 1.5-mile hiker/biker trail to link the State Capitol with UNL's City Campus should be on track by next summer, an official said.

Elaine Hammer, chairwoman of the Great Plains Trails Network, said that the recent allocation of \$97,000 in oil-overcharge funds by Gov. Kay Orr to construct the hiker/biker trail will speed up its construction.

The basic concrete trail should be finished by late spring or early summer, she said.

The trail between the Capitol and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is part of a plan for 80 miles of bike trails linking Lincoln.

The trail is the next construction priority in the bike trail plan because it is billed to be the "most heavily used by commuters in the city," Hammer said.

Mike Brienzo, transportation planner for the Lincoln City/Lancaster County Planning Department, said the proposed trail is a "vital connection for the whole trail system and a vital link for commuters."

Brienzo said the trail would run east on J Street from the Capitol to the Billy Wolff/Antelope Creek Trail near 24th and J streets.

The trail would continue northwest to 19th and O streets, then run north to connect eventually with the John Dietrich Trail at 22nd and Holdrege streets, he said. No spe-

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