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Thursday

WEATHER

Today, mostly sunny and warmer, southwest wind 10-20 miles per hour, high in the mid to upper 70s. Tonight, mostly clear and not as cool, low around 50. Friday, mostly sunny and warmer, high in the low to mid 80s

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Unified celebration

Students dance at a party to celebrate German reunification Wednesday night at Chesterfield's. Reunification officially began at midnight Thursday.

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CU students attack Coors track record

By Adeana Leftin
 Staff Reporter

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln isn't the only school hearing opposition to a deal between Coors and its athletic department.

At the University of Colorado, the debate focuses not on placement of the school's logo on cans of beer, but on the sponsor's environmental record.

Under an agreement with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Athletic Department, the Adolph Coors Co. will use the Herbie Husker logo on 500,000 Coors cans. The university will receive \$5,000 from Coors.

A CU student group's outcry is in response to the Colorado Board of Regents accepting a \$5 million donation from the Adolph Coors Foundation -- a separate entity from the company -- to build a football practice facility on campus. The CU regents approved renaming the CU Events Center the Coors Events Center in response to the donation.

"The student government has elected to boycott Coors and have the name removed from the building based on Coors history," said Eric Kessler, a CU student and member of the Student Environmental Center's board.

The environmental center has compiled a fact sheet on the environmental record of the Coors Co., Kessler said.

The fact sheet alleges that the company has been accused of opening a ceramics plant in Brazil that takes advantage of the paper industry and exploits the rain forest.

The fact sheet titled "Coors vs. the Earth" also alleges that the Coors Co. has donated money to what it calls "anti-Earth" organizations and

has lobbied heavily against legislation on recycling.

The environmental center also alleged that the Coors Co. would not disclose the contents of an estimated 20 million gallons of toxic liquid waste in a Colorado landfill.

The fact sheet also says the Coors Co. is under investigation by the Colorado state attorney for suspicion that plant officials concealed leaking pipes that contaminated some underground springs.

Joe Fuentes, program manager of Adolph Coors Co. subsidiary Coors Brewing Co., would not comment on the fact sheet.

But he said the allegations were made against the Coors Co., not the foundation. The donation to CU was made by the foundation. The two are separate entities and the foundation doesn't receive money from the company, he said.

Larry Bulling, executive director of Colorado Citizen Action, said large emitters of toxic chemicals with 10 or more employees, or using or manufacturing one of 322 chemicals are required to report toxic releases to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Those reports are given to the EPA by the companies, Bulling said.

According to the EPA reports from 1988, the Coors Co. ranked fourth in Colorado for release of toxic chemicals, emitting 891,996 pounds. It ranked second in the state in air pollution, releasing 734,081 pounds.

The report also said the Coors brewery in Golden, Colo., released high amounts of chemicals suspected of causing birth defects.

Fuentes would not comment on the EPA report.

Students are calling for a referen-

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ASUN delays bylaws change

By Jennifer O'Clilka
 Senior Reporter

About 20 people were on hand Wednesday night to voice their opinions on a proposed student government committee dealing with cultural affairs.

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska tabled for two weeks adding the sixth standing committee to its bylaws. Other permanent ASUN committees include the Committee for Fees Allocation, the Academic Committee, and Special Topics.

The proposed bylaws change would create a committee consisting of minority students-at-large and ASUN senators to discuss campus racial issues.

ASUN President Phil Gosch said the table came because senators need to be more educated about the issue.

"This committee, this giving attention to those very emotional and

very disturbing concerns, is very complicated," Gosch said. "I don't think we understand these issues as well as we should."

"I hope no one questions our resolve to see this project through," he said.

In a memo to ASUN senators, Arts and Sciences Sen. Chris Potter suggested amending the bylaws change to include gay and lesbian, and handicapped students to the committee. Potter's amendments were not proposed at the meeting.

Blanca Ramirez, president of the Mexican-American Student Association, said she feels that adding other groups to a committee dealing with cultural affairs would bring too many issues into the scope of the committee.

Denise Campbell, a junior English major, said the focus of the proposed group is racism, and the group could not succeed by tackling more issues.

"I am definitely in support of

separate committees (for gay, lesbian and handicapped students)," Campbell said. "I think they have legitimate needs too. But, we're dealing with two different concepts."

Lynn Kister, a junior women's studies major, said she supports Potter's ideas. Kister called that action a "catch-all way" of bringing out many concerns.

Nell Eckersley, a junior Spanish major, said many groups should be on the committee because they could learn from each other.

"I understand the different fears that overshadow this . . . but that's what this committee is for, to get rid of those fears," she said.

In other action, senators defeated a resolution supporting Spencer resident Lowell Fisher in his hunger strike against the Boyd County nuclear waste site. Fisher wants Gov. Kay Orr to withdraw Boyd County as the host site or to call for a public vote on the issue.

Council says Coors deal sends conflicting message

By David Dalton
 Staff Reporter

University of Nebraska-Lincoln students get a conflicting message from the Herbie Husker logo appearing on Coors beer cans, said directors of the Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Council of Nebraska.

UNL's policies and programs clearly discourage alcohol abuse, said Executive Director Bob Schroeder, but "pairing the university symbol with a beer can, in my opinion, encourages student drinking."

"Everyone is either part of the problem or part of the solution, and this situation contributes to the

problem rather than the solution," he said.

Pat Ramsey, executive director for the Panhandle Substance Abuse Council, said "with the concern for alcohol abuse on campus, it seems the university is giving out a double message."

Ramsey said that it is of particular concern because high-risk drinking already is widespread on university campuses.

"College students are just primed for abuse," she said.

Abbie Berry, executive director of the Council on Alcoholism in Omaha, said it was inappropriate for the university to link itself with

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Bill could lead to misleading comparisons, official says

By Dionne Searcey
 Staff Reporter

A bill to require a breakdown in graduation rates of athletes by sex, sport, ethnic origin and major, while needed, could give a misleading impression, an official said.

Al Papik, assistant athletic director for academic services at UNL, said universities should disclose information about their athletic departments.

"There's some merit in getting information to prospective students, parents and students' respective high schools," as required in the Student Athlete Right-to-Know Act, he said.

The bill, currently being debated

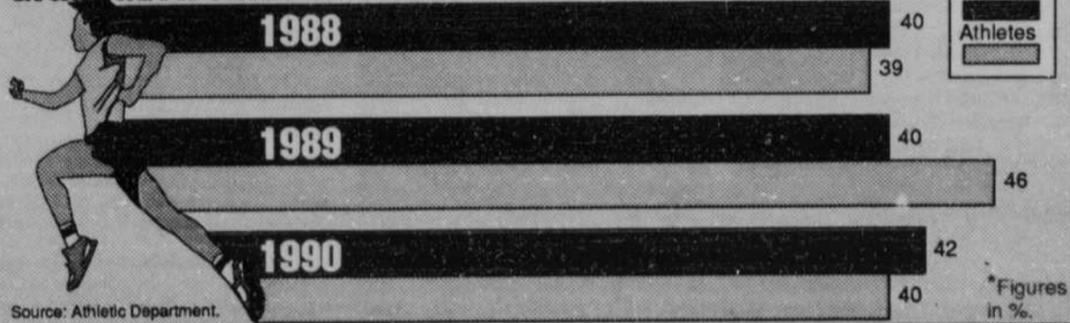
in a congressional conference committee, would require universities to disclose the graduation rate of degree-seeking, full-time students. The reports would state the graduation rate in separate programs and fields of study as well as licensures, certifications and employment of graduates.

However, the figures could be misleading if not compared to all students at the same university, Papik said.

The bill would have "some merit when (the policy) compares your athletes to the rest of the students in your institution. Data could be mis-

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Graduation rates of UNL students and athletes



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