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WEATHER

Today, cool with an 80 percent chance of rain, northeast wind 10-20 miles per hour, high in the mid to upper 40s. Tonight, continued rain, low in the mid 30s. Tuesday, decreasing cloudiness, high in the mid to upper 40s.

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Distribution of student loans delayed

By Stacey McKenzie
Staff Reporter

Some students will have to wait longer for their guaranteed student loan checks after some lenders delayed disbursement last week because of the federal government's floundering about this year's budget.

Lending institutions and guarantors of student loans are up in the air about how to proceed with guaranteed student loan processing because of lack of information, said Randy Kamm, vice president for policy and operations areas at the Nebraska Student Loan Program.

"We are anticipating that there will be an increase in the origination fee for loans made this week," Kamm said.

The origination fee, the initial fee a student is charged for a loan application, was set at 5 percent before Oct. 1. Depending on how government operations proceed, the origination fee could be set at 5.5 percent, retroactive to Oct. 1.

Government may raise initial fee

The Nebraska Student Loan Program still was guaranteeing loans last week, but stopped Friday because of uncertainty about what legislation would govern during the coming week, Kamm said.

"What President Bush is threatening — he is not going to sign a continuing resolution and he will put the sequester back in place. This could go active Oct. 1," Kamm said.

"So you've got this bubble of loans from Monday (Oct. 1) to today (Friday) that have that big question mark on them."

Bush did not sign the continuing resolution, sending the budget back to Congress for more work to meet deficit reduction requirements.

Union Bank and Trust Co. stopped processing loans Oct. 1, said Kathy McConnell, assistant vice president for student loans.

Union Bank is one of the larger student loan institutions in Nebraska, processing about 7,000 student loans a year.

"There has been no direction from anyone as to if the origination fees are to stay at 5 percent or change to 5.5 percent," McConnell said.

First Federal Lincoln processes about 400 student loans a year, but it also stopped as of Oct. 1, said Larry Byers, first vice president consumer lending manager.

National Bank of Commerce Trust & Savings started disbursing student loan checks on Friday afternoon, after holding them since Oct. 1, said Candi Tuxhorn, student loan administrator.

"As far as NBC is concerned, if it is retroactive the 1st (of October), we will send the customer a bill for the extra .5 percent," she said. "We don't see that as causing problems."

Students who don't pay the extra 0.5 percent probably will have the amount held from their second disbursement, she said.

Comhusker Bank has disbursed student loans

at the 5.5 percent origination fee as of Oct. 1, said Brian Johnson, spokesman for loan administration.

"We will be moving at the 5.5 (percent rate). That has been something we've had to work with for the last two years," he said.

John Beacon, director of the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said that although two- and three-day delays because of budget negotiations are common, the week-long delay has caused some students to question why they had not received their loan checks.

"It's usually a couple of days (delay), and students don't even notice it," he said.

Students have been blaming the university for slow processing time, but the university has had no control over it, Beacon said.

"It's really more the lending institutions. They don't want to do the paperwork," he said. "Some students have to assume responsibility,

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Furgason to leave UNL for presidency at Texas university

By Pat Dinslage
Staff Reporter

Robert Furgason, vice chancellor for academic affairs, announced Friday that he will leave the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on Dec. 1 to become president of Corpus Christi State University in Texas.

Furgason, 55, has served as academic affairs vice chancellor since 1984. He said he is pleased with the progress UNL has made during that time.

"I'm pleased about the foundations courses and honors programs that have been developed," Furgason said. "The inauguration of the international graduate student program has helped substantially in improving the instructional component."

He said he also is pleased about the guidelines that have been established for faculty promotion and tenure, which he said were positive for maintaining and developing high-quality instruction at UNL.

Corpus Christi State will provide new challenges, Furgason said.

"It's a very unique opportunity," he said. "It's exciting to take a relatively young university and mold its character and needs for the 21st century."

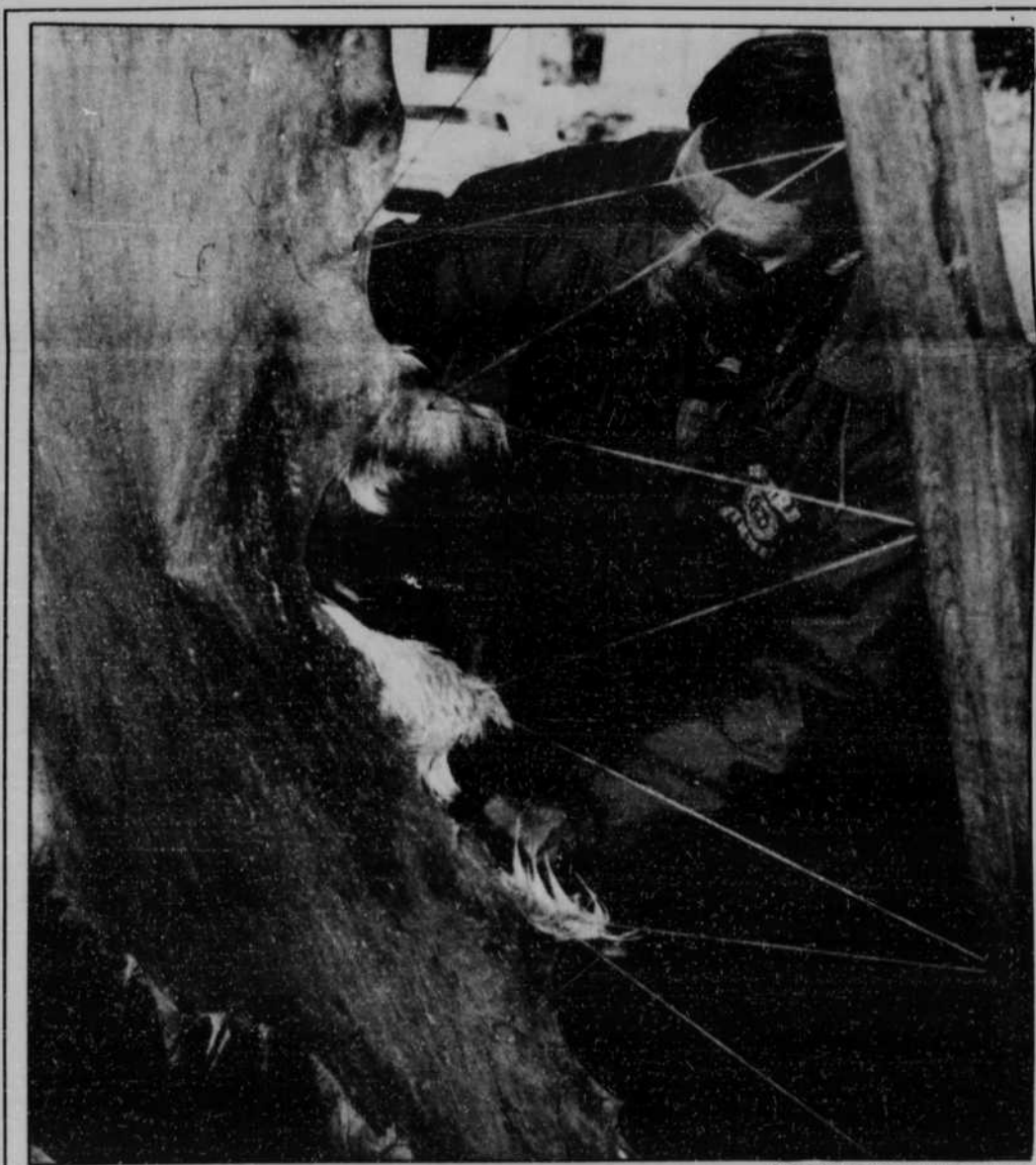
Corpus Christi State, which is part of the Texas A&M system, currently offers only junior and senior undergraduate and graduate courses, Furgason said.

In 1989, the Texas Legislature authorized Corpus Christi State to begin offering freshman and sophomore courses by 1994. The addition would expand Corpus Christi's enrollment from the current 4,000 to about 15,000

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Furgason



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Using your brains . . .

Jim Landon, biology and science research teacher at Seward High School, performs an ancient American Indian procedure of using brains to tan a deer hide. Landon uses brains instead of harsh chemicals that aren't environmentally safe. He performed the last stage of the 10-hour procedure outside Morrill Hall Sunday as part of the Sunday Afternoon with a Scientist program.

Health Center examines plan for new clinic

By Doug Isakson
Staff Reporter

A growing need for disabled student services has prompted the University Health Center to consider expanding a monthly rehabilitation clinic.

Last December, the clinic was started as an experimental project to treat paraplegics and quadriplegics.

Now, the clinic has turned into a permanent program at the center.

Suzanne Wagner, a registered nurse who coordinates the clinics, said demand is high for the services.

The clinic's hours, 3 to 5 p.m., leave time for only four or five patients, Wagner said. Often, she said, the clinic has to stay open past 5 p.m. to treat patients.

Ed Boyd, a sophomore English major, said the clinic on campus saves students a trip to the Madonna Center for treatment.

Boyd is one of the patients at the clinic. He suffered a spinal cord injury during a diving accident five years ago.

Boyd said he wished the clinic was open more often than once a month and had more equipment for the disabled.

Dr. Gene Montgomery, an associate medical director of out-patient services at the Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, 5401 S. St., started the clinic at the request of Dr. Gerald Fleischli, the health center's medical director.

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Osborne fearful of cuts

Jaksha: Osborne predictions about lid are ridiculous

By Chris Hopfensperger
Senior Reporter

Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne's dire predictions about how the 2 percent lid would hurt the UNL Athletic Department are "silly and ridiculous," the lid's proponent said.

Osborne, speaking at his weekly press conference, said, "The people that evidently have authored the proposition say, 'We don't know. We don't intend it to be the athletic department because it basically doesn't operate with state revenue.'"

"But we asked our university lawyers and they think it would."

His information was wrong, said Ed Jaksha, the 2 percent petition sponsor.

"It is incorrect and he has been ill-advised," Jaksha said.

The spending lid would limit state budget increases to 2 percent each year. The proposed amendment to the Nebraska Constitution goes before voters Nov. 6.

Any decision to include the athletic department under the proposed legislation would be made by Osborne and Gary Fouraker, assistant athletic director for business affairs, and would "not be the result of the proposed amendment," Jaksha said.

Fouraker, however, said the athletic department is still unsure of where it stands.

"No one really seems to be sure how this piece of legislation would affect us even though Jaksha's said it's not going to affect athletics," Fouraker said. "Based on what our attorneys have concluded, we feel that we would be covered under it since all

of our funds and everything else are deposited into the university system and go through the state treasurer."

Jaksha said the route the money takes to the athletic department doesn't matter. Its origins would decide whether or not it would be limited.

"Our measure — measure 405 — deals solely, only and totally with the state of Nebraska," Jaksha said, "and has absolutely nothing to do with how much money the university will get from the state Legislature."

"The determination of how much tax money these or any other programs will get is a matter of negotiation and agreement" between the program and the Legislature, he said.

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