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Wednesday

WEATHER

Today, warmer and mostly sunny, south wind 5-15 miles per hour, high 55-60. Tonight, clear and not as cold, low in the mid 30s. Thursday, mostly sunny and mild, high in the mid 60s.

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Students amend ASUN constitution

By Jennifer O'Clarka
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Rules for continuing studies seat lowered

About 1 percent of UNL students amended the ASUN constitution Tuesday to allow Division of Continuing Studies students to serve on the senate with three credit hours.

In a special election, 241 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students voted to change the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska constitution's provision requiring all ASUN senators to take at least 12 credit hours.

Now, all senators except continuing studies students must carry 12 hours.

Bart Vitek, director of the ASUN Electoral Commission, said 260 of 24,011 eligible students voted. Nineteen voted against the amendment.

Electoral Commission laws required two-thirds of those voting to mark their ballots in favor of the amendment for it to pass, Vitek said.

Vitek said he was disappointed by the number of students who turned

out. "We would hope virtually everyone would vote, but we know that's not expected," he said. "I thought personally there would be more than 260 due to the importance. This is amending the constitution."

Because the constitution does not say the amendment must be approved by anyone other than voters, the commission assumes it will go into effect immediately, Vitek said.

The continuing studies position,

added by the Electoral Commission last year, never has been filled, Vitek said. In last spring's election, Sandra Haughton wrote her name in for the seat and won but was denied the position because she carried fewer than the 12 credit hours required for senators.

Only 1 percent of continuing studies students were reported to take 12 credit hours.

ASUN President Phil Gosch said passage of the amendment is "a good

first step" toward making the senate more representative.

Gosch said he was not upset about the number of students who voted.

"The hard part was getting out and getting the 1,300 signatures" needed to place the issue on the ballot, Gosch said. "Most students expected it to pass and that probably kept them at home."

ASUN Speaker Andy Massey, who serves as Appointments Board chairman, said the amendment "opens the door to a lot more students."

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Regent candidates discuss discrimination, harassment

By Sara Bauder Schott
 Senior Reporter

The University of Nebraska needs to increase the number of female faculty and decrease incidents of sexual discrimination, said two candidates for the NU Board of Regents.

Chuck Wilson and Dick Powell agreed Friday night at the Lincoln-Lancaster Commission on the Status of Women's candidates forum that women are not represented adequately on the university faculty and staff.

Wilson, a Lincoln cardiologist, said that not only are all forms of discrimination morally wrong, but also are a waste.

"Discrimination is an underutilization of talent and a waste of resources," Wilson said.

The university needs to be more fair in its hiring policies, but also needs to keep the

women it does hire, Wilson said. He said one of the biggest problems is that women faculty leave once they get to Nebraska.

Exit interviews that started this year should help to determine why women leave, Wilson said.

Powell, a Lincoln optometrist, said university leaders must pressure the administration until it hires more women.

He said high-quality day-care programs and reasonable maternity leaves are needed so women can be better represented.

Sexual harassment is a problem at the university, the candidates said.

Powell said he would encourage full investigation and prosecution in all instances of sexual harassment. He also said more women at the policy-making level of the university would help solve the harassment

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Increased fee avoided

President's approval of bill ends waiting period for student loans

By Michael Ho
 Staff Reporter

Student loan applicants kept waiting by the budget squabble in Congress soon should have their checks in hand.

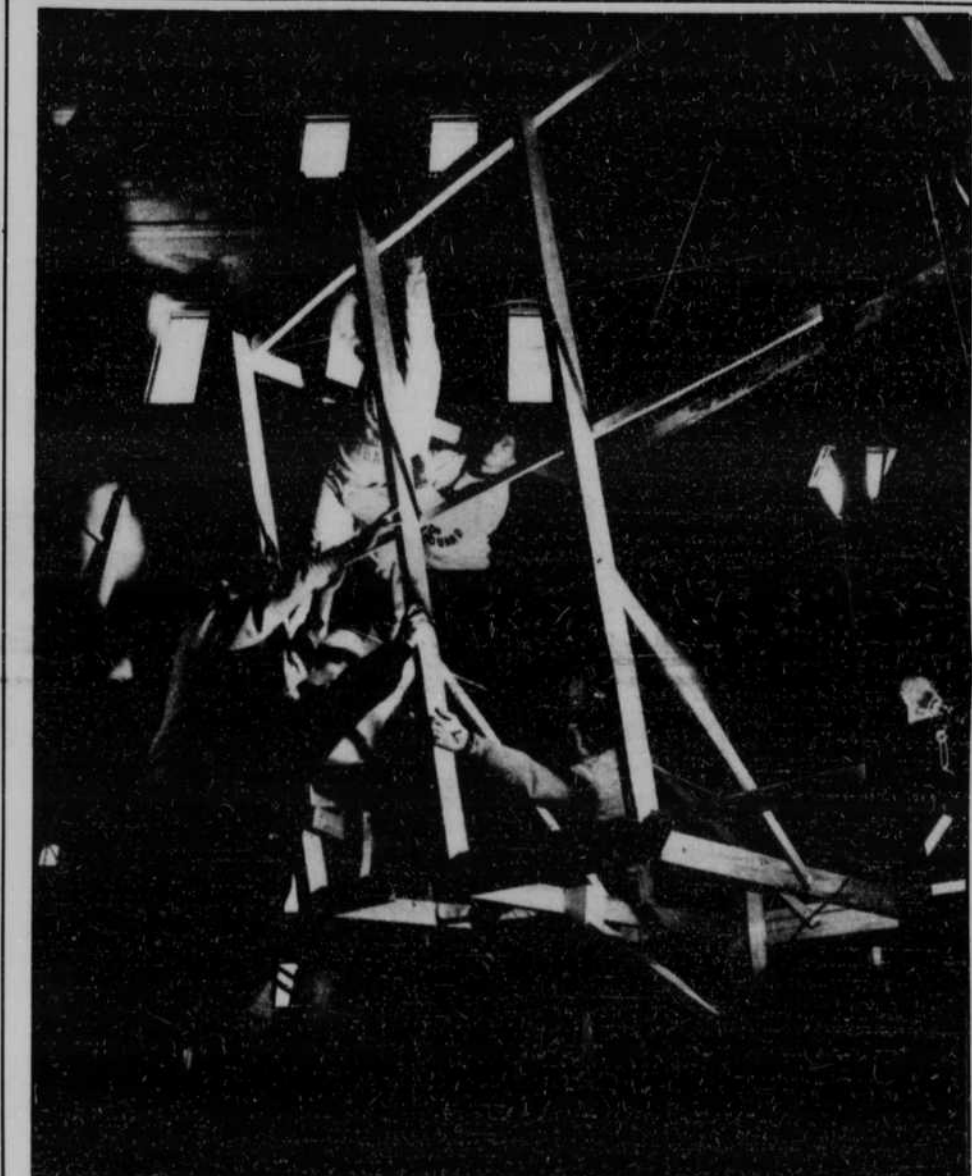
President Bush's Tuesday approval of a temporary spending bill removes the threat of spending freezes, said Marcia White, spokeswoman for the Nebraska Student Loan Pro-

gram. White said the bill's passage means a 0.5-percent increase in origination fees will be avoided — for now.

Origination fees are the one-time service charges that loan applicants must pay when submitting their applications.

Before Oct. 1, the origination fee was 5

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Into the Night

Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity members continue to construct their Homecoming yard display after the sun sets Monday night.

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UNL plans universitywide recycling project

By Todd Neeley
 Staff Reporter

A recent survey showing that 24 percent of UNL's solid wastes are recycled has generated plans to put together a universitywide recycling effort.

Wilbur Dasenbrock, chairman of the Chancellor's Recycling Advisory Committee and director of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Grounds Department, said that the committee plans to make recommendations to the chancellor after an Oct. 18 meeting.

Those recommendations could include hiring a recycling coordinator and creating a committee to form universitywide recycling policies, he said.

The survey showed that the university could do more to promote recycling, Dasenbrock said.

"Right now, recycling is low-cost, and a lot of people are willing to give time" to recycle, he said.

About 24 percent of the estimated 4,500 tons of solid wastes generated on the UNL campus was recycled last year, according to the survey.

Dasenbrock said this is the first time such a survey has been done at UNL.

Seventy-one departments recognized as big waste generators responded to the survey. The departments were asked to estimate how much waste was generated by their departments and how much they thought was being recycled.

More than 6,000 gallons of the 12,000 gallons of liquid waste generated on campus were recycled, the survey said. Liquid waste includes oil generated from campus cars and trucks, and chemicals from campus laboratories, he said.

Dasenbrock said paper is the major source of waste.

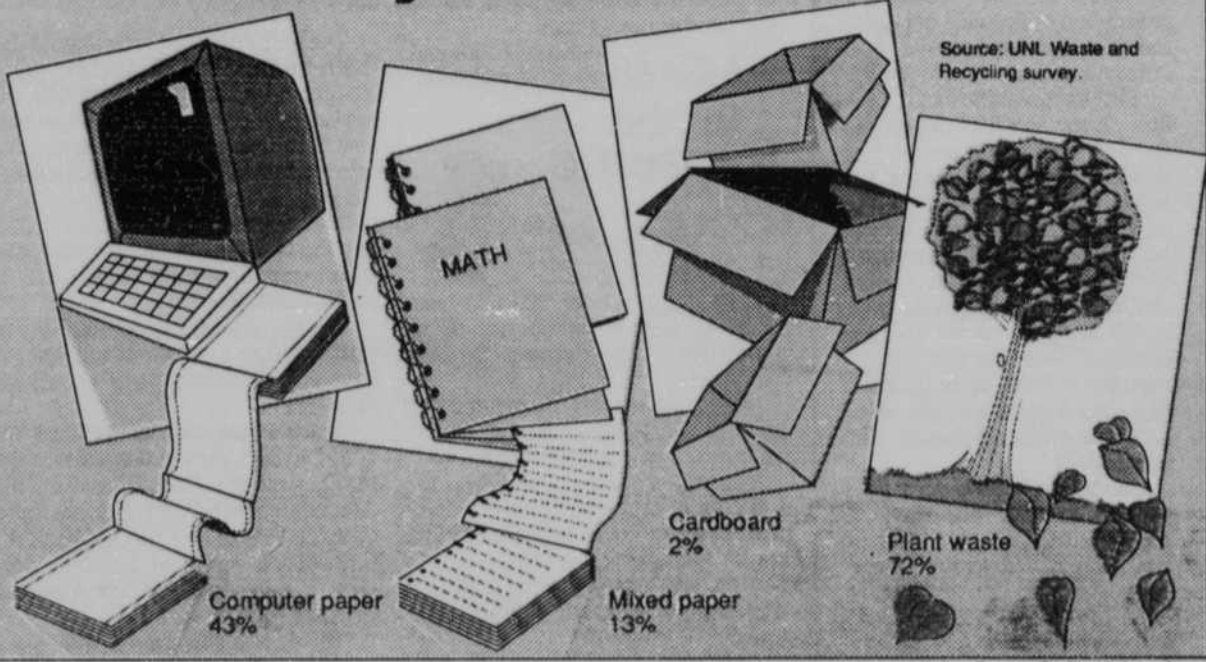
The survey reported 619 tons of mixed paper were thrown away. Mixed paper includes stationery and notebook paper.

Computer resource centers are a big generator of paper on campus, Dasenbrock said, which reported wastes of about 94 tons of computer paper.

About 43 percent of the computer

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Percent of recycled material at UNL



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