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## WEATHER

Today, mostly sunny and cooler, north wind 10-20 miles per hour, high near 60. Tonight, mostly clear, low in the mid 30s. Saturday, partly sunny and warmer, high near 70.

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## Poster is creating unholy controversy

By Michael Ho  
Staff Reporter

A poster calling for pro-choice students to "Picket the Pope's Mouthpiece" left a bad taste in the mouths of some who saw it.

The flier asks that students picket tonight's Lincoln appearance by Cardinal John O'Connor of New York, an outspoken critic of abortion. His criticism of Geraldine Ferraro, a pro-choice Catholic who ran for vice president, made national headlines during the 1984 campaign.

Some fliers said to call the Women's Resource Center for more information while others listed the center's phone number without mentioning its name.

Gina Matkin, a center coordinator, said her organization isn't sponsoring the event but is allowing picket sponsors to receive messages on the center's phone. She said any campus group can ask the center's governing board for permission to use the phone.

"Anyone can do that," she said. "Students for Life could do that if they wanted."

The problem, she said, is that some versions of the flier — as well as one classified advertisement — specifically mentioned the center's name.

Groups using the center's phone are supposed to indicate specific contact names, she said, and not say that the Women's Resource Center is involved.

"It's implying that we're co-sponsoring the event by putting our name in there," she said.

The poster said the rally is sponsored by Students for Choice, Early Warning! and the Gay/Lesbian Student Association. Some posters found on East Campus originally listed another group's name, which was obscured by correction fluid.

A headline reading "Picket the Pope's Mouthpiece" was across the top of both versions.

Brad Munn, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Affirmative Action officer, said some callers to his office had labeled the posters "religious bigotry."

"You can be a protester... without going to such an extreme that you hurt people in the process," he said.

Eldonna Rayburn, a coordinator of Students for Choice, said she hadn't seen the poster but knew of its content and didn't think it was offensive.

"I don't think we're unfairly targeting the Catholic Church," she said, "because it's the

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## Plan for achievement-based aid criticized as unfair to the poor

By Sara Bauder Schott  
Senior Reporter

A U.S. Department of Education proposal to link federal financial aid with academic achievement could cause hardships for some students, an official said.

John Beacon, director of the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said he thought the proposal could make it hard for disadvantaged students to attend college.

The education department proposal would revamp the federal financial aid program to "reward excellence and success" in education, Secretary of Education Lauro Cavazos said in a speech Sept. 26.

Setting low standards for disadvantaged students encourages them not to achieve, Cavazos said. The proposal for performance-based

aid reflects the belief that such students can do well in school, he said.

But all students would not have the opportunity to go to school if the proposal passed, Beacon said.

"It kind of smacks of the pre-World War II era when only the well-to-do could afford to go to college," he said. "Our country's philosophy has been to provide the opportunity for the average citizen to obtain a college education."

Community colleges could be especially hard hit by the proposal because they have open-door admissions policies, Beacon said. The mission of community colleges is to provide an opportunity for the average citizen regardless of grades, he said.

The policy also might encourage students to choose easy classes instead of the ones that

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Jeff Willett/Daily Nebraskan

Former Sen. John Tower responds to a student's question at the College of Law. Tower was at the law college on Thursday to speak about U.S. involvement in the Persian Gulf.

## Tower's 'boozer' remark angers Exon, Democrats

By Lee Rood  
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Allegations by retired Texas Sen. John Tower about Nebraska Sen. Jim Exon overshadowed much of Tower's visit to Lincoln Thursday and left the success of his campaign trip for Exon's opponent on the rocks.

The former Republican senator said Thursday morning in Omaha that, although he could not verify the rumor, Exon "has a reputation of being one of the biggest boozers in the United States Senate." The Associated Press reported.

The remark came after Tower was asked about the Senate's rejection of his nomination for secretary of defense in March 1989. Tower was in Nebraska campaigning for Hal Daub, Republican challenger for the Senate.

Exon said rumors that Tower had a drinking problem had made him the first senator to announce that he could not in good conscience support Tower's nomination.

Tower spoke briefly about politics in the Persian Gulf Thursday on East Campus but made no reference to his earlier remarks about Exon.

In a prepared statement released Thursday afternoon from Exon's office in Washington, the Nebraska senator said he "felt sorry for John Tower."

"He is obviously an embittered man," he said.

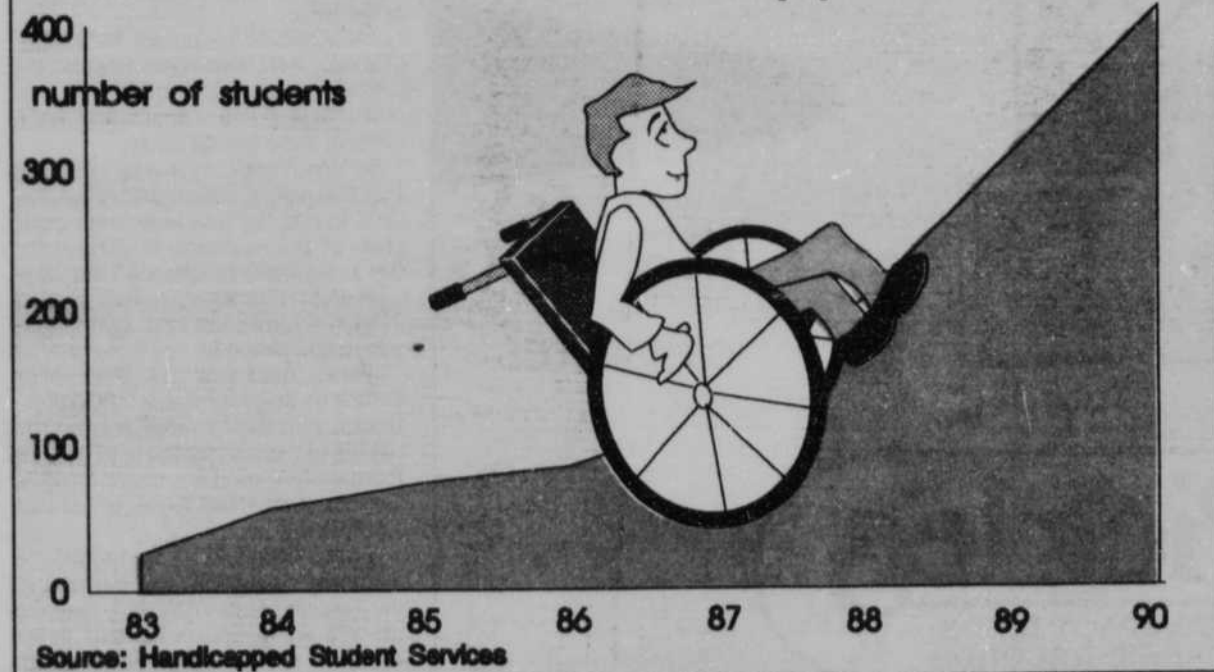
Tower's charges "are without any foundation whatsoever and are outright falsehoods," Exon said. "I certainly invite any inquiry from any of the senators that he mentioned or others as to my department."

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Official credits services

## UNL handicapped student enrollment increases

### Student Use of Handicapped Services



Brian Shellito/Daily Nebraskan

By Erik Unger  
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The number of handicapped students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has been increasing rapidly as students take advantage of what one official called the state's most extensive program.

Christy Horn said that since she began work as coordinator of Handicapped Student Services at UNL two years ago, handicapped enrollment has increased 56 percent, from 225 students to 400 in 1990-91.

The number of students using Handicapped Services has increased every year since 1983 and has more than doubled since 1987, Horn said. She said 83 freshmen enrolled in the service this year.

The increase in students is not because of recruiting, she said.

"Our reputation is good," she said. "There is no need to recruit."

Services for students include note takers and an upgraded computer system that connects to the card catalog in Love Library.

The expanded computer system, one of the most sophisticated in the country, has helped attract more

handicapped students to UNL, Horn said.

Handicapped Services gained a full-time coordinator when Horn was hired two years ago.

Handicapped students can expect more services in the future, she said.

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Horn  
UNL coordinator of handicapped services

Handicapped Services is working on getting color strips placed on the stairs around campus to help visually impaired students, Horn said.

And, Horn said, more curb cuts and automatic building entrances are needed. Now, she said, students find some handicapped entrances difficult to use.

Horn said she is working to increase awareness about the capabilities of disabled students. This will include a Disability Awareness Week in March.