## Reservists called up, set to 'play' in Kansas

University of Nebraska-Lincoln students in the 1012th General Supply Unit of the Army Reserves are poised to move out to Fort Riley, Kan., Sunday. Their unit was called to duty Tuesday.

"I'm ready to go. I really am," said Brian Terry, a junior business major and reservist. "We've been practicing and practicing like a football team and now we get to

Terry is one of 15 to 20 UNL students assigned to the 1012th.

unit were ordered to report at 7:30 a.m. Thursday. After loading their equipment on trucks, the troops could include a trip to Saudi Ara-

"We'll be active for a minimum of 90 days. Nobody can really say all without the Reserves," Terry what the maximum time might be. said.

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We'll get our orders at Riley," said Gary Tichota, a sophomore criminal justice major.

'I have mixed feelings," Tichota said. "If I had a choice I'd rather stay. It's a big change in life.'

'I'm proud. I want to do something," Terry said. "Everybody knew when they signed their contracts that there was the possibility of war. The unit's taking it pretty

"Putting off school a year is a drawback, but the school and employers have been really generous," he said.

Terry and Tichota said UNL Reservists in the Fremont-based students called to active duty would receive a full tuition refund and a partial housing refund. They didn't equipment on trucks, the troops know if they would receive credit will leave for Fort Riley for re- for classes from which they had to training and further orders, which withdraw. However, neither of them expressed regrets for becoming involved in the Reserves.

"I don't think I'd be in school at

## **Tower**

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Jim Putnam, Daub's campaign manager, said Thursday night that Daub was bothered that Tower's comments had distracted media attention from the issues of the race. Daub brought Tower to Nebraska to "shatter the myth about Exon's image as Mr. Defense," Putnam said.

While Tower was in office he was chairman of the Armed Services Committee, of which Exon was a

Tower basically said that Exon was not taken seriously on that committee," Putnam said.

Putnam said he did not know whether Daub ever had heard rumors that Exon had a drinking problem, but said that he wouldn't have paid any attention to them if he did.

"Hal does not use personal attacks in his campaigns. He never has," Putnam said.

Putnam said that rumors are part of every political campaign and that 'you have to accept them and live with them."

But Putnam said rumors and innuendo surrounding Tower's nomina-

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tion were "a political conspiracy to deny a guy secretary of defense.

Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., said in a press release that Tower's "behavior was larval.'

'Coming into Nebraska to camaign for a man who the Republican Party describes as a 'pit bull,' he doesn't even rise to the status of this vicious mammal.

"His worm-like lies about one of our best citizens should leave little doubt why the Senate — reluctantly and with far more respect than was warranted - did not trust him with America's defenses.

During a speech to a crowd of about 100 Thursday at UNL's College of Law, Tower kept his com-ments to the Persian Gulf crisis.

Referring to President Bush's military buildup in the gulf, Tower said, "He has acted decisively in a time of crisis and has the support of virtually the entire world.

In light of Bush's worldwide support, Tower said, it is important for Americans to support the president and show patience during the Iraq-Kuwait crisis.

"Otherwise, we undermine his lead-ership position," he said.

A U.S. military presence in the

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, said he feared the proposal might be a first step toward limiting the amount of aid a school

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Persian Gulf helps "deter a military venture by Saddam (Hussein), while at the same time allows time for the sanctions to work," he said.

Tower said he sees three options for Saddam right now. Either the Iraqi leader will pull out of Kuwait and reduce the size of the Iraqi military, fail to admit his error and "go out in a blaze of glory . . . taking Israel with him," or be brought down by a coup within his own country, he said.

Either way, Tower encouraged Americans to be patient in waiting for results. Especially because "in conditions of foreign policy you're up against powers that will wait you out," he

The United States most likely will have to maintain some kind of small military presence in the Middle East if and when Iraq pulls out of Kuwait, he said. Tower acknowledged that keeping forces in the Middle East. now and in the future, is expensive, but warned against totaling the bill in terms of military spending

'Don't think in terms of military cost; think in terms of economic costs to our country," he said. Losing Kuwait to "hostile hands" could be economically expensive to the United States,

ment program, meaning a school can award as many Pell Grants or guaranteed student loans as it has needy students to give them to, Griesen said.

If financial aid were dependent on academic records, he said, the government could use prior achievement as a way to cap financial aid by shutting off students who are at the bottom of the academic ladder.

The proposal could deny some students the opportunity for a college education, Griesen said.

"So often you see a situation where a student does outperform the expectations based on prior record," he said. "A good case can be made that students with a poor academic record can turn around - if we can give them the kind of assistance and support they need.

Beacon said students already are required to make progress toward a degree in order to receive financial aid. Students are given six years to complete an undergraduate degree and cannot receive aid if they have a history of withdrawing from or failing

classes, he said. Beacon said UNL's academic standards remove from the university students who are doing badly in classes.

Griesen said that another part of Cavazos' proposal could mean a general lowering of academic standards.

The proposal would link financial aid with the retention rate of each institution. The retention rate is the number of freshman who stay at a college to become sophomores, Grie-

If the total amount of financial aid a university could award depended on its retention rate, institutions might be encouraged to lower their standards so more students could stay in

school, Griesen said. The fact that different schools serve different purposes and different populations makes retention rate a trary comparison, Griesen said. State schools have less selective admission standards so that more state residents have the chance for a college educa-

tion, he said. Conversely, many prestigious private schools have highly selective admission standards, and therefore a higher rate of retention, Griesen said.

Retention rate also would work against schools that try to serve minority students, Griesen said. Traditionally, those schools have lower retention rates, but Griesen said they should not be punished financially for that.

Cavazos said the department would not separate financial aid programs for vocational and four-year colleges.

Beacon said many four-year institutions want a distinction because vocational schools typically have a much higher default rate on student

To lower the default rate, the department has attached strict regulations, such as entrance counseling for borrowers, to federal loan programs. Beacon said UNL does not need the extra regulations.

"We take care of our own busi-ness," he said. "If you're having prob-lems with one section of higher education, why regulate the others?"

