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WEATHER

Today, mostly sunny and cool, northwest wind 10-20 miles per hour becoming light and variable in the afternoon, high in the low to mid 50s. Tonight, mostly clear, low around 30. Friday, increasing cloudiness and warmer, high in the low 60s.

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ASUN defeats racial minority committee

By Jennifer O'Gilka
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After about two hours of emotional debate, student leaders Wednesday night voted down an amendment to their bylaws that would have created a standing cultural diversity committee.

About 40 students packed the gallery to voice their views at the meeting of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska. Emotions ran high as several students and senators spoke about the issue of whether to add gay, lesbian and handicapped students in the Bylaw F Amendment to Bylaw No. 1.

The original bylaws change would have created a cultural affairs committee "responsible for investigating issues relating to the campus life of racial minorities on campus."

The proposed committee would have consisted of four ASUN senators appointed by the speaker of the senate and seven students-at-large, including two African-Americans, two international students, one Asian-American, one Mexican-American and one American Indian.

The bylaws change was tabled two weeks ago and came to the floor as unfinished business. The change, which required a two-thirds majority to pass, failed by a vote of 11-12.

Journalism Sen. Megan Kim, who sponsored the bylaws change, spoke against its passage.

"As a result of the past two weeks... I can no longer support Bylaw F," Kim said.

Kim said she lost sight of the fact that ASUN exists to serve all students when considering the bylaws change.

She said she was not sure whether

the committee would work as it was intended to under a different ASUN administration, and she questioned making such a committee permanent.

"I want the record to show that there is a minority student speaking against Bylaw F," Kim said, referring to herself.

College of Arts and Sciences Sen. Chris Potter introduced amendments to delete the word "racial" from all parts of the bylaws change and to add gay, lesbian and handicapped students to the committee.

Potter said racial minorities are not the only minorities who should be included in the group.

"By creating a standing committee to deal exclusively with racial affairs, I think it is too restrictive," Potter said.

Paul Moore, a senior speech communications major, supported Pot-

ter's amendments.

Moore said the amendments would have created "a diverse group of people working against oppression as a whole."

"Together they can create a much stronger committee," he said.

ASUN Second Vice President Yolanda Scott said she was not in favor of Potter's proposed amendments.

She said it is not possible to make the committee all-inclusive.

"Oppression is not equal for the various minority groups," Scott said. The forms of oppression are related, but not equal, she said.

Scott received a round of applause from the gallery after suggesting ASUN pass the bylaws change dealing only with racial minorities and later create more standing committees dealing with gay, lesbian, and handicapped issues.

Florencio Flores Palomo, a junior graphic art major, said racial minorities are a separate group, and other minorities should be separated into their own committees.

"I don't see the fear in setting up (several) committees," he said. "You might have to do more work, but I'm sorry. That's what you were elected to do."

Palomo said that passing the change dealing only with racial minorities would not make other minorities angry.

Denise Campbell, a junior English major, agreed, saying such action would show that ASUN works for minorities.

She said she supports equal representation for gay, lesbian and handicapped students on other committees.

ASUN President Phil Gosch said it

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Commissioner: Lid opposition tactics should be positive

By Thomas Clouse
Staff Reporter

Nebraska colleges and universities should stay away from "doom and gloom" tactics in opposing the proposed 2 percent spending lid, a member of the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education said Wednesday.

Paula Wells, representing the 2nd Congressional District on the commission, said colleges and universities are not showing supporters of the lid what the institutions are doing to improve financial management.

Commission members responded to comments by representatives of some Nebraska colleges and universities at a hearing in the State Capitol. The representatives were invited by the commission to comment on what effects the 2 percent lid would have on their institutions.

The lid amendment, which will go before Nebraska voters Nov. 6, would limit spending increases for state and local governments to 2 percent a year.

Responding to comments by some representatives that the amendment would cause stiff budget cuts, Wells said that the best defense would be for institutions to admit that there is room for improvement in budget management. Institutions should react to the lid threat with measures to improve budget management, she said.

Negative responses to the amendment are turning off voters, she said.

Joan Burney, representing the 1st Congressional District on the commission, said the voting public has been numbed by misinformation concerning the effects the lid would have on higher education.

Burney said she was astounded by the "apathy and lack of understanding" displayed by voters concerning the impact of the lid.

Martin Massengale, NU interim president and University of Nebraska-Lincoln chancellor, said in a written statement to the commission that the effect of the 2 percent lid on the current year is poorly understood.

The lid would affect all state and local government operations retroactively, he said, including those that are vital to maintaining public health and safety.

And, he said, the lid likely would have a devastating effect on UNL's ability to serve its students.

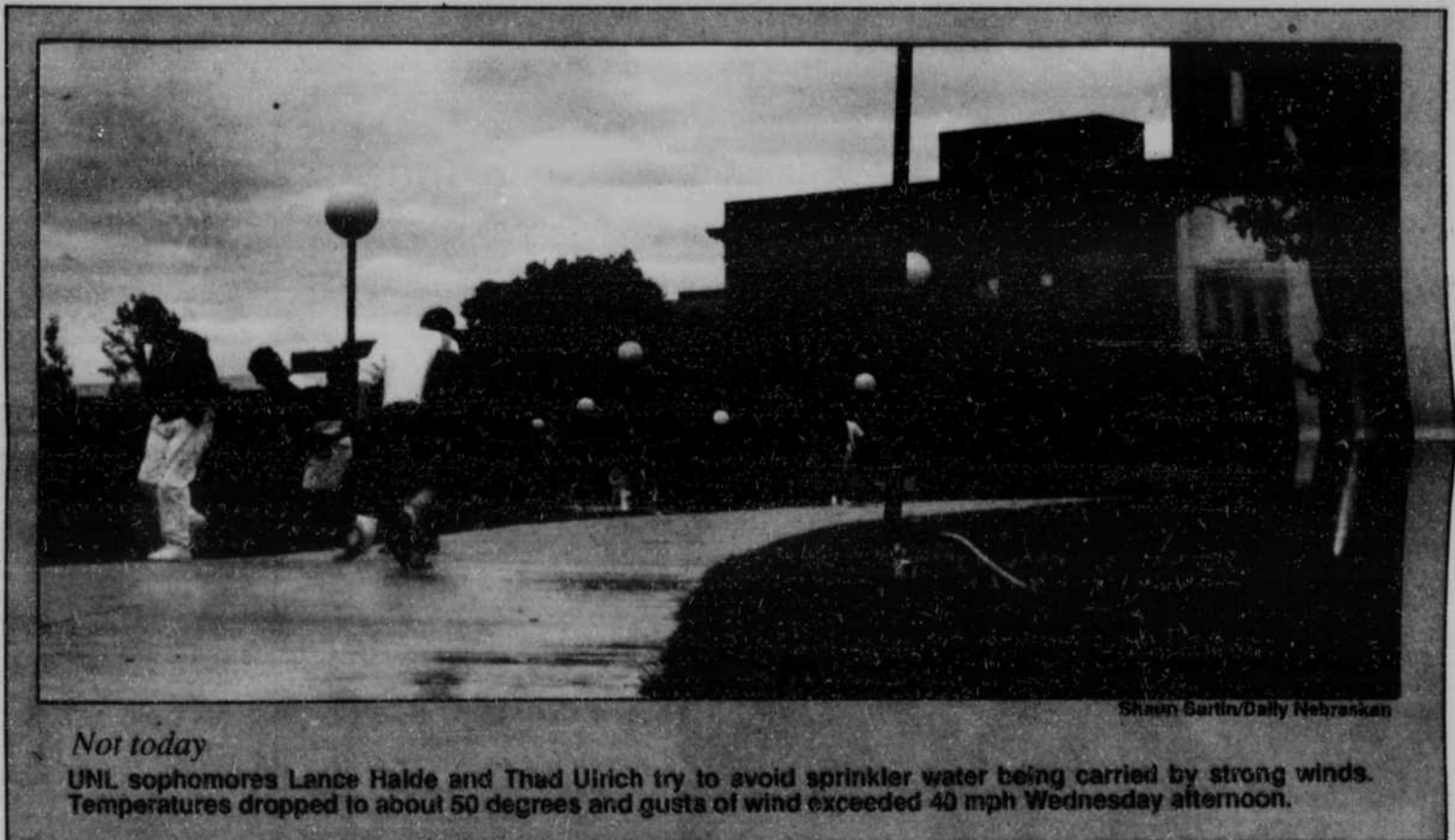
Eric Seacrest, commission chairman, said the state annually subsidizes postsecondary education with about \$300 million in state funds.

This money, he said, allows for lower tuition for students and pays for research and public service activities. These programs would be upset, he said, if the lid passed.

Massengale said state-supported colleges would lose about \$24 million in the current year if the lid passes.

On the four university campuses, Massengale said, budget cuts could reach \$65 million for the coming year. Kearney State College

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Not today

UNL sophomores Lance Halde and Thad Uirich try to avoid sprinkler water being carried by strong winds. Temperatures dropped to about 50 degrees and gusts of wind exceeded 40 mph Wednesday afternoon.

Shaun Burtin/Daily Nebraskan

Panelists: Women face timeless obstacles

By James P. Webb
Staff Reporter

Women Celebrating Diversity panelists told about 80 people Wednesday night that while career opportunities for women are steadily increasing, timeless problems still face working women.

The panelists said today's women may succeed in any field, provided they're confident, well-educated and determined. They warned women to be aware of problems such as dis-

crimination, competition from other women and family planning.

The five-member panel discussion in the Wick Alumni Center was sponsored by Graduate Women in Business, a group in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln business college.

Dr. Yvonne Davenport, a practicing obstetrician in Lincoln, said female doctors will be a "big calling card" for the obstetrics and gynecology fields as patients discover the advantages of female doctors.

"Hopefully more and more women will

enter the medical field, because I think we have a lot to offer," she said.

Davenport said that because too few women are in high positions, they often become a threat to one another and especially to younger women coming through the ranks.

"We as women have to help other women move up in our profession, not try to squelch them."

Anna Shavers, assistant professor in the

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Coors admits record 'not perfect'

By Adeana Leftin
Staff Reporter

Coors Brewing Co. has learned that it does not need to damage the environment to make money, its president and chief executive officer said Wednesday.

Peter Coors said at the fall symposium of the Nebraska Groundwater Foundation that "economic growth does not have to come at the expense of the environment."

Coors Co., headquartered in Golden, Colo., was under investigation by the Colorado attorney general for concealing leaking pipes that contaminated some underground springs and was ranked in 1988 by the Environmental Protection Agency as the fourth highest releaser of toxic waste in Colorado.

"Our environmental record is not perfect," Coors said.

The "largest, most visible mistake" was the company's failure to report leaking pipes that

contaminated some underground springs, Coors admitted.

"Although we had some problems, these problems never had any effect on people drinking," he said. "We are in the process of working our way through those."

In its effort to clean up the environment, Coors Co. has implemented the Pure Water 2000 program.

Coors detailed the program during the symposium.

The program seeks to protect and restore America's water system by the year 2000, Coors said.

"It's time for action," in saving America's water supply, he said. "Pure Water 2000 was designed to raise the level of awareness to water and water preservation."

The Pure Water 2000 strategy is three-pronged, Coors said.

The first step was to establish a national awareness program. Coors Co. has accom-

plished this through its advertisements and an "800" telephone number people with environmental questions can call, Coors said.

The next step was to develop a clean water action strategy, he said. The company has built a network of experts who will hold a series of symposiums to narrow the focus of Pure Water 2000. The program will concentrate on agricultural pollution, runoff and waste from industrial sites, Coors said.

Finally, he said, the company is becoming involved in local cleanup activities. The company now is working with 250 cleanup programs nationwide, he said.

Another environmental project of the Coors Co. is recycling. Coors said that the company now recycles almost all of its aluminum cans. In the future, some of these cans may have a picture of Herbie Husker on them.

Coors Co. made a deal with the University

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