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WEATHER

Election Day will be cloudy and cold with a 70 percent chance of, yes, snow, north winds 10-20 miles per hour, and a high near 30. Tonight, decreasing cloudiness and still cold, low near 20. Wednesday, mostly sunny, high in the mid 30s.

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Education bill working well, professors say

By Sara Bauder Schott
Senior Reporter

Property taxes have been lowered and state aid has increased in 75 percent of the state's school districts as a result of LB1059, two University of Nebraska-Lincoln professors said.

Nebraska voters will decide today whether LB1059 should be repealed. The bill shifts the support of elementary and secondary education from property taxes to sales tax and income tax.

Roy Frederick, a professor of agricultural economics, said LB1059 has produced more similarity among property tax rates across the state.

The bill was supposed to make it possible for 45 percent of the expenditures for education to come from the state government, Frederick said.

In 1990-91, the state provided 40 percent of the money, Frederick said. Before the bill, about 24 percent of the money for education came from the state, he said.

Bruce Johnson, a professor of agricultural economics, said that 10 percent of the state's districts have experienced higher property taxes without increases in state aid.

But, Johnson said, those districts had "ideal" tax situations, with a valuable base to tax. The districts were "undertaxed" compared to other districts in the state, he said.

The idea behind LB1059 was to provide tax relief to people with the biggest burden, Johnson said. The districts that didn't have a high rate of taxation have had to raise property taxes to come in line with the rest of the state, he said.

The rest of the state's districts, 15 percent, saw some property tax increases but were saved from higher increases by the state aid provided under LB1059.

Individual and corporate income taxes increased by 17.5 percent and sales tax increased 1 cent per dollar under the bill, he said.

Lincoln Public Schools has benefited from the bill, Johnson said. Lincoln is a growing district, he said, and its schools needed more money. The bill made it possible to get the money needed without raising property taxes as much as would have been necessary without the bill, Johnson said.



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Freedom of choice

Election worker Evert Gardiner loads a stack of portable voting booths onto a dolly at the election office warehouse Monday afternoon. Officials from across Lancaster County picked up the supplies for today's election from the warehouse at 201 F St.

Chairman: Sports management major a fad

By Tabitha Hiner
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While the number of universities offering sports management programs has increased, such a program probably will not be created at UNL, the physical education chairman said.

Charles Anson said that he considers the sports management degree a passing fad and does not think it is a program consistent with the School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation's goals.

A sports management program prepares sports administrators with classes dealing with advertising, communication, marketing, scheduling and travel consulting.

Tim Gleason, assistant executive director of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, a non-profit professional organization based in Cleveland, said more and more universities are implementing sports management programs.

"There is a huge trend for these degrees," he

said. "In 1977, there were only a handful of programs offering the degree, and now there are at least 100."

Anson said the reason the University of Nebraska-Lincoln probably will not have such a program is because the physical education department's focus is on healthy lifestyles, not a big range of activities.

"Back in the late '70s, we had a very large activity program where activities such as sky diving and judo were offered," Anson said.

But such activities along with faculty were cut back when the mission statement for healthy lifestyles was developed in 1978.

Anson said only about 10 people in the past couple of years had contacted him about a sports management emphasis.

UNL had an undergraduate program that centered on administration about five years ago, but Anson said that there was too much difficulty in getting students enrolled in business classes. The business classes needed for sports administration students were filled with

business majors, he said.

Anson said that he was not opposed to such a program now, but in order for it to become a reality, somebody in administration or the Teachers College would have to promote and provide resources for it.

"If somebody would be willing to come along and say, 'Here's a couple of more faculty lines,' that would be great, but I don't see that as happening," Anson said.

UNL's current programs are sound and effective, he said.

"We're trying to make sure that young people today are trained to have better health," he said. "We want them to be able to understand eating and how to reduce stress in their lives."

Anson said that if students want a sports management program, they could go to a school that provides for one.

"In the future, more and more universities will have specialized programs, and if students want one of those programs, they will have the opportunity to go to one of those universities."

Police officer: Unreported rapes go unaided

Speaker: Date rape is serious

By Adeana Leftin
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Date rape is just as serious and as much a crime as rape by a stranger, and UNL students need to be prepared, a speaker said Monday.

"Whether you believe it or not, it happens on this campus," said Tina Reiners of Atlanta, a managing consultant and victim of date rape who lectures at universities. Reiners spoke at a Rape Educational Awareness on Campus Training (R.E.A.C.T.) conference in the Nebraska Union to more than 1,000 students.

"Rape occurs when either one of the partners doesn't give consent. It's got to be mutual consent," she said. "If both partners say 'yes' — go for it."

Reiners said new students are the most vulnerable to date rape. They often are overwhelmed by all

the parties, alcohol and numbers of the opposite sex, she said.

"At UNL, people are passing out at parties . . . and people are raping them . . . talk about not being able to say no," Reiners said.

She said there are three steps to the date rape scenario. The first is intimate contact — kissing, dancing and touching. The second is isolation of the man and woman. And the third is the abuse of alcohol.

"One-hundred percent of date rapes on this campus are results of alcohol," Reiners said.

She suggested steps to take in avoiding date rape.

"Stick with the guys you know," Reiners said. "You've gotta trust your instincts."

Secondly, she said, "Stop at the buzz."

Lastly, be assertive and clear, Reiners said. "If you feel you're in a bad situation — get the hell out!"

By Adeana Leftin
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No news isn't necessarily good news when it comes to rape, a UNL official said.

Lt. Ken Cauble of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police Department said he only can do something about the cases he knows about.

Cauble said that when "a guy just jumps out of a bush," the woman isn't as likely to feel guilty about the incident and she will report it.

But, he said, in the case of date or acquaintance rape, the victims often don't report it. It becomes a "social matter" for them, Cauble said.

When alcohol is involved, many times the victim feels partially to blame, Cauble said. This is a feeling authorities are trying to change through education.

He said a case of date rape had been reported this year at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, but the victim declined to press charges. The victim didn't want to go through a trial or to have her parents find out, Cauble said.

The incident took place at a party,

and alcohol was involved, Cauble said.

In February 1989, Cauble said, another case of date rape was reported and charges were pressed. The rape took place at Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, 1425 R St., and alcohol was involved.

Cauble said the last reported rape by a stranger was six years ago. The rape occurred in Nebraska Hall, which is open 24 hours a day. The perpetrator was apprehended and charged with the crime. Cauble said he felt pretty sure there had been no cases since then.

"These (rapes by strangers) are usually the ones we hear about," he said.

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the university currently provides information about rape and security to "anyone who asks for it."

However, with the passing of the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act, UNL will be required to file a report of annual campus crime with the Department of Education.

Cauble said that since the reported rape by a stranger, measures had been

taken to provide better security in Nebraska Hall and at UNL in general.

In addition to better lighting in UNL parking lots, more security guards and UNL police check lots, buildings and residence halls, he said.

Doug Zatechka, director of housing, said UNL has a "very, very good" security record.

Student security guards provide the main source for security in the residence halls by locking doors and then checking students' keys to verify that they live in the hall before they are admitted after hours, he said. The guards also make rounds on the floors.

Zatechka said he tries to advise students early in their college career of common-sense security measures such as locking room doors and not walking alone at night.

"One person alone at night may be vulnerable, but two people is a virtual army," he said.

Zatechka said the housing department will continue to improve security. Peepholes, which will be in place in 1 1/2 to two years, are being installed in all doors of residence hall rooms, he said.