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Correction: An editorial in Wednesday's Daily Nebraskan incorrectly reported the cost of the NU presidential search. The search has cost about \$65,000.

WEATHER

Today, mostly sunny, breezy and cooler, north wind 15-25 miles per hour, high near 55. Tonight, mostly clear, low in the upper 20s. Saturday, mostly sunny, high in the upper 50s.

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Candidates withdraw from presidential race

By James P. Webb
Staff Reporter

The final three external candidates for NU president withdrew from consideration Thursday, leaving interim President Martin Massengale as the only candidate. The withdrawal came one day after a member of the NU Board of Regents had criticized Regent John Payne of Kearney, saying a comment by Payne could cost NU its last three candidates. Payne had called Massengale the front-runner for the NU presidency after University of Kansas chancellor Gene Budig withdrew his name from consideration Tuesday. Regent Robert Allen of Hastings said Wednesday

that Payne's statement "could make the other candidates pull out because they will think Massengale has the inner track." The three candidates were Martin Jischke, chancellor at the University of Missouri at Rolla; Robert Hemenway, chancellor at the University of Kentucky-Lexington; and Robert Dickeson, president of the University of Northern Colorado at Greeley. In statements, the candidates said they wished to continue in their current positions. In a statement, Dickeson said there were "several agenda items at the University of Northern Colorado which I wish to complete." Hemenway said he was happy at Kentucky and "looking forward to the challenges facing us here," and Jischke said he was going to

remain at Rolla because of the "continued attractiveness" of the university. Don Blank, chairman of the NU Board of Regents, said Thursday the regents were "obviously disappointed" at the withdrawal of the final three candidates forwarded to them by the Presidential Search Committee. "Of course we're disappointed," Blank said. But, "after a great deal of reflection, they (the candidates) must have felt very comfortable as the CEO of their own universities." Blank said he was not sure what action the regents would take at their meeting Tuesday. The meeting was scheduled to consider the candidates for NU president. "We can do just about anything; we're not bound by only the directions of the search

committee," Blank said. Bill Bowen, chairman of the search consulting firm Heidrick and Struggles of Chicago, said the board should make a decision on the remaining candidate, Massengale. This decision could mean electing Massengale, who is also UNL chancellor, as NU president or retaining the search committee, which has not been dismissed yet, Bowen said. In a statement, the Faculty Senate at the University of Nebraska at Omaha Thursday called for the presidential search process to be re-opened. The senate's UNL counterpart had not taken any action as of Thursday, said James McShane, See REGENTS on 6



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Strong voices . . .

Scott Shanks, senior Teachers College major, yells at campus evangelist George "Jed" Smock, who spoke on campus Thursday. A crowd of about 300 students gathered to listen to Smock at Broyhill Plaza. Smock, who has a bachelor's degree in social studies and a master's degree in U.S. history, travels to campuses across the United States. He has written a book, "Who Will Rise Up."

Speaker: Some of Europe will see capitalism

By Sara Bauder Schott
Senior Reporter

Although six Eastern European countries are headed toward capitalism, the Soviet Union never will embrace the economic system, a former U.S. ambassador to Hungary said. Nicolas Salgo, speaking Thursday in the Lied Center for Performing Arts, said East Germany will be the first Eastern European country to turn capitalist. He said East Germany has one unique feature that will help with the transformation to capitalism — West Germany. West Germany has pumped millions into the East German economy, Salgo said, and will turn the country into a successful place for capitalism to flourish. East Germany was reunited with West Germany on Oct. 2. But, capitalism in East Germany may be hindered by the occupying Soviet army, Salgo said. The Soviet Union never will become a capitalist country in spite of what many Americans believe Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev is doing, Salgo said. The country is instead trying to develop some sort of market economy under a centrally controlled government, he said. Some Soviet states, such as Georgia and the Baltic states, are considering a capitalist, democratic system, he said. But Russia, the "No. 1" state of the Soviet Union's 15, is not See SALGO on 6

Females often discouraged from field

UNL attracts few women to engineering

By Michelle Dyer
Staff Reporter

When engineering Professor Susan Hallbeck was a senior in high school, her adviser suggested that she major in English or art history. Despite high scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test, her interest in math and science was discouraged. "Being told this made me decide to become an engineer to prove them wrong," Hallbeck said. Not many women are following Hallbeck's lead. For the eighth year, the number of women majoring in engineering at UNL has decreased. One hundred twenty-two women are enrolled in the College of Engineering and Technology out of an engineering population of about 2,400. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln, with 5 percent women engineering majors, is far below the national average of 17 percent. Stan Liberty, dean of the College of Engineering and Technology, said that he isn't sure why fewer women

are majoring in engineering. Women enjoy high success rates in the college, he said. "The reason women don't choose engineering as a profession is not due to lack of ability," he said. "It is more — 66 — The reason women don't choose engineering as a profession is not due to lack of ability." Liberty dean of College of Engineering & Technology " the stereotyped image that society has of engineers. "Society depicts math and science as being for men and engineering as a whole as being a profession that is not people-oriented," Liberty said. Hallbeck said she thinks most people stereotype the profession. "You say the word 'engineer' and instantly people picture a person with

greasy hair, thick glasses and a calculator attached to their belt," she said. Liberty said parents steer women away from highly technical fields such as engineering. "Parents encourage their sons to do good in math and science, as do schools," he said. "Studies show that boys get better grades than girls in these areas, we find, only because they receive more help and attention from their teachers." Attracting women faculty members to the college is another problem. Hallbeck, who is new to UNL, is an assistant professor of industrial and management systems engineering and is the only female engineering professor in the college. Being a woman faculty member has not had many drawbacks, she said. "The only problem I have is that people here often think I am a secretary, partially because I am only 28 years old. Other than that, the department has done a good job of treating me just like any other colleague," Hallbeck said.

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