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WEATHER

Today, sunny but not quite as mild, light northeast wind shifting to southeast at 5-10 miles per hour in the afternoon, high in the mid to upper 50s. Tonight, clear, low near 30. Tuesday, sunny and mild, high near 60.

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Griesen: Peer group criticism unfounded

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles examining UNL's peer group. Future articles will analyze UNL's position among its peers in faculty salaries, research and undergraduate teaching.

By Michael Ho
 Staff Reporter

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln doesn't compare well on paper with its peer institutions, but one administrator said the group is "quite defensible."



James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the peer group — used for benchmark comparisons of different university areas — is valid because of UNL's traditional identity with the institutions it considers its peers.

UNL ranks in the bottom half of its peer group in nearly every category, from admissions standards and enrollment to research grants.

But Griesen said, "Frankly, I don't think it's a bad list because those are the people we compete with for faculty."

Universities choose peer groups to compare their status to other schools that presumably are similar.

Different schools use their peer groups for different comparisons, Griesen said. UNL uses its group primarily to compare faculty salary information, while other schools, like the University of Nebraska Medical Center, use other means to compare salaries.

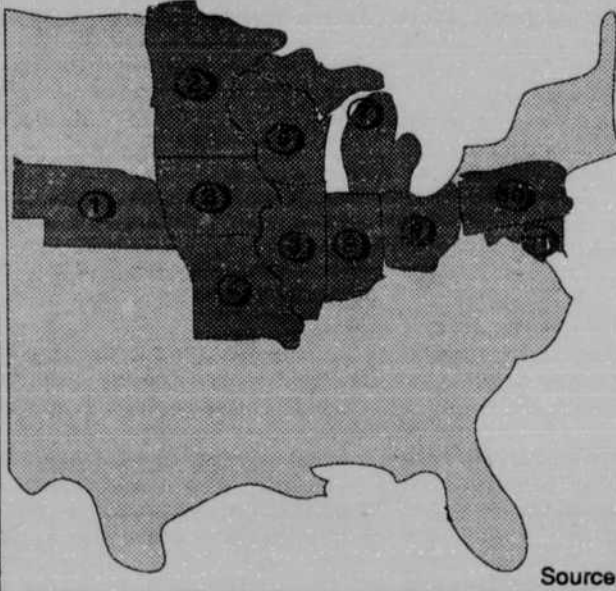
UNL's peer group, chosen in 1983-84, comprises all of the land-grant schools that are members of the Association of American Universities.

The schools in this group are: Illinois, Iowa State, Maryland, Michigan State, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio State, Penn State, Purdue and Wisconsin.

Fifty-eight universities are members of the AAU. Of those, four — Colorado, Iowa State, Nebraska and Missouri — are in the NCAA Big Eight conference. Six of the seven

UNL ranks in bottom half of 11-school 'peer group'

UNL uses its "peer group," or group of similar schools, primarily to compare faculty salaries. But compared to the other schools, UNL ranks in the bottom half in nearly every category, from admission standards and enrollment to research grants.



- ① University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- ② Minneapolis Community College
- ③ Iowa State University in Ames
- ④ University of Missouri in Columbia
- ⑤ University of Wisconsin in Madison
- ⑥ University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign
- ⑦ Michigan State University in East Lansing
- ⑧ Purdue University in West Lafayette
- ⑨ Ohio State University in Columbus
- ⑩ Pennsylvania State University
- ⑪ University of Maryland in College Park

Source: James Griesen, UNL vice chancellor for student affairs

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Marching band finds funding to go to bowl game

By Kara Wells
 Staff Reporter

After initial fear of lack of funds, the marching band at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will accompany the football team to the Citrus Bowl this year.

An allocation from the University of Nebraska Foundation will allow the band to travel to Orlando, Fla., for the Jan. 1 game, said Kerry Grant, director of the School of Music.

An increase in the cost of airfare and a decrease in revenue from the Citrus Bowl had put additional strain on the band's budget, Grant said.

"The vast increase in charter flights nailed us this year," he said.

But a grant of about \$48,000 from the foundation's athletic department fund will help cover the cost increases this year, said Terry Fairfield, foundation president.

Fairfield said Grant approached his office

last week requesting money for the band's trip. The foundation has helped to finance band trips to bowl games for the past 10 years, he said.

"The members put a lot of work in during the year with little credit. We're pleased to support them," he said.

Grant said, "From our point of view, it's good news that they found resources for us to go to the bowl."

Trips to bowl games usually are financed by revenue from the bowl games and the founda-

tion, Grant said. The School of Music also will provide about \$13,000 for the trip as it has done in past years, he said.

Financing the band's trip to bowl games every year is a complicated process, Grant said.

"It's an annual problem that creates a stress on the operating funds," he said.

The marching band currently is financed by

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300 protest American involvement in gulf



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Protesters march along Centennial Mall to show opposition to U.S. military intervention in the Middle East. Approximately 300 people turned out for the rally Friday.

By Tabitha Hiner
 Staff Reporter

Protesters chanted "1, 2, 3, 4, We don't want no bloody war; 2, 3, 4, 5, Bring the troops home alive" Friday outside the Federal Building to protest the sending of troops to Saudi Arabia.

About 300 people carried signs with messages such as "No blood for gasoline" from the Broyhill Fountain to the Federal Building at 15th and O streets and listened to speakers warn against further U.S. involvement in the gulf.

State Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha said having troops in the gulf is dangerous because American forces would be far from their sources of supply if war broke out.

Other countries, such as Israel, commit human rights violations, yet they are not the focus of U.S. military action, he said.

Ernie Pulos, an organizer of the rally and a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, agreed that the United States is sending mixed messages by doing nothing about Israeli human rights violations while punishing Iraq for the same thing.

Chambers said that President Bush's strong position in the gulf is a response to his being labeled a wimp.

"What we have here, in my opinion, is a president with a serious psychological problem," he said.

Marj Manglitz, president of the Nebraska division of the United Nations Association, agreed that Bush's ego could be dangerous.

"I believe that is a danger when a man gets that much power," she said. "Right now, he is trying to take more power than he really has."

Manglitz urged the United States

to allow other countries to give their support.

"Other troops will go if we give them more time," she said. "But we are an impatient society."

She urged leaders to stop name-calling and fighting and to start negotiating.

Pulos also said negotiating is the key to resolving the situation.

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Robert Hitchcock, a visiting professor of anthropology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said there would be economic, environmental and human ramifications to a war in the gulf.

In economic costs, Hitchcock said, the increase of terrorism would reduce tourism, and the price of oil would rise.

Biological warfare and damage to the desert would be environmental costs of a war, Hitchcock said.

The human price also would be high, he said.

"Tens of thousands of lives would be lost in less than a few days," Hitchcock said. "This would be far worse than what happened in the Tet Offen-

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