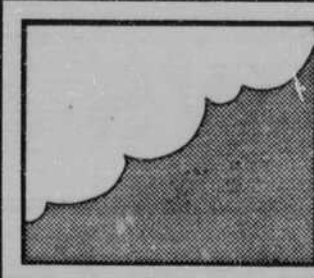


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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today, fog in the morning, lifting in the afternoon and becoming mostly cloudy. Highs 30-35 with a north wind increasing to 10-15 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy with the low 15-20. Partly cloudy Thursday with highs in the mid- to upper-30s.

Bill calls for state to join higher education compact

By Lisa Donovan
Senior Reporter

Nebraska would be the sixth state to join a Midwest compact that could strengthen services and lower higher education costs for citizens and for states under a bill introduced in the Legislature.

State Sen. Gerald Conway of Wayne, who is a co-sponsor of the bill, said LB209 would call for Nebraska's entrance into the Midwest Compact for Higher Education.



Minnesota, Kansas, Missouri, Michigan and Ohio currently are the only members that have entered the compact of the 12 eligible states.

Under the provisions of LB209, the compact would provide greater higher education opportunities and services in the Midwest with the aim of furthering research, access and choice of higher education for the citizens residing in the states that are members of the compact.

The brainchild for the compact came from the Midwestern Legislative Conference of the Council of State Governments. Conway is chairman of the conference.

Theoretically, all 12 states eligible could enter the compact, but Conway said the conference called for a minimum of five states to join.

Ideally, Conway said, member states would work to end duplication of programs and allow

schools to concentrate on their areas of expertise. In turn, the students would have access to the best programs, Conway said, but would pay in-state or residents' tuition.

"Why duplicate?" Conway asked. "Why not interface" with the other members of the compact.

Conway listed such things as creating a comprehensive research committee that would look into faculty salaries and establishing a faculty exchange program.

"There are a multitude of ways we can be cooperative with each other," he said.

Conway said that with the way the education structure is set up, Nebraska, like other states not yet members of the compact, "is stuck thinking that in our state our borders are paramount to our existence."

If LB209 were passed, Conway said, implementation of role and mission of the compact would be difficult.

One of the obstacles of implementation would be "ironing out" the differences in tuition costs between the various schools, he said.

But with the economic recession placing a stranglehold on many state budgets, Conway said, entering the compact is, now more than ever, a viable plan.

"There are times to compete and times to cooperate," he said. And with the sluggish economy, Conway said, the states and their postsecondary institutions need to work together.

Cigarette tax monies may light NU's capital construction budget

By Lisa Donovan
Senior Reporter

Smokers will keep lighting up in support of the University of Nebraska if a bill to give NU 5 cents of a 27-cent cigarette tax for capital construction projects passes the Legislature.

Lee Rupp, NU vice president for university relations, said that under the provisions of LB241, NU would continue to receive a nickel of Nebraska's 27-cent per pack tax on cigarettes. The money would finance \$44 million in

capital construction projects at NU.

With the exception of the budget request, LB241 is the university's "No. 1 priority" in the Legislature, Rupp said.

Although the university is looking at budget cuts in the higher priority areas like faculty salaries and research, Rupp said, the cigarette tax money has been earmarked for capital construction.

Current cigarette taxes finance principal and interest payments on bonds issued for

See CIGARETTE on 5



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Mirror, mirror

Carl Larson, a sophomore business administration major, leaves the University Bookstore on Tuesday after book shopping.

Abortion notification laws punish women, parents say

By Lisa Donovan
Senior Reporter

The first signs of protest against a proposed legislative bill that would require parental notification before obtaining an abortion surfaced Tuesday in the rotunda of the Nebraska Capitol.

Bill and Karen Bell spoke to about 20 members of the press and public about their daughter Becky, who died in 1988 from an illegal abortion. The Bells of Indiana said they blamed their daughter's death on a state law that calls for women age 18 and under to notify their parents before they have an abortion.

A similar bill may be introduced within the next week in the Nebraska Legislature. Although supported by a majority of the senators, bills to regulate abortion have been derailed in the Legislature by filibusters in past years.

This year, a measure to allow 33 senators to stop debate—and filibusters—to allow a vote on a bill was passed, breathing new life into anti-abortion proponents' efforts to pass legislation.

The Bells say their daughter sought an illegal abortion because she was ashamed to tell them of her pregnancy.

"The law forced her to do some-

thing that killed her," Karen Bell said. She said she and her husband felt compelled to come to Nebraska and

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Karen Bell
anti-abortion bill protester

—”
speak to legislators about their family's experience.

"I'm going to speak up because I

feel like our family's been raped," Karen Bell said.

"Good kids," and victims of rape and incest will suffer because of parental notification laws, she said.

Bill Bell said he and Karen wanted to make Nebraskans aware of what the proposed legislation could do.

"The fact remains, they (notification laws) cannot and do not force women to involve parents.

"These laws are designed to punish a small segment" of young women, he said.

Sen. John Lindsay of Omaha, who introduced legislation Thursday calling for women to wait 24 hours before obtaining an abortion, said he could

empathize with the Bells' feeling of loss.

But Lindsay said the Bells are getting away from the point of the legislation.

Lindsay said the real issue at hand is to decide: "Is the fetus a human life?"

If anything, he said, the Bells' daughter is an example of the need for young women to discuss the ramifications of having an abortion.

The Bell family is proof that "parents ought to be involved," he said.

"You know they cared about Becky and would have stepped in and helped her out," he said.

UNL administrative job searches put on hold

By Dionne Searcey
Staff Reporter

The hunt for replacements to fill three vacant positions at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is on hold until the search for a new chancellor is almost finished, the interim chancellor said.

Jack Goebel said the search for a director of university relations, a vice chancellor for research/dean of graduate studies and a vice chancellor for academic affairs is being delayed until the appointment of a new chancellor is near.

Goebel made the announcement Tuesday at the first Academic Senate meeting of the semester.

Putting the searches on hold will give the new chancellor an opportunity to formulate job descriptions for the positions, Goebel said.

"We'll find a better pool (of candidates) more interested in serving if they have some idea of who they will have to work under," said James McShane, Academic Senate president.

"Who will apply to come to work for an unknown chancellor?" he asked.

The Academic Senate also passed a resolution to be given to NU Presi-

dent Martin Massengale offering a checklist in the search for a new chancellor.

Jack Siegman, a professor of sociology, presented the list to the senate.

The resolution states that faculty members should have more than 50 percent representation on the search committee, which will have 12 members. The resolution also urges the search committee to seek out women and minority candidates, echoing a bill the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska plans to consider tonight.

The composition of the search committee should have women and minority members in proportion to their representation on campus, the resolution states.

After much debate, members of the senate voted that candidates for chancellor should be considered only from outside the university.

"For a long time we've been recruiting persons in-house. It's an admirable procedure, but it may lead to . . . tunnel vision, oligarchy and could be dangerous to the institution," Siegman said.

WEDNESDAY

As Iraq spurns peace overtures, the Pentagon says it is "ready to execute any order we receive from the president."
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