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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

Increasingly cloudy today with wind becoming northeast at 10-15 mph and the high 30-35. Tonight, cloudy and colder with the low around 10 and a 30 percent chance of light snow. Tuesday, breezy and cold with the high 10-15 and a 60 percent chance of snow. One inch accumulation possible.

## Withem: NU bill hid new college proposal

By Lisa Donovan  
Senior Reporter

State Sen. Ron Withem of Papillion said he thinks the University of Nebraska needs to tell the whole story when it proposes legislation.



Withem, the Legislature's Education Committee chairman, withdrew a university "housekeeping" bill Friday because he said the university didn't tell him the legislation included creation of an additional college at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"I don't appreciate the university introducing a bill that they don't have the courtesy to explain," Withem said in a heated address to the Nebraska Legislature.

Withem said later he thought the establishment of a College of Fine and Performing Arts at the university was too important to be included in a technical harmonizing bill, which ties up loose ends within the university system.

The creation of a fine arts college was mentioned on page 23 of the bill in a listing of colleges and institutes at UNL.

"The creation of a new college takes a major change in policy and ought to be discussed on its own merits and not be included in a housekeeping bill," Withem said.

Richard Wood, NU vice president

and general counsel and drafter of LB578, said he thought there had been a lack of communication between Withem and the university.

"We (the university) weren't trying to hide anything . . . It was very obvious" that the addition of a fine arts college was included in the bill, Wood said.

Wood said that as far as he knew, no one at the university was contacted about the bill.

"If there was a disagreement (with the bill), it shouldn't have been introduced," he said.

Withem said he does not always read bills word for word, but that he should have known the bill included a provision for a new college.

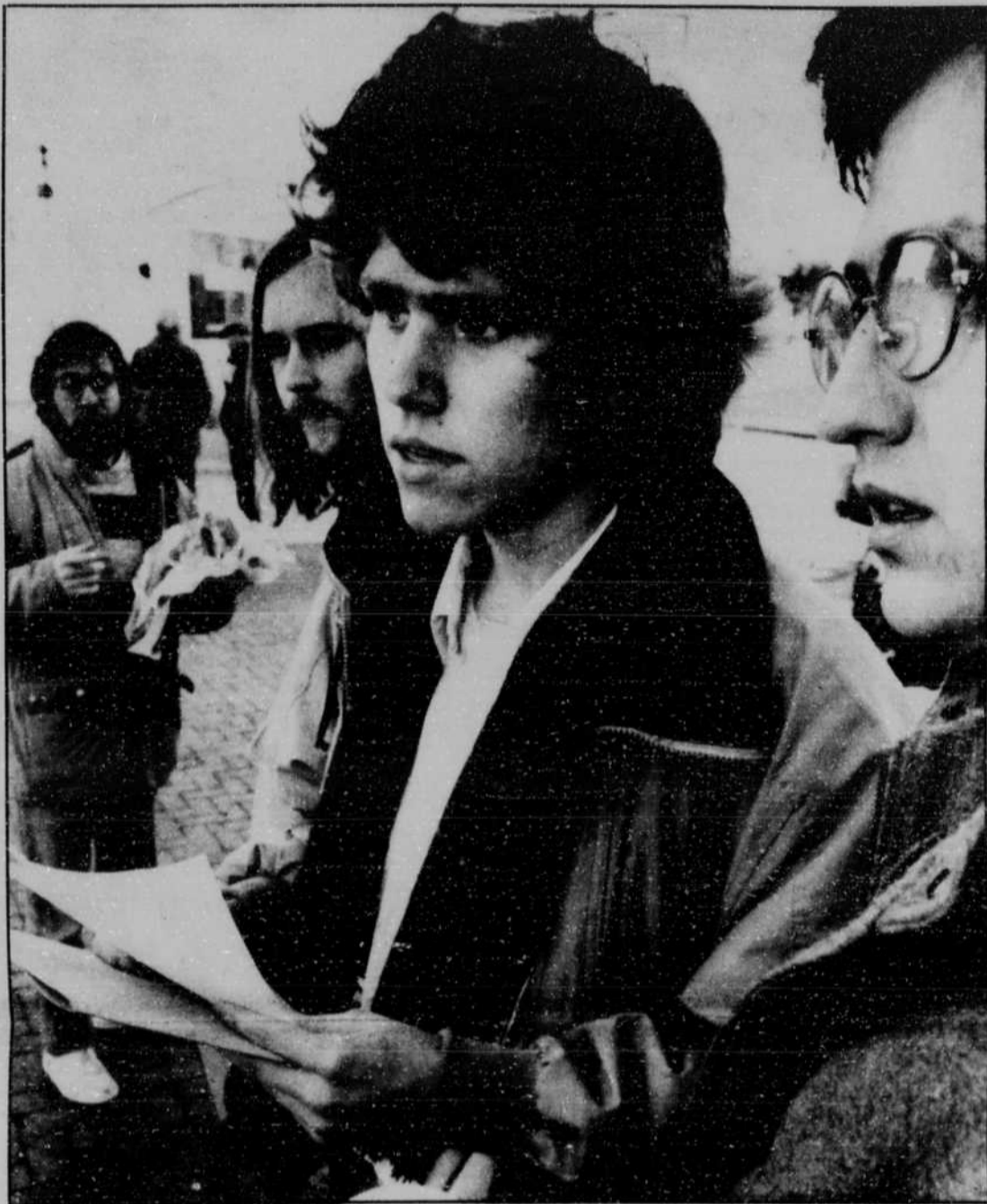
Currently, the fine arts program is in the College of Arts and Sciences. Last fall, NU President Martin Masengale said administrators wanted to establish a separate college.

Withem said that although the lack of communication over the bill doesn't change his view toward the university, he thinks the university should "tell the whole story" when it lobbies the Legislature.

In addition to LB578, Withem referred to bills introduced this session regarding the use of cigarette tax revenues.

"The university has been going around telling senators that they should reauthorize the cigarette tax because the money had been given to the university" in the past, Withem said.

The whole story, Withem said, is that cigarette tax revenues went not only to NU but also to state colleges.



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Gary (left) and Bob Hanna discuss the war in the Persian Gulf at a vigil at the Federal Building, 16th and O streets, Sunday evening.

## Gulf war overshadowing other battles, student says

By Jean Lass  
Staff Reporter

The war in the Persian Gulf has overshadowed battles for liberty elsewhere, according to a UNL Chinese student.

Jiping Zuo, a fifth-year graduate student in sociology, said she is disappointed that the American government has focused all its attention on the Persian Gulf, ignoring the trials of Chinese pro-democracy leaders.

After nearly a month of closed-door trials, the Chinese government gave five pro-democracy activists prison terms Saturday. Citing a policy "combining punishment with leniency," it convicted three other activists but did not imprison them, released 18 activists without trial and let 45 people out of jail who officially had not been charged.

The convictions stemmed from massive pro-democracy demonstra-

tions in 1989 in Beijing's Tiananmen Square. Chinese troops opened fire on student demonstrators there in June 1989.

Jiping, who was in Beijing when the massacre occurred, said the lack of coverage of the trials by the Western press concerned her because strong political pressure influences coverage by the Chinese press.

Predicting the prison-term sentences for activists, Jiping said the Chinese government would take world opinion into account during the trials.

"The Chinese government is not daring enough to execute" the activists, she said.

"The leaders are too well-known," she said, naming student leader Weilin Wang as one whose life is valued by Americans.

"The Chinese are notorious in international issues," Jiping said. "They

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## UNL Army reservist: I won't kill

By Wendy Navratil  
Staff Reporter

UNL sophomore Gary Hanna got a letter from the U.S. Army on Friday.

The letter ordered Hanna to report to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., for renewed military service. Hanna has been an inactive reservist since August.

Since notification, Hanna has sped up his efforts to obtain conscientious objector status and exemption from reporting to duty to a frenzied pace.

"I'm not going. I don't want to have any part in helping these people carry out their mission to kill,"

Hanna said, referring to the war in the Persian Gulf.

Hanna said he started to educate himself about the requirements and procedures to apply for conscientious objector status before he received the Army's letter.

According to a pamphlet supplied by Early Warning!, a conscientious objection is a severe conviction that prevents someone from participating in organized killing. This objection may apply to all forms or to particular aspects of the war.

Hanna served in the Army C Company 7th Engineer Battalion from 1987 to 1990 in Fort Polk, La., before enrolling in the Univer-

sity of Nebraska-Lincoln in August.

"I did it for college money. It wasn't easy, but I completed the three years," Hanna said.

Although Hanna had an additional five-year obligation as an inactive reservist during which he could be called to active duty, he said he didn't think it was possible.

"I really only counted on three years," he said.

Hanna said he began to have doubts about his decision to join the Army during basic training, although he was initially enthusiastic.

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## U.S. soldiers prepare attack as oil flood is foiled

DAHRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP) - American ground forces will be ready to attack the Iraqi army within a month, and an air strike seems to have thwarted Iraq's effort to flood the Persian Gulf with more oil, U.S. officials said Sunday.

Massive allied bombing raids continued over Iraq, and in one dogfight two American warplanes downed four Iraqi fighters, officials said.

On the ground, U.S. Marines learned how to negotiate deadly minefields and penetrate elaborate fortifications. Afterward, they crowded around radios and televisions for Super Bowl XXV.

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney announced U.S. soldiers will be prepared "before the end

of February" to launch the ground offensive.

Cheney said that although relentless allied air attacks against Iraq have been successful, they alone will not drive Iraq from Kuwait.

If all servicemen and women in the region were used, such a confrontation would pit 675,000 allied troops, including 480,000 Americans, against 540,000 Iraqi soldiers in and near occupied Kuwait.

Cheney also announced U.S. forces had taken military action to stop a colossal oil spill in the northern Persian Gulf that he blamed on Iraq.

The spill, part of which was reported burning, threatened water supplies in Saudi Arabia, where most of the U.S. forces are based, and could hinder an amphibious assault on Kuwait, if the allies choose to launch one.

Allied officials contend the slick would not hamper military operations in the northern

gulf, where a U.S. Marine landing is considered a possibility to drive the Iraqis out of Kuwait. But other officials have said the thick sludge could gum up the engines of amphibious assault ships.

Cheney left it to Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, the commander of Operation Desert Storm, to describe the U.S. raid on the Iraqi-held facilities in Kuwait that have been leaking millions of gallons of crude oil since last week.

Schwarzkopf told reporters in Riyadh that U.S. warplanes using "smart bombs" blew up the facilities late Saturday.

He showed videotape of the F-111 fighter-bombers attacking a coastal complex of pipes linking oil fields with an offshore loading buoy for tankers.

Oil and environmental officials suggested such an attack to halt the flow of crude, which has left a slick 70 miles long and 10 miles wide.

