

Snow overboard Michelle Paulman/Daily Nebraskan
Senior psychology and physical education major Terry Schmutte scoops snow from the second-level terrace of the Lied Center for Performing Arts Wednesday.

Death Penalty

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privileged comprise a large number of the inmates on death row.

State Sen. Elroy Hefner of Coleridge said he thought the state should retain the death penalty punishment because the victim's family and friends would be paying a higher price if the criminal received life imprisonment.

"It's unfair to the victim's family and community to pay for the person to live," Hefner said.

Additionally, Hefner said, this was the only way to ensure that the murderer wouldn't commit the crime again.

"The death penalty prevents further loss of innocent lives," he said.

Don Stenberg, Nebraska's attorney general, said he didn't think that ridding the system of the capital punishment would save the state money.

"There are those who say that this bill will save money. I do not believe that that can be conclusively established," Stenberg said.

Stenberg said that the average cost per prisoner in Nebraska State Penitentiary is \$18,985 annually. Currently, there are 11 inmates on death row, and Stenberg said this would cost the state more than \$6 million over a 30-year period if the death penalty were repealed.

The average cost to the attorney general's office to handle the appeals in these cases is currently about \$3,500 per prisoner per year, Stenberg said.

Sam Cooper, Douglas County deputy attorney, said he didn't think money should determine whether to prosecute an alleged criminal.

"Should we stop prosecuting these people because it costs money?"

"I don't think we can put a price tag" on justice.

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left to spend the spring semester in London. The potential terrorism problem was discussed, but those involved felt it was safe, Puderbaugh said.

Another program has not escaped the effects of the war.

Dan Bigbee, coordinator of the Morocco Project, said 17 American families, with faculty members from UNL, Kansas State University, Oklahoma State University, Montana State

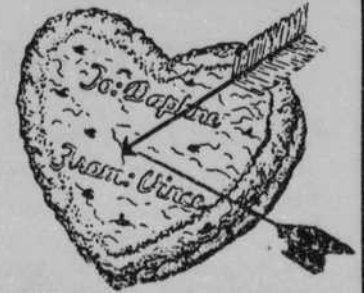
University and Washington University, left Morocco temporarily on orders from the U.S. State Department.

The group was ordered to leave Morocco to protect Americans from terrorism that may occur in the Muslim north African nation, Bigbee said.

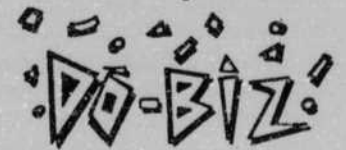
They will return to Morocco in 30 days regardless of changes in the gulf war, he said.

The Morocco Project is an effort to help establish an agricultural research center for the study of dry-land cereal production, Bigbee said.

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ASUN creates forum on gulf views

By Adeana Leftin
Staff Reporter

Instead of speaking for students, ASUN senators passed a bill Wednesday that will allow students to speak out for themselves about issues in the Persian Gulf.

The bill set up an open forum for students to voice their opinions about the gulf, scheduled for Feb. 13.

Chris Potter, College of Arts and Sciences senator, said he thought it was a good idea for the students to speak out.

"The reason (ASUN) decided to have this forum is because we (senators) felt we didn't have the capacity to speak for the entire student body," he said.

Yolanda Scott, second vice president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, said she is concerned the forum could cause backlash against international students. Scott suggested a panel composed of Middle East experts would be a better idea.

Andy Massey, speaker of the senate, said he thinks it is important to hear from students because they will be affected the most.

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"Our job is to voice student opinion, and what better way than to let them do it themselves," he said.

The senate also gave support to a bill in the Nebraska Legislature that would make Nebraska the sixth state to join the Midwestern Higher Education Compact.

The compact would strengthen cooperative programs between Midwestern universities.

Government Liaison Committee chairwoman Shawn Burnham said some of the compact's advantages are reduced non-resident tuition for students in member states and tech-

nology exchanges.

Because of student exchanges between the member states, Potter said he was concerned that the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's good departments would get better and those departments that weren't as good would get worse.

"But," he said, "I am convinced that the benefits the students at the university would receive would outweigh that."

ASUN passed another bill opposing legislation that would eliminate the University of Nebraska's central administration.

Gosch said it would be impossible to have a cooperative university without central administration.

"It would be a stab in the heart to the future of the university to get rid of central administration," he said.

Amendments to 1991 spring election rules also were approved.

The rules added the requirement that Committee for Fees Allocation members be elected and that individuals or organizations only can contribute \$25 to campaigns.

A Feb. 2 deadline also was set for all organizations to hand in their revised constitutions.

Bill would punish hackers

From Staff Reports

Computer hackers would be faced with more than unauthorized access to a computer program if a bill that was advanced to a second round of consideration Wednesday passes the Nebraska Legislature.

LB135, introduced by Sen. John Lindsay of Omaha, calls for the prosecution of anyone who "intentionally and without authority penetrates a computer security system."

During debate, Lindsay assured the Legislature that the bill would not harm those who didn't have criminal intent.

Senators had expressed concern

that people simply trying to hone their computer skills and children playing could be prosecuted, Lindsay said.

The Legislature amended the bill to say that the unauthorized access would have to be intentional to be a crime.

Some of the computer crimes under the bill would be:

- A Class IV felony if the hacker caused a death or placed another person at grave risk.

- A Class I misdemeanor if the hacker created a risk to the public health and safety.

- A Class II misdemeanor if the hacker compromised the security of data.

pose sanctions on UNL.

Papik said the NCAA is "moving in the direction" of allowing a reasonable stipend for athletes.

The bill was amended to say the stipends would not be paid until laws requiring a similar stipend for football players are passed in other states, so that football players in four Big Eight schools other than Nebraska would be paid stipends.

Although the NCAA also prohibits basketball players from working, Chambers said the bill excluded other sports because they don't generate as much revenue as football, and he didn't want the question of paying stipends from Nebraska tax monies to come up.

"I would like to see the sport that can pay its way to make the start," he said.

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they are at school.

"The rules are unreasonable. They're unworkable. And they're selectively enforced," Chambers said.

Chambers argued against the NCAA rule that forbids a player to hold an academic scholarship once the university's allotted athletic scholarships are given.

He told the story of a Nebraska football player who had received an academic regents' scholarship, but was told he had to choose between playing football or getting his aid.

Al Papik, assistant athletic director for administrative services, opposed the bill, saying that its enact-

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