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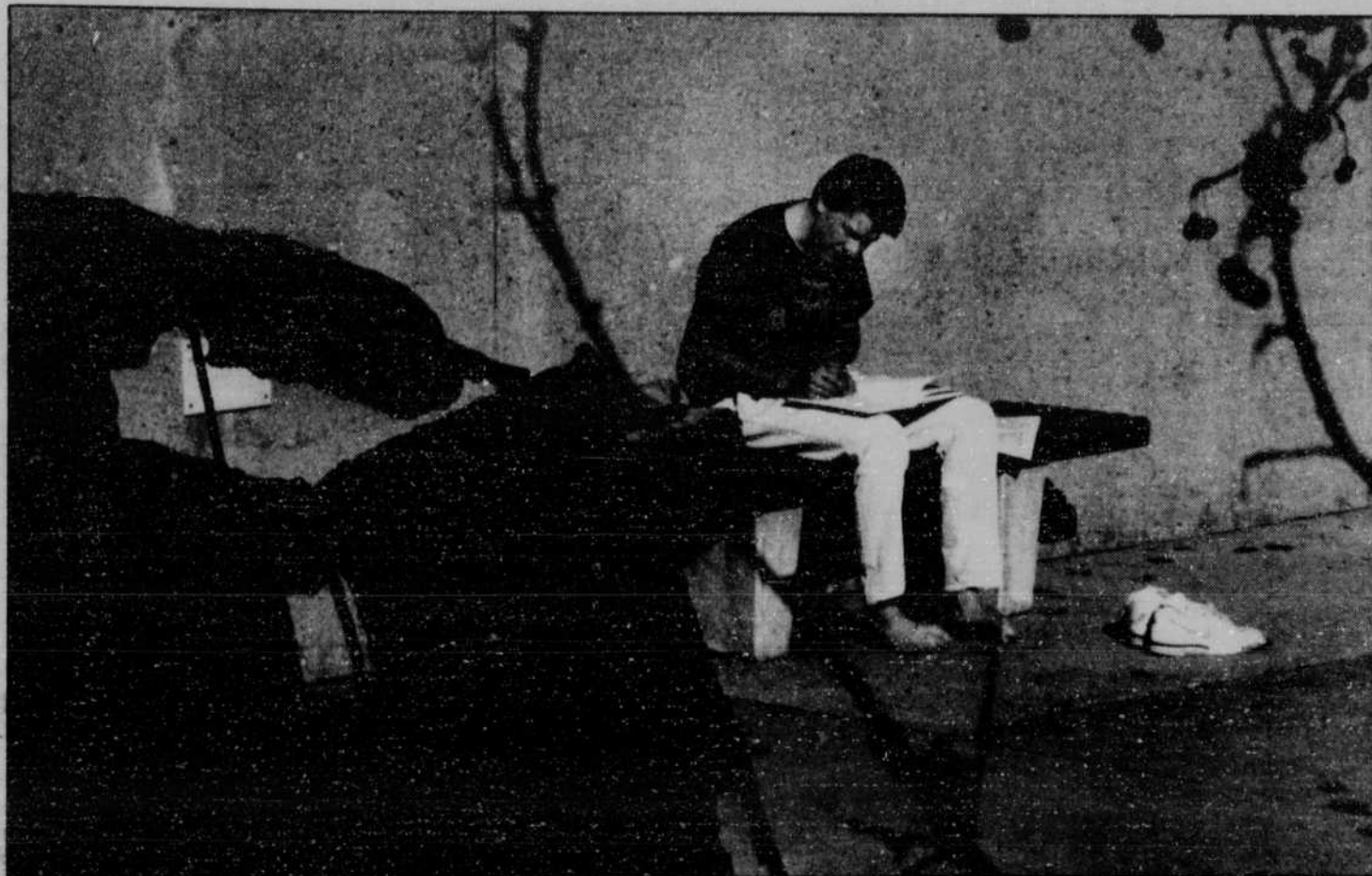
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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today, sunny with the high 55-60 with a southwest wind 5-10 mph. Low around 30 and clear tonight. Mostly sunny Wednesday with the high 55-60.



Barefoot in the park

Mark Petersen, a freshman engineering major, studies chemistry Monday afternoon in the Sheldon Sculpture Garden. The high temperature in Lincoln Monday was 60 degrees.

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Minorities to discuss problems

By Wendy Navratil
Staff Reporter

The retention of minority faculty members and students and misunderstandings between minority athletes and non-athletes are the problems that concern UNL's delegates to the Big Eight Conference on Black Student Government.

The 14th annual conference, which the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will host Thursday through Sunday, focuses on issues that affect black students on predominantly white campuses.

Each of the Big Eight schools sends three delegates to the conference, titled "Know Your History: Culture is Motion." Any interested students may participate in conference activities.

Tina Patterson, the conference chairperson and a sophomore nursing student and senior sociology major, said UNL's biggest problem is not underrepresentation of minority faculty members and students at UNL, but retention.

A study of freshman retention rates done by Institutional Research Planning indicated that 66.7 percent of blacks, 56.3 percent of Hispanics, 76.8 percent of Asians, 76.9 percent of Indians and 72.5 percent of whites enrolled at UNL in the fall of 1989 returned for their sophomore year.

Dwana Williams, Afrikan People's Union president and a senior criminal justice major, said the university environment and the Lincoln community may hold the answers to why minorities leave UNL.

For minority faculty members, she said, the decision to stay at UNL may not be based solely on their salaries, but on less obvious factors such as whether UNL helps their spouses find jobs or whether they feel Lincoln is a good place to raise their children.

"(Jan. 16) was Martin Luther King's birthday," she said. "Did the city of Lincoln do anything? Minority people look at that when they come here."

Theresa Ballard, Afrikan People's Union vice president and a senior news-editorial major, said, "It's a shame to say, but between my friends and me, we've had only one black professor — and we're all seniors."

Williams said, "The school (UNL) would be quick to tell you that minorities aren't qualified for the (faculty) positions, but we need to make sure that they are actually letting minorities know about the positions that open up."

Ballard said the recruitment and retention of minority students is a challenge APU, which is sponsoring the Big Eight conference, is better

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Allies hold line, hit Iraqi tanks

DAHRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP) - Marine "jump jets" hammered Iraqi tanks in the northern sands Monday, while the USS Missouri held down a new front line deep in the gulf.

The Iraqis warned they would fight the Americans in the desert with "the hit-and-run tactic formulated by our ancestors," the Arab raiders of old.

The U.S. military machine woke up Baghdad with "smart" bombs and missiles that sent Iraqis scurrying to basement shelters.

After the Missouri's 16-inch guns announced an escalation in the allied offensive, and as bombs again fell by the ton, an unexpected peace initiative came from Iran, the only avowedly neutral nation in the Persian Gulf.

Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani, who has held discussions with Iraqi and Kuwaiti envoys, said he was willing to meet with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and to resume di-

rect contact with the United States to try to mediate a peaceful settlement.

In Washington, the Bush administration dismissed the likelihood that diplomacy, not war, would drive Iraq from occupied Kuwait.

"I think that we're now in a situation, having embarked on the course we're on, that we will pursue military action until we have achieved our objectives," Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said.

The U.S. command said front-line Marines traded fire with the Iraqis across the border Monday, and Marine pilots reported scoring a major hit against Iraqi armor.

Four AV-8 Harriers, the Marines' vertical-takeoff "jump jets," found and attacked 25 to 30 Iraqi tanks across the border, unloading Rockeye anti-tank bombs.

"The results, from the initial pilot reports, were 25 Iraqi tanks destroyed, or at least burning," said Marine Maj. Gen. Robert Johnston, chief of staff for Operation Desert Storm.

Marine officers earlier reported that two of their Hornet fighter-bombers knocked out an

Iraqi rocket site that had fired on allied positions.

The Marines also said a battalion-size Marine task force opened up with 155mm artillery fire on Iraqi ground radar and infantry positions near the Umm Gudair oil field in southwestern Kuwait, and Marine light armored vehicles exchanged cannon and small-arms fire with Iraqi troops in Kuwait.

No U.S. casualties were reported in those actions.

Late Sunday, Desert Storm airpower pounded an Iraqi convoy on the move in Kuwait, Johnston said. He said the Iraqis, in a clear attempt to reduce the size of targets for allied warplanes, are using smaller convoys than before.

The Air Force's giant B-52 bombers staged six raids on the Republican Guard, Iraq's best troops in the defense of Kuwait, Johnston said.

The half-century-old Missouri fired its 16-inch guns in combat for the first time since the Korean War. The shelling by the giant warship, which previously launched cruise missiles against Iraqi targets, was not reported until Monday.



OPERATION DESERT STORM

LB69 opposed

Senator challenges bill ensuring need-based aid for athletes

By Tabitha Hiner
Senior Reporter

Fearing the wrath of the NCAA, Sen. Elroy Hefner of Coleridge opposed a bill in the Nebraska Legislature on Monday that would ensure that athletes can receive need-based financial aid.

LB69 would prohibit Nebraska colleges and universities from taking away need-based financial aid from athletes because of participation in an intercollegiate athletic program or sport.

Hefner opposed the bill during first-round debate, saying he believed LB69 would put the state in violation of NCAA rules that allow only a certain number of athletes to earn scholarships for each school.

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Chambers state senator

the NCAA," Hefner said. "If we want that changed, then we should go to the NCAA."

However, Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers said former Attorney General Robert Spire told him state law would prevail over an NCAA regulation.

Chambers, LB69's sponsor, said the NCAA does not follow due process and would change its rules only if it were urged to do so by the states.

"The NCAA is an organization that has not been responsive to the dictates of justice and fairness, not just with the students, but with the schools," he said.

Chambers said he introduced the bill to ensure that aid programs created by the Nebraska Legislature would

apply to all students.

LB69 would go "hand-in-glove" with LB397, a bill signed into law in 1990 that requires the NCAA to apply due process when it brings action against a university, he said.

Sen. Chris Beutler of Lincoln said he wondered about the constitutionality of the bill's provision that would make violation of the bill a felony. The bill states that violators of the provision would be subject to a fine but would not have to serve prison time. Felonies normally provide for prison time.

Chambers said he would be willing to take out specific felony violation provisions against athletic organizations and let universities seek injunctions.

Those provisions are not necessary for the achievement of the bill's goal, he said.

"This bill is eminently just," Chambers said. "It is eminently fair. I think it is a mistake . . . to placate the NCAA."

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Jury rejects guard's suit against UNL

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick
Staff Reporter

A U.S. District Court jury on Monday turned down a former UNL security guard's suit against the university and former UNL police detective Ed Mentzer.

Raymond Mahlberg, a former security guard at Love Library, sued Mentzer and the NU Board of Regents for allegedly violating his civil rights during an investigation Mentzer conducted while working for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police Department.

Mahlberg alleged that Mentzer continued the investigation despite the Lancaster County Attorney Office's decision not to pursue the matter.

Mahlberg's complaint stated that

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