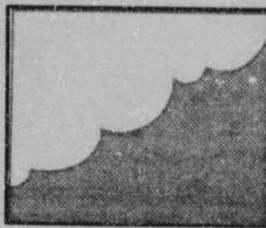


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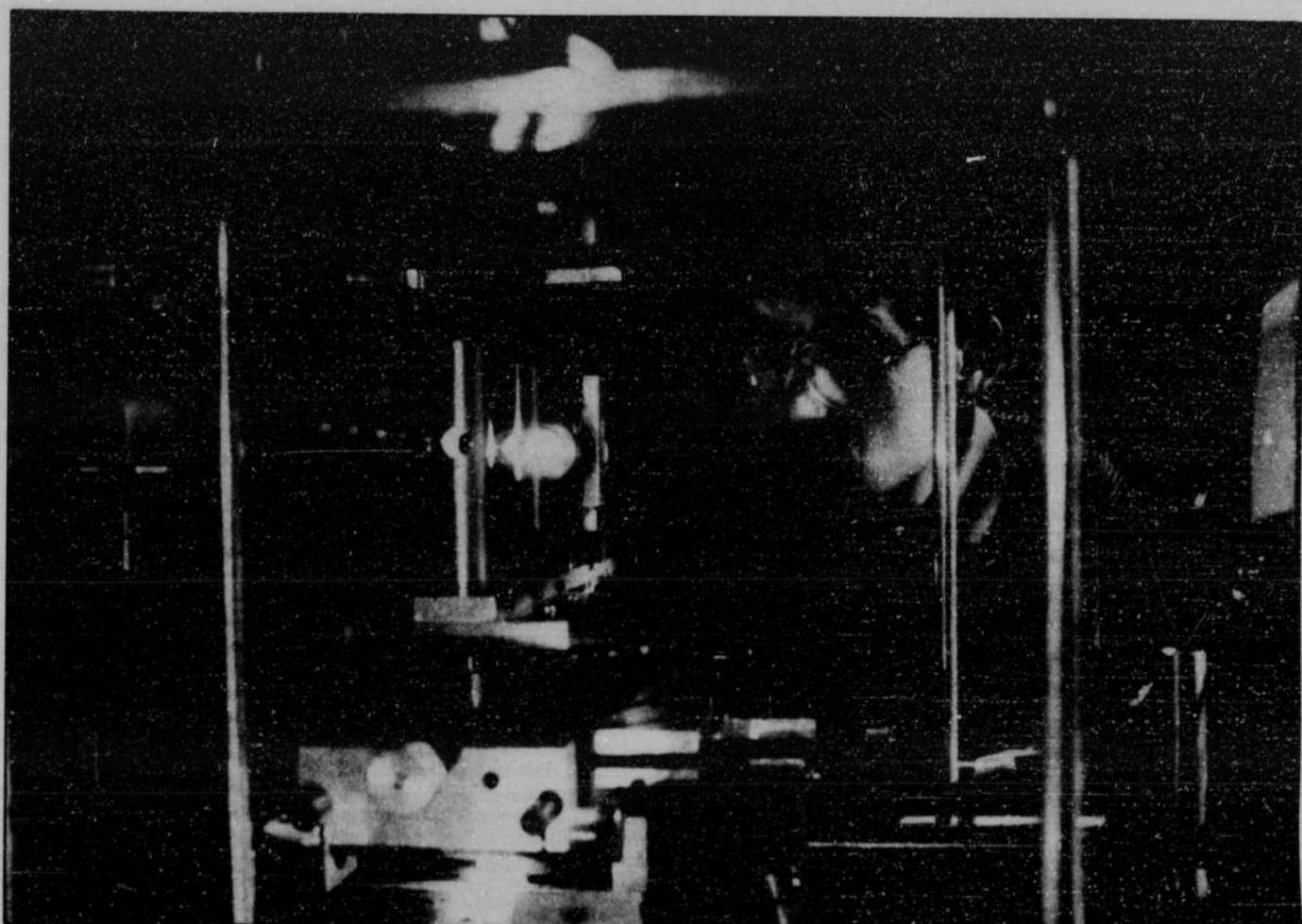
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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today, high near 40 with early morning becoming partly cloudy, and a northwest wind 15-20 mph, diminishing in the afternoon. A few clouds with the low around 20 tonight. Mostly sunny and warmer Wednesday with the high around 50.



Catching some rays

Nate Peachey, a graduate student in physical chemistry, aligns optics for a laser experiment Monday afternoon in Hamilton Hall.

Staci McKee/Daily Nebraskan

Cult activity suspected in Lincoln

By Wendy Navratil
Staff Reporter

With the distinction between cults and legitimate religious groups becoming more murky, UNL administrators, parents and students are growing fearful about the recent establishment of a fundamentalist group on campus.

The group has been identified by various names, including the Lincoln First Church of Christ or simply the Lincoln Church of Christ.

Though little admittedly is known about the group, whose presence on campus was first discovered about 3 1/2 weeks ago according to campus police, it appears that it may be associated with the Boston Church of Christ, an organization that has been identified as a cult by the Chicago Cult Awareness Network.

This group is not to be confused with the traditional Church of Christ or the United Church of Christ, both of which have membership in Lincoln.

In recent years, the Boston Church of Christ has sent missionary teams to various universities throughout the country, including Harvard, Cornell, Marquette and Washington University in St. Louis.

The Boston Church of Christ has been investigated by various cult awareness groups nationwide, and its

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Worst-case scenario

Official: Nelson's budget could devastate IANR

By Lisa Donovan
Senior Reporter

Gov. Ben Nelson's proposed budget increases for the University of Nebraska were so shockingly low that one UNL official said he is planning for the "worst-case scenario."

"We're taking recommendations very seriously, and we're looking at how we would cope with that . . . proposal as he (Nelson) has laid it out at this time," said Irv Omtvedt, vice chancellor for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Nelson proposed giving NU a 7 percent increase for the 1991-93 biennium, 19 percent short of the 26 percent increase NU had requested.

NU falls under the proposed 2 percent across-the-board cuts proposed for all state agencies and the proposed faculty salary increase for postsecondary education institutions of 3.75 percent this year and 4.5 percent for 1992-93.

If the Nebraska Legislature passes the executive budget, Omtvedt said, it could be "devastating" to the IANR.

The institute implemented its strategic plan three years ago to improve curriculum, instruction and research, and Omtvedt said he was concerned that the IANR might lose its momentum.

"We've been pleased with the quality of the faculty we've hired in the last three years," he said. "In most cases we've been able to hire our top

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choices, and we don't want to lose our momentum."

The proposed budget "downsizes" what the institute has been given to

finance itself from year to year. Omtvedt said he was worried the institute would not be able to build on "target areas" such as programs, teaching and research.

Omtvedt said the institute is looking very realistically at the executive budget proposal and is not hopeful that the university will receive its funding requests.

"We're not real optimistic, (especially) the way the state economy looks as far as what the governor is saying," he said.

However, Stan Liberty, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs, said the governor's proposals were unexpected and that he didn't think the state's economic situation warranted such a small increase.

"I was surprised. I just think it's an ultraconservative position — with regard to the budget proposal," he said.

Liberty said it's too early to tell if the economy is going to be as bad as predicted, but adjustments may be made in the second half of the biennium if the state's economic slump is milder than forecasted.

"If the economy isn't as bad as had been predicted, some corrections will have to be made," he said.

As the time draws near for the Appropriations Committee to consider the university budget, which is scheduled for March 4, both Liberty and Omtvedt said they will be meeting with their co-workers to make some contingency plans.

Experts: Gulf economy, history warned of war

By Adeana Leftin
Staff Reporter

War in the Persian Gulf should have been anticipated because of the economy and history of the area, Middle East experts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln said.

Lloyd Ambrosius, acting chair and professor in the Department of History, said the war took many people off guard but should not have come as a total surprise.

Dane Kennedy, an associate professor of history, said Iraq long has had a claim to Kuwait.

The whole area of the Middle East

was under the rule of the Ottoman Empire until the end of World War I, he said.

The Ottomans had joined Germany in the war and with its defeat, the territory was divided primarily between the French and British.

Iraq came under the jurisdiction of Britain, Kennedy said.

Ambrosius said that in 1921, Britain drew a line separating Iraq from Kuwait to make Iraqi access to the Persian Gulf more difficult.

Kennedy called this division "a product of European boardroom decisions."

He said Iraq remained under British rule until the early 1930s. At that time, King Faisal was installed by the British, who continued to exert a major

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TUESDAY

OPERATION DESERT STORM



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KUWAIT

U.S. Navy ships are damaged by floating mines. **Page 2.**

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Comic's humor protested

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick
Staff Reporter

Chanting "Racist, sexist, anti-gay; Sam Kinison go away," protesters representing Queer Nation Nebraska demonstrated in front of the Lied Center for Performing Arts Monday prior to the comedian's performance.

The protesters carried signs with phrases such as "Kinison — AIDS miseducator" and "Sam = death."

Cheri Loofe, spokesperson for Queer Nation, described the group's goal as quelling people's fears about homosexuals. She said the group has about 200 members, at least 20 of whom are University of Nebraska-Lincoln students.

Loofe said Queer Nation objected to the AIDS misinformation they said was in Kinison's act and his "gay and lesbian bashing."

"We're protesting Kinison's hu-

mor, not him personally," she said. "We have enough bigots in Nebraska already, we don't need to bring any more in."

Protester Danny Smith, a Lincoln resident, said he didn't hate Kinison. "I just wish people would think about the nature of his humor and why they think it is funny."

Smith, who wore a dress to the protest, said he thought Kinison's humor was hostile to women as well as minorities.

"His act makes women out to somehow be the cause of men's problems."

"He screams a lot about the women who have hurt him — I wonder if this is some kind of catharsis for him," Smith said.

Elizabeth Kimberly, a UNL junior, said Queer Nation had brought visibility to the homosexual move-

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