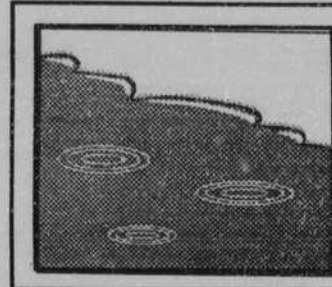


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WEATHER

A 70 percent chance of showers today with a south wind 10-20 mph and the high 50-55. Tonight, a 30 percent chance of snow with the low 25-30. Mostly cloudy Saturday, with a 30 percent chance of snow and the high around 35.

Governor signs athlete-aid bill into law

By Lisa Donovan
Senior Reporter

Gov. Ben Nelson signed into law Thursday a bill that allows student athletes at Nebraska's postsecondary educational institutions to receive the full amount of need-based financial aid for which they are eligible.

The law clashes with current NCAA rules allowing students to accept only a portion of need-based financial aid.

In a letter to state senators, Nelson said he thought the majority of legislators wanted to "send a strong message" to the NCAA.

"By signing the bill into law, I have joined them (senators) in the fervent hope that this voluntary national organization will do the right thing and allow both needy and academically talented young Americans to draw all the student aid for which they qualify," he said.

Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha, LB69's sponsor, who said he was criticized heavily for proposing the bill, said he was happy to see the governor sign it.

"I was as pleased by the rationale he (Nelson) included in his letter as I am by his signature," Chambers said. Chambers said he has been trying

to get the bill, in some form, signed into law for about three years now.

He said he will pursue another NCAA-violating bill that lawmakers voted down this session. The bill would call for paying members of the NU football team.

Sen. Elroy Hefner of Coleridge, a long-time foe of LB69, said he was disappointed the financial aid bill passed into law.

"I fought the battle all the way through," he said.

Hefner said he will work with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to examine how the law will affect student athletes.

He said he was pleased the law will not go into effect until June 1, 1992, so the Nebraska Legislature has an additional session to see if it is what the state wants.

Predicting Nebraska's colleges and universities will be sanctioned, Hefner said he fears the NCAA may revoke football teams' television rights or not allow the teams to participate in bowl games.

Rich Hilliard, a director of enforcement for the NCAA, said it would be up to the other members of the athletic association to sanction Nebraska's college and university athletic programs.

If the member states decide to take issue with Nebraska's new law, Hilliard said, it probably would be at the annual NCAA convention in January 1992.

However, "the membership may not find it a pressing issue" and may not address it, Hilliard said.

Bob Devaney, NU athletic director, said he would work toward convincing the NCAA to change its financial aid rules so the state would be in compliance with the athletic association's regulations.

"We're (athletic department) not against it... (but) I do not want to be in violation of NCAA rules," he said.

Professors: Arab reactions unpredictable

By Alan Phelps
Staff Reporter

As the war in the Persian Gulf winds down, three University of Nebraska-Lincoln professors cautioned that coalition cooperation won't necessarily lead to improved American-Arab relations.

"I guess I wouldn't anticipate any major change. It's difficult to generalize for all Arabs. There will be different reactions in different places," said Lloyd Ambrosius, a UNL history

professor.

Jessica Coope, an assistant history professor, said the United States probably would enjoy improved relations with Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, but cited Jordan as an example of a country with which relations would worsen.

While David Forsythe, a political science professor at UNL, agreed that different countries will react in different ways, he said problems in the region would continue whether or not American-Arab relations were improved.

"I don't think everything will be nice and easy for the U.S. in the Middle East. There will always be problems in the Middle East. It's quite clear you have demonstrations in Amman, Jordan, and Cairo, Egypt, against the U.S. It's not as if everyone in the Arab world was terribly happy with us.

"Anyone who is optimistic about the Middle East doesn't understand the Middle East," he said.

Forsythe said he had thought the United States casualty figure would

be higher at the end of the war.

"The Iraqi forces did have a track record of fighting well defensively. The collapse of their forces took everyone by surprise," he said.

He added that these types of questions of power are frequently answered on the battlefield.

"No one knows ahead of time what the will of the armies is, or how effective the bombing will be," he said.

"There's no way to be scientific about

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Vending machines to supply condoms in residence halls

By Carissa Moffat
Staff Reporter

Although condom machines will not be placed in the residence halls, plans now call for the placement of discreet condom packages in vending machines, housing officials said.

Doug Zatechka, director of housing at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said the housing department has ruled out the installation of condom machines in residence halls because other schools that have them report they aren't used.

"If we're going to do something that tries to provide some attention to the prevention of disease, including AIDS, and the prevention of pregnancy, there is some merit in doing something that works," he said. "What we're looking at right now is packaging the devices along with spermicidal cream, depending on the cost of all these things.

"We also have to make the point that there are other means of protection, including abstinence," he said.

"Whatever we do, the packaging will include educational material."

He said the housing department plans to put the packages in small envelopes and offer them through the vending machines in the halls.

That way, if a student goes to buy condoms, he said, there is some sense of privacy.

Zatechka said the department first looked at ways to have condoms for sale in discreet ways across the counters at residence hall snack bars or front desks. But officials thought that might inhibit some students from purchasing the packages, he said.

Belise Draper, RHA residential enhancement chairperson, said the goal of the Residence Hall Association was to get condoms into residence halls in some form.

"We would like to have condoms in the dorms because of the convenience of having them there," she said.

She said the University Health Center, which sells condoms from an honor-system fishbowl, is not easily accessible for students who live in some residence halls and that the majority of the several hundred students she has talked to are in favor of having condoms available in the halls.

Draper said RHA plans to inform students of the availability of condoms through programs by peer sexuality educators from the University Health Center.

Zatechka and Draper both agreed that the cost of the packages should be kept low, but no price has been set.



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Kristi Truex, the ENERGY candidate for first vice president for ASUN, emphasizes her point during the debate at the Culture Center Thursday night as presidential candidate J. Matt Wickless listens.

Candidates debate ASUN power for change

By Dionne Searcey
Staff Reporter

Executive candidates of three parties running for ASUN said in a debate Thursday they will use ASUN's power to change policies affecting UNL students, but the parties disagreed about taking a day off from school.

Andy Massey, presidential candidate for

UNITY, said the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska currently has the power to effect change in problem areas. He cited English fluency tests for professors, which would be more stringent under a legislative bill and higher admissions standards, which are being considered by university administrators, as policies student government can influence.

"Under the established power, students united can do quite a bit," he said.

J. Matt Wickless, presidential candidate for ENERGY, agreed.

Wickless said that in the past, ASUN

didn't lack the power to make changes, but lacked energy to solve problems.

"ASUN does have the power. It's a matter of whether ASUN does it or not," he said. ASUN members should have common goals to change apathetic attitudes, he said, and band together to lobby for student interests.

Kristi Truex, ENERGY first vice presidential candidate, said her party's plan — action, involvement and public relations — would strengthen ASUN, which could then work more effectively to further student

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