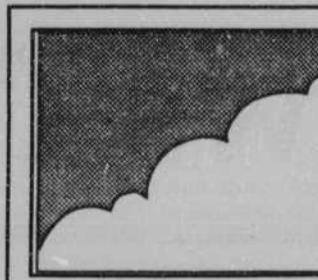


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WEATHER

Partly cloudy and warm today with the high near 70 and a southwest wind 10-20 mph. Increasing cloudiness tonight with the low in the mid- to upper-30s. A 30 percent chance of rain Wednesday with the high 45-50.



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NU President Martin Massengale rubs his eyes during testimony before the Nebraska Legislature's Appropriations Committee Monday.

Moore: NU, Nebraska ride in same boat

Lisa Donovan
Senior Reporter

Assuring University of Nebraska officials that they were dealing with tough economic times, state Sen. Scott Moore said Monday that the Legislature's budget proposal was not designed to discipline the university.

"This committee is arguably not trying to treat the university unfairly at all, but given the budgetary times — you're in the same boat with us."



"We are not punishing the children for our misgivings as a parent," he said.

Moore of Seward, Appropriations Committee chairman, was speaking in reference to testimony from NU officials urging the Nebraska Legislature's Appropriations Committee to reconsider its budget proposal for the university.

The committee in late February released a preliminary budget proposal for the University of Nebraska that included 4 percent faculty salary increases for 1991-92 and similar increases for 1992-93.

In his executive budget proposal, Gov. Ben Nelson had recommended a 3.75 percent faculty salary increase for 1991-92.

The committee also proposed not increasing funding for the Nebraska Research Initiative, a five-year plan now in its third year to increase university research funding by \$4 million

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Lack of funds threatens museum's accreditation

By Dionne Searcey
Staff Reporter

Morrill Hall is in danger of losing accreditation because the museum can't afford to hire enough employees to give its displays adequate attention, the museum's director said.

Museum director Hugh Genoways said the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Morrill Hall doesn't have enough money to hire employees to maintain new displays proposed in a bill in the Nebraska Legislature.

LB828 would grant up to \$2 million for Morrill Hall renovation and must be matched by non-state funds.

If the bill passes, Genoways said, the museum will have money to build displays for specimens that have been in storage since 1987.

But, he said, the museum doesn't have enough employees to care for the exhibits because about \$200,000 more is needed to meet reaccreditation standards requiring employees to care for specimens.

"If we got \$4 million today, we don't have the staff to put the whole thing to-

“The reason we won't get accredited is because we're still not doing things in a professional manner -- that's maintaining current exhibits.”

Genoways
Museum director

gether," he said.

Currently, two employees care for Morrill Hall's permanent exhibits, Genoways said. If the \$4 million in renovations is completed, he said, the museum will need to hire about 15 people to care for the displays.

The \$2 million allocated by the bill is intended for display renovation and cannot be used to hire employees for accreditation, he said.

Morrill Hall is reviewed for accreditation by the Association of American Museums every 10 years.

In 1988, Morrill Hall was only temporarily accredited because of "serious deficiencies," including not employing enough staff members to maintain collections, Genoways said.

If Morrill Hall does not receive accredita-

tion in 1992 when the current accreditation expires, he said, it will have a damaging effect because working for an unaccredited museum is "a black mark on (employees') careers" and federal grants are not given to unaccredited museums. Last year, the museum received \$150,000 in federal funds.

In order to receive accreditation, Genoways said, museums must undergo a tedious application process.

The initial step takes six to nine months, he said, in which the museum must answer questions about budgets, staff and researchers and photographs must be taken of every room in the museum.

Genoways said that after this information is submitted, a group of researchers visits the museum and submits a report to the association's accreditation commission.

Morrill Hall won't look too good in the report, Genoways said.

"The reason we won't get accredited is because we're still not doing things in a professional manner — that's maintaining current exhibits," he said.

Genoways said Morrill Hall requested \$200,000 in the University of Nebraska's biennial budget but the university didn't present the request to the Nebraska Legislature.

Kim Phelps, assistant vice chancellor for business and finance and director of UNL's budget, said Morrill Hall's request was sixth on UNL's budget priority list. Only the top five UNL requests were included in the university's capital construction priority list presented to the Legislature, he said.

"Their request was worthy of consideration. It was just the fact that . . . it wasn't economically advisable to send all the items on the priority list . . . We had to draw the line," Phelps said.

Genoways said the university has helped Morrill Hall in the past, but now, Morrill

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Regent recall

Stenberg rules bill unconstitutional

By Dionne Searcey
Staff Reporter

Nebraska Attorney General Don Stenberg issued an opinion Monday stating that a bill allowing for the recall of the NU regents is unconstitutional.

LB54, sponsored by Sen. Ron Withem of Papillion, would permit Nebraskans to recall members of the NU Board of Regents.

Stenberg said providing for the recall of NU regents should be a constitutional amendment, not a bill.

"... the Legislature has no power to provide by statute for the removal

of a member of the Board of Regents," Stenberg said.

The Nebraska Constitution states that NU regents are elected for six-year fixed terms.

Under the Nebraska Constitution, Stenberg said, replacements for elected state officials can be appointed only because of death, resignation or impeachment.

"We are, therefore, of the opinion that elected state constitutional officers can only be removed from office for those reasons . . . an appropriate constitutional amendment would be required to permit the recall of a state constitutional officer," he said.

Withem said he was prepared for controversy over the bill and would not challenge Stenberg's opinion.

LB54 might be amended, he said, to decrease regents' terms to four years to give voters "greater access and greater ability" to select the regents.

"Rather than recall them (NU regents), they'd have to answer to voters," he said.

Withem said he introduced the bill because his constituents were upset with the firing of former NU President Ronald Roskens and the controversial hiring of his replacement, Martin Massengale.

TUESDAY



Nebraskans may no longer have to go to neighboring states to purchase alcohol after 1 a.m. Page 6.

With his first Big Eight title in hand, Husker senior wrestler Jason Kelber hopes to go national. Page 7.

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Consultants cite lack of parking for commuters

By Cindy Kimbrough
Staff Reporter

The biggest demand for more parking is among student commuters to City Campus, and UNL should work to fulfill some of their needs, parking consultants told the UNL Parking Advisory Committee on Monday.

Richard Kenney, vice president of Walker Parking Consultants of Minneapolis, said there are 2,272 commuter spots on City Campus, but there is a demand for 4,551 spaces.

The commuter need is much greater than the 51 extra spaces needed for

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