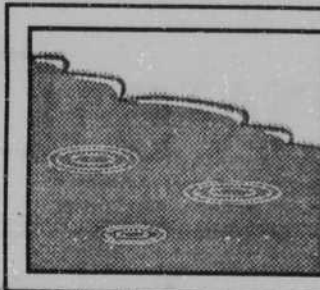


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WEATHER

Colder today with showers changing to snow later and the high in the mid-40s. A 70 percent chance of snow tonight with the low in the mid-to upper-20s. Wednesday, a 40 percent chance of snow with the high 35-40.

Tax increase could help NU, regent says

By Lisa Donovan
Senior Reporter

NU Regent Chuck Wilson of Lincoln told lawmakers Monday that he thought one way to honor the university's 1991-92 \$35 million budget increase request was to raise taxes.

"I feel so strongly about investing in the university... what has to be done has to be done," Wilson told the Legislature's Education Committee during a budget hearing.

State Sen. Chris Beutler of Lincoln said he wanted to know if the University of Nebraska expected tax revenues to pay for its entire budget request.

"Realizing how painful that is (tax increases), how much of the \$35 million would you have us raise taxes for? All of it?" Beutler asked.

Wilson and NU President Martin Massengale said that at this point it would be difficult to make a prediction.

The NU system, which includes the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Nebraska Medical Center and the soon-to-be University of Nebraska at Kearney, has requested \$308,866,691 for 1991-1992, which would require a \$35 million increase in state funding.

The Appropriations Committee, in its preliminary recommendation, proposed \$275,491,617, which would be a \$2 million increase in state support.

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NU president Martin Massengale (left) and NU Regent Chuck Wilson testify about the NU budget before the Legislature's Education Committee.

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Charges cleverly timed, party says

By Dionne Searcey
Staff Reporter

The HORIZN party made last-minute charges against ENERGY presidential candidate J. Matt Wickless so that ENERGY would not have a chance to give its side of the story, ENERGY party members said Monday.

At a press conference, ENERGY said the HORIZN allegations were "cleverly held in a press conference" Friday so that ENERGY wouldn't have much time to respond before the elections for Association of Students of the University of Nebraska on Wednesday.

But Colin Theis, senatorial candidate for HORIZN, said the conference was held late in

the week so the party could verify the allegations.

"We waited until the last minute because we didn't want to lie about anything he did," Theis said.

HORIZN members said at Friday's press conference that Wickless had treated some members of the Residence Hall Association to a \$13.05 Burger King dinner during his term in the RHA senate. They also said he remained in the senate when his grade point average fell below the required 2.0.

ENERGY campaign manager John Gibson said Monday that RHA did not officially accuse Wickless of being unable to meet the GPA requirement when he was an RHA senator in

1989.

Gibson called the allegation involving the Burger King dinner "stupid" because it was not a major issue.

"It wasn't a big deal. It was nothing," he said.

Wickless agreed.

"The \$13.05 is five one-hundredths of 1 percent of RHA's budget each semester," he said.

Theis disagreed on the ramifications of Wickless' alleged action.

"If it was me in that situation politically, I'd say the same thing," Theis said. "It's a matter of credibility, responsibility and ethics, and I think he failed at all three of those."

Perestroika not working yet

Future worries Soviet professor

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick
Staff Reporter

Events in the politically turbulent Soviet Union will have a direct effect on the future of world freedom, according to a professor of history from Moscow State University.

Apollon Borisovich Davidson, who spoke Monday in Oldfather Hall, said changes now under way in the Soviet Union could destabilize the country, leading to anarchy or a dictatorship in the tradition of Joseph Stalin or Saddam Hussein, which would endanger world peace.

Because "it is evident the Soviet Union is still a superpower despite its difficulties," Davidson said, a dictatorship could threaten "the future of humanity."

He praised Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's political reforms, or perestroika, but he faulted them for causing many of the Soviet Union's problems.

"Perestroika has so far had no positive economic effects. The old system doesn't work, and the new

system isn't working yet," he said.

Davidson said perestroika's main difficulty was that the Soviet Union's new democratic institutions have no experience or tradition to draw from and have no real power.

"The people are tired, and they don't trust the government," he said.

"They have been working for decades for a better future which has never appeared."

Davidson said a second difficulty with perestroika was factionalism among the Soviet Union's 200 nationalities and 15 republics.

"We have regions inside republics declaring their independence from the republics, which are declaring their independence from the country," he said.

Disputes have contributed to a growing trend of conservatism in the Soviet Union, he said.

He said KGB leaders, the patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church and various government officials sent Gorbachev a letter in December demanding he enforce discipline in the country, regardless of the legality

of such actions.

Davidson said there was significant opposition to perestroika in his country.

"Many people support Gorbachev's capitalistic moves, but there is a strong anti-capitalistic movement," he said.

He said a major obstacle to perestroika is that years of government propaganda have caused many Soviets to dislike the West and the United States specifically.

He said he was unsure if Gorbachev would survive as president.

"I respect this man. He is the first Soviet leader I can respect."

"But the situation he inherited is so difficult that I don't know (if he can survive)."

Davidson said he agreed with an author who had described Gorbachev as "the man who changed the world and lost his country."

He ended his speech by saying he was not optimistic about the near future of the Soviet Union.

"I love my country, though, and I want to hope it will find the right way."

Party's recycling pledge challenged

By Cindy Kimbrough
Staff Reporter

An ENERGY party platform requiring use of recycled paper wasn't followed by the party on its printed platform, a copying company employee said. The ENERGY party running in the elections for the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska did not print its platform on recycled paper, Kinko's employee James Hilyard said.

The party has said it printed its party posters on recycled paper. ENERGY's platform states that it would require all ASUN documents to be printed on recycled paper and press for university documents to be printed on recycled paper. ENERGY was the only party that pledged to print its platform on recyclable paper.

Hilyard, a junior advertising major at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said he recently assisted

ENERGY party members with some of their printing and they did not request recycled paper.

J. Matt Wickless, ENERGY presidential candidate, said that because of time restraints, the platforms and some signs endorsing certain candidates were not printed on recycled paper.

Kinko's, 1201 Q St., was close and had quick service, which is what ENERGY needed under the two-week time allowed to prepare for elections, Wickless said. He said Kinko's requires pre-ordering for printing on yellow recycled paper, which would have taken too much time.

Wickless said that two months ago the party surveyed Lincoln printing companies for one that could print on yellow recycled paper with soybean ink.

Capitol Graphics, 123 N. 25th, printed all 4,000 ENERGY logo posters on recycled paper with soybean ink, he said.