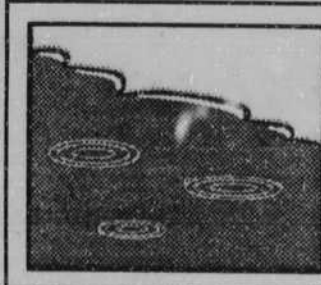


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WEATHER

Mostly cloudy today with the high around 35 and morning flurries. Tonight, partly cloudy with the low around 25. Thursday, partly cloudy with the high 35-40.



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Students listen to a final debate between the ASUN candidate parties Tuesday afternoon in the Nebraska Union.

Candidates debate ROTC discrimination

By Adeana Leftin
Staff Reporter

ASUN candidates clashed at the final election debate in the Nebraska Union Tuesday on the best way to change ROTC's policy of excluding gays and lesbians. UNITY presidential candidate Andy Massey said removing discrimination from ROTC is not something the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska can accomplish.

"Our time could be spent in other areas where we could get something accomplished," he said in response to a question during the open forum debate.

Eric Thurber, first vice presidential candidate for UNITY, agreed with Massey, saying that because the ban on homosexuals is national policy, he thought there was little or nothing ASUN could do about it.

"There's no power that we have there," he said.

But Lynn Kister, first vice presidential candidate for the CHANGE party, disagreed.

Removing discrimination from ROTC is not an "out-of-sight" goal for ASUN, Kister said.

"I'm not going to let the nation's government tell me what to do if I think it's wrong," she said.

Kister cited the example of the University of Minnesota, which passed a policy saying that if ROTC does not remove the discriminatory clause by 1993, the program will be removed from campus.

"We have to start doing things here, right now, if we want the federal government to change their regulations," she said.

Kister also said that CHANGE is the only party to embody diversity. But she said that only by restructuring the senate could ASUN really represent the students.

"I think... structuring it by living unit does open it up more to students," she said.

ENERGY party candidates said they would like to see accomplishments within ASUN.

Chris Halligan, second vice presidential candidate for ENERGY, said ASUN has be-

come "a playground for resumé-builders."

He compared the senate to a race car run into the ground by senators who used it for a joyride. ENERGY, he said, would be the mechanic.

"It's time ASUN became a student government that the students are proud of instead of mad at," Halligan said.

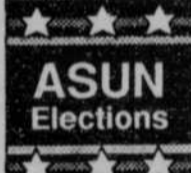
ENERGY candidates also suggested ways to deal with campus rape.

Kristi Truex, ENERGY first vice presidential candidate, said security is not the only or best way to solve problems of campus rape.

"The problem does not stem from the security issue of lighting or escorts; it stems from the attitudes that people have," she said.

Truex said education is the best tool to prevent rape, and she suggested incorporating rape education into the University Foundations program.

David Spinar, a senatorial candidate running with the HORIZN party, said the issue of rape is not on his party's platform, but he thinks the University of Nebraska-Lincoln police could do a better job of patrolling at night with help from the Lincoln police.



Women at UNL face inequality, professors say

By Stacey McKenzie
Staff Reporter

To effect change, a "collective story" should be told about the problems women face while employed or enrolled at UNL, one faculty member said Tuesday at a women's issues forum in the Nebraska Union.

Elizabeth Kean, an associate professor for curriculum and instruction at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said women should combine their individual experiences of discrimination and inequality to have a greater impact.

Susan Welch, chairwoman of the Chancellor's Commission on the Status

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Bill to strengthen coordinating commission considered Official: Funds, members key

By Kathy Wiemers
Staff Reporter

The effectiveness of a strengthened Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education will depend on quality members and adequate funds to do its job, the current director said.

Bruce Stahl, the coordinating commission's executive director, told participants in an education leadership meeting in the Nebraska Union on Tuesday that the new commission's success or failure will be attributable to good appointments and enough state funding.

Nebraska voters approved a constitutional amendment in November to strengthen the current coordinating commission, which serves only as an advisory body.

LB663, now under consideration in the Nebraska Legislature, would

implement the strengthened commission, which would have governor-appointed members. The new commission would take over in January 1992.

Stahl said the new commission needs a \$1 million budget every year to be successful. The money requested of the Legislature would be used to increase the commission staff from three to 16 employees, Stahl said.

More employees are needed to meet the increased load that will fall on the commission, he said.

Part of the board's duties, as outlined in LB663, would be to review and approve budget requests, administer loans and grants, approve new programs, consider role and mission statements and study current programs.

The new commission will not be a governing board, Stahl said, but it is difficult to separate coordination and

governance.

One of the sticky issues will be admissions standards, he said. The commission is charged with studying whether to change the standards, but admissions clearly is a governance issue, he said.

Admissions is just one of the "gray areas" the commission will have to work through, Stahl said, to ensure coordination and governance are separate.

He said another facet of the creation of a strengthened commission will be appointments.

Stahl said he hopes the governor will appoint commission members who will not represent a particular institution, but rather the whole state.

Commission members representing segments of higher education would not help the commission accomplish its objective of statewide coordination, he said.

Scale down Beadle plans, Kerrey says

By Lisa Donovan
Senior Reporter

The University of Nebraska should redraw its plan for the George W. Beadle Center for Genetics and Biomaterials Research to downsize the research facility's cost by \$10 million, said U.S. Sen. Bob Kerrey.

Kerrey, D-Neb., said in a phone interview from Washington on Tuesday that the administrators, regents and other NU officials should write a new proposal for the Beadle Center to reduce its cost from the expected \$37 million to \$27 million.

Currently, the Beadle Center plan, which includes a new research center and greenhouse and utility renovation, needs state financing of \$6 million to match the \$17.7 million in federal funds that has been granted.

Kerrey said he is worried, given the current economic downturn, that the state may have a difficult time raising the \$6 million needed to match the U.S. Department of Agriculture funds.

He also said that asking for additional monies for this project "will inhibit (funding for) other projects" at the university.

NU Board of Regents Chairman Don Blank of McCook said that the way the economy is shaping up, the Beadle Center has no choice but to suffer some cuts.

"If the dollars aren't available... there will have to be some scaling back," he said.

Blank said he is confident the state can raise the \$6 million.

"I hope that the support is there," he said. "With all of the discussion and publicity in the last two months, I'm hopeful that state funding will take place."

If the plans for the Beadle Center collapsed, Blank said, it would be detrimental to Nebraska's research effort.

"We'll really lose a lot if we don't get that through," he said.

Marion O'Leary, director and professor at the Center for Biological Chemistry at UNL, said the Beadle Center plan is so "tightly built" or closely budgeted that the cuts could ruin the entire plan.

"We think scaling it down would be a serious detriment to the program," he said.

"Scaling it down would be like taking a wheel off a car."

O'Leary said the university hasn't made any contingency plans to reduce the cost of the Beadle Center, as Kerrey has suggested.

"It (slashing funds) would take a major reorganization of the program and we simply have not done that," he said.

Kerrey said he was confident that the project would be a success, but that the university needed to move ahead with the plan.

"The university is... going to have to proceed" now if it is to finish the project this year, which Kerrey said he would like to see.