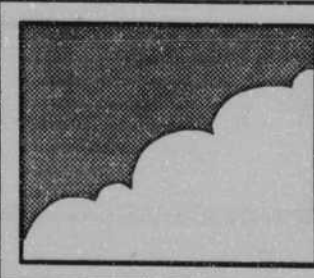


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## WEATHER

Partly cloudy today, high 40-45, southeast wind 10-15 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy, low near 30. Saturday, mostly cloudy, 30 percent chance of rain or snow, high near 40.

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## Regents expected to OK UNO, UNK pay raises

By Dionne Searcey  
Staff Reporter

The NU Board of Regents is expected to approve collective bargaining faculty salary increases for UNO and UNK at its meeting Saturday, arousing concerns about the future of salaries for UNL faculty members.

The University of Nebraska at Omaha and the future University of Nebraska at Kearney, which joins the NU system July 1, will ask the NU regents to approve salary agreements Saturday at the board's monthly meeting.

UNO will request a 6.5 percent increase and UNK will request a 8.72 percent increase for next year, as outlined in the collective bargaining agreements.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln does not have a collective bargaining arrangement, however, so no contract will be approved. The regents will decide UNL faculty salaries after the Nebraska Legislature approves budget decisions later this spring.

George Tuck, president-elect of the Academic Senate, said faculty members have received pay increases

the last three years without collective bargaining.

For the past three years, university faculty and staff members received increases of more than 10 percent each year as part of an initiative to bring NU salaries to the midpoint of those of its peer institutions.

This year, Gov. Ben Nelson has proposed an increase of only 3.75 percent because of a tight state budget. The Nebraska Legislature's Appropriations Committee made a preliminary budget that would give university faculty a 4 percent increase.

To make faculty salary increases higher than those the Legislature approves, the university would have to reallocate resources, raise tuition or both.

Academic Senate President James McShane said he doesn't know if UNL will receive the same salary increases as UNK and UNO, but he was concerned because of the low increases proposed by the governor and the Appropriations Committee.

Cutting programs is troubling, McShane said, if the university decides to reach the 10 percent salary raises requested by the regents to the

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## Massey declines pedestal

# New ASUN president promises open door

By Adeana Leftin  
Staff Reporter

After two almost sleepless nights and a day full of calls from reporters, relatives and friends, ASUN President-elect Andy Massey is tired.

"You never really prepare yourself to win," he says. "All of a sudden, your role changes."

But Massey says that in spite of the fact that his role in the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska has changed, he won't.

He says that if he were treated differently he wouldn't be able to relate to the average student.

"As an average student, I don't want to be put on a pedestal," Massey says.

Being approachable is important to Massey. He says he thought University of Nebraska-Lincoln students believe the ASUN president is unap-

proachable.

"I'm not the best politician," he says, "but I've always tried to be approachable."

Massey says that if a student came to him with a problem that he didn't agree with, he would find a senator who did. And he hopes students will bring their problems to ASUN.

But, Massey says, part of that responsibility is theirs.

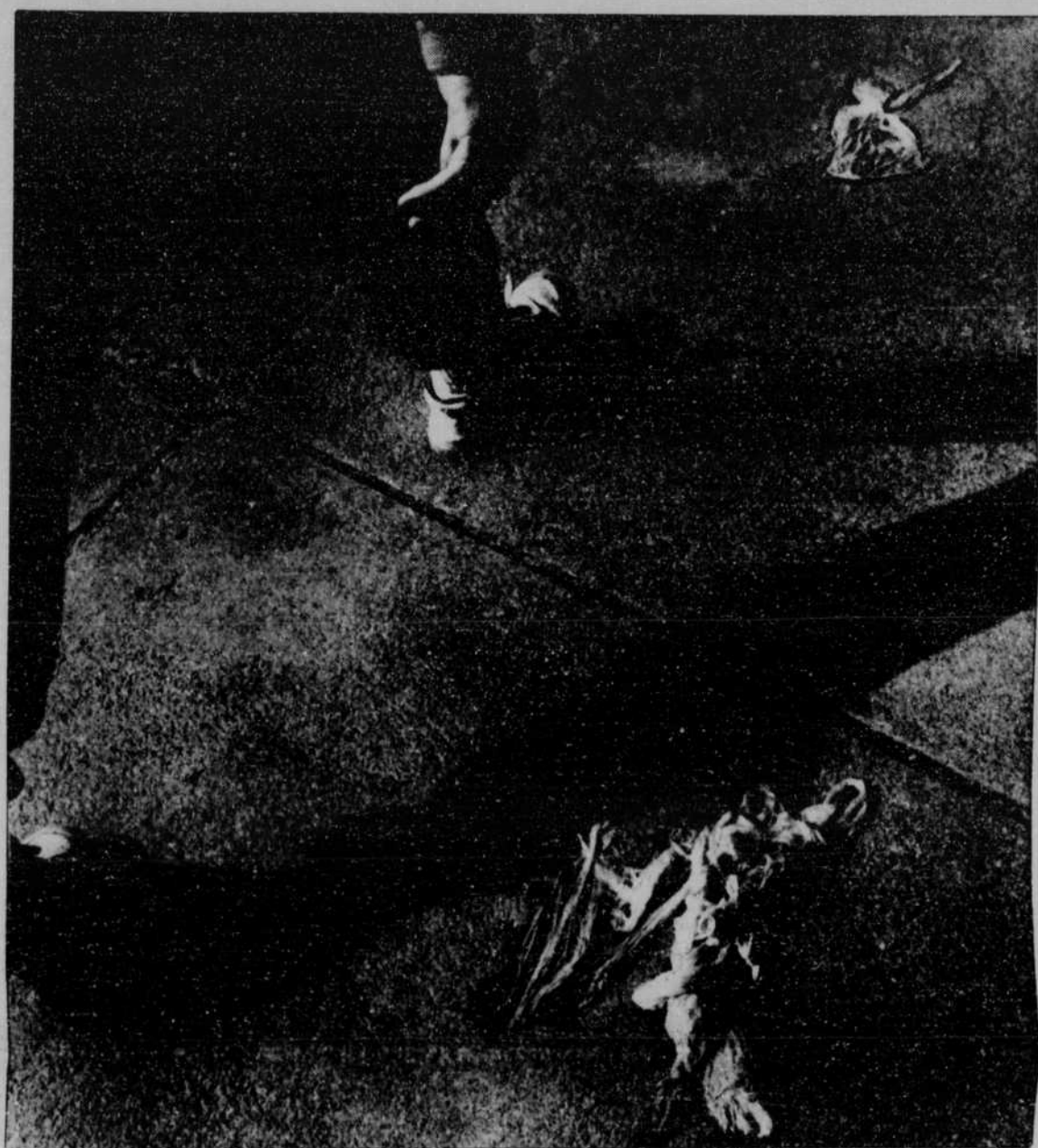
"We're here to serve the students and they need to realize that — that the door is open," he says.

Massey says he will expect a lot of hard work and dedication from the senators.

He is planning to get the senators prepared for the upcoming year by having a retreat the weekend after their installation on April 3.

At the retreat, Massey says, he will give senators a packet of facts about

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The party's over

A student walks past deflated ASUN campaign balloons near the College of Business Administration on Tuesday.

Michelle Paulman/Daily Nebraskan

## Registration by phone on hold

By Eric Pfanner  
Editor

Beth Eslinger needed a study break on an afternoon last October. Instead of ordering pizza, she decided to register for spring semester classes.

Eslinger, a junior English major, called the registration computer from home on her touch-tone telephone. She keyed in codes for four courses in English, one in political science and one in history.

Before she went back to her books, a mechanical voice listed her confirmed schedule. The call took about five minutes.

Eslinger doesn't have a special phone. She goes to Iowa State University.

Iowa State is one of two Big Eight schools that have installed touch-tone registration. The other is the University of Colorado. Five Big Eight schools register students with individual sessions at computer terminals.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is the only Big Eight university that still uses course request forms. It's the only university that isn't "on line" — students don't immediately get confirmed schedules when they finish registering.

Some UNL officials defend the system, saying it is more flexible and efficient than the on-line terminals. But most agree that a move to the cutting edge of technology — touch-tone registration linked to an integrated database of student records and information — would benefit administrators, professors and, most of all, students.

"It's certainly something we want," said Ted Pfeifer, UNL director of registration and records. Until December, it looked like

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# State could make waves in relativity theory

By Kristie Coda  
Staff Reporter

Nebraska has thrown its hat into the ring to be the home of a \$200 million scientific project aiming to finally prove a portion of Albert Einstein's theory of relativity, a UNL professor said.

"This would be a whole new kind of astron-

omy," said William Campbell, professor and vice chairman of the physics and astronomy department at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The project involves building a pair of laboratories 1,500 to 3,000 miles apart to detect gravitational waves from distant, massive, accelerating astronomical bodies such as supernovae and binary stars, he said.

The project, called the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory, is a joint venture between the California Institute of Technology and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Campbell said detection of such gravitational waves finally would verify Einstein's theory of relativity prediction of the existence of gravity waves from massive objects.

Other aspects of the theory have been observed and recorded, but the technology has not existed to detect gravitational waves, which belong to an entirely different spectrum from light waves, he said.

Although Einstein's theory has not yet been physically proved, indirect and theoretical

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## Gender amendment fails to pass

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick  
Staff Reporter

An amendment to change all gender references in the ASUN constitution failed to pass Wednesday despite the fact that two-thirds of students who voted on the issue approved of the change.

The amendment would have

changed all references in the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska constitution from he or him to she/he or her/him.

The ASUN constitution stipulates that an amendment must be "ratified by a two-thirds majority vote of the eligible students voting in the election."

More than two-thirds — 1,472 of

2,153 — of the students voting on the amendment approved it. But 228 of the 2,381 students who cast ballots did not vote on the issue, so only 61.8 percent of the total voting students approved it — not enough for it to pass.

Sandra Haughton, the Division of

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## Gender Neutral Amendment

Vote on the proposed gender neutral constitutional amendment:

1,472 voted to change all reference of he to she/he or her/him in the ASUN constitution.

681 voted to keep all reference of he in the ASUN constitution.

she he her him she he

HE/SHE SHE/HE  
Amie DeFrait/Daily Nebraskan