

# Daily Nebraskan



## TODAY'S WEATHER

Partly sunny today with the high around 60. Tonight, increasing cloudiness and a 30 percent chance of showers with the low in the mid-40s. Thursday, a 60 percent chance of rain and the high around 60.

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## ROTC policy

### Senate resolution protests ban on homosexuals

By Dionne Searcey  
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If ROTC doesn't lift its ban on homosexuals by 1993, ROTC programs at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln may lose course credit, the Academic Senate voted Tuesday.

The resolution states that if the discriminatory policy is not revoked by Jan. 1, 1993, the senate will urge the chancellor to "renegotiate the contracts of the three branches of ROTC at UNL in order to eliminate credit for all ROTC courses." Students enrolled as of Jan. 1, 1993, would not be affected.

In passing the resolution, the senate joined other universities nationwide in protesting the Department of Defense policy barring homosexuals from ROTC programs.

The resolution is intended to comply with the non-discrimination policy of the University of Nebraska, which states that all students, regardless of

sexual orientation, must be allowed to participate in university programs.

Herb Howe, associate to the chancellor, said the resolution is intended to urge national officials to revoke the discriminatory policy.

"It sends a clear signal to the Department of Defense that our campus is not necessarily hostile to ROTC. We're just asking that one policy be changed," he said.

But Lej Chouinard, associate professor of mathematics and statistics, said the resolution would penalize university ROTC programs for decisions made by national leaders.

"For us to challenge it (national policy) is a mistake. To say if it isn't changed, we're going to run off and hide is a mistake."

But James McShane, Academic Senate president, said the policy simply urges the chancellor to renegotiate, "not run off and hide."

Chouinard also said he thought the policy was an attempt to "phase out

ROTC" at UNL.

James Hejduk, associate professor of music, said, "Given an ROTC which isn't perfect but present . . . I would take the imperfect one."

But George Tuck, senate president-elect, said, "It's not an anti-military resolution. It is an anti-discriminating resolution."

The senate also passed a resolution concerning the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act.

The resolution orders the UNL chancellor to prepare a report that would show the steps UNL must take to comply with the act.

The act would require universities to report the number of crimes yearly and prepare crime statistics starting Sept. 1.

The senate passed another resolution supporting efforts to raise UNL's minority enrollment to a level that would reflect the demographics of minorities in the state.

## Abortion notification bill moves closer to reality

By Lisa Donovan  
Senior Reporter

Nebraska legislators Tuesday moved one step closer to adopting a bill this year that would require women 18 years and younger to notify a parent or guardian before obtaining an abortion.

In fewer than two days of debate, LB425, sponsored by Sen. Bernice Labeledz of Omaha, was advanced to the second round of debate by a 30-13 vote. A similar bill was introduced and occupied seven days of debate in 1989. Last year, senators debated that bill for four days, much of the time used up by filibustering.

The bill calls for a pregnant minor woman to inform a parent or guardian of her intention to receive an abortion. Forty-eight hours following the notification, the woman may receive the operation.

Some senators said they were

relieved that legislation of good public policy overcame debate on personal religious, philosophical and moral concerns.

Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha, who has opposed the parental notification bills set before the Legislature, said he was sorry to see the bill move forward, but that he appreciated the discussion preceding LB425's advancement.

"I'm glad we didn't have the kind of debate we've had in the past," he said.

Labeledz, a strong opponent of abortion, told Chambers she was pleasantly surprised by the relative ease with which debate continued.

"I, too, appreciate, Sen. Chambers, that this was in no way like 1989 or 1990," she said.

Still, the more than seven hours of debate on the legislative floor gave senators about a dozen amend-

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### Fountain Fix-up

Marvin Potter, of the Facilities Management Department, helps repair Broyhill Fountain on Tuesday afternoon. After weather damage and the fountain's spray are corrected, the fountain should be ready to be turned on today if weather permits, said Don Havlovic of the UNL Maintenance Management Division, who is helping with repairs. The fountain was built in honor of Lynn Diann Broyhill, class of 1967, who died in a car accident. "We want to keep it well for her," Havlovic said.

## GSL program reorganized to stop defaults

By Adeana Leftin  
Staff Reporter

Federal plans to reorganize the guaranteed student loan program are unfair to many students and to schools like UNL that have low default rates, a UNL administrator said Tuesday.

John Beacon, director of scholarships and financial aid, said responsible student loan recipients will be punished because of others' defaults.

The reorganization will implement more stringent monitoring and higher eligibility standards to combat record-high national loan default rates.

Beacon said loan defaults are not a problem at traditional, public, four-year institutions, but are at a number of small, "fly-by-night" trade schools.

Many students at the smaller trade schools drop out and don't feel obligated to pay off their loans, Beacon said.

He said one regulation already in place to prevent loan losses is withholding aid checks from first-time borrowers for 30 days, the time period in which most students drop out.

Beacon said many regulations exist for schools with 30 percent default rates, but schools with much lower rates still will be hurt by the new plan.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln has a default rate of 3 percent, he said.

"We are going to pay the penalty," Beacon said. "They're cracking down on everyone."

According to a news release from the Department of Education, loan defaults of \$151 million in 1981 grew to \$2.7 billion in 1991.

A recent review of the guaranteed student

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## Kerrey: Beadle needs pledge, not funds

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick  
Staff Reporter

U.S. Sen. Bob Kerrey's assertion that the Legislature doesn't have to dole out funds this year for UNL's Beadle Center to ensure a \$17 million federal grant, triggered mixed reactions from university officials Tuesday.

UNL Interim Vice Chancellor for Research Bill Splinter said he was not completely sure what Kerrey's comments meant for the proposed George W. Beadle Center for Genetics and

Biomaterials Research, but that "one way or another, the university has to come up with the \$6 million."

Six million dollars is the amount that must be raised to match the \$17.7 million grant from the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and Energy. Kerrey reportedly said the state does not have to appropriate the money, but needs to make a commitment to the project this year.

"I'm not sure what kind of commitments would have to be on the table to satisfy the government," Splinter said.

Regents Chairman Don Blank said Kerrey was "not raising new issues."

"We've known for quite a while that what we needed (now) was a commitment from the state and not dollars," Blank said.

Kerrey, D-Neb., also was reported as saying Monday that he thought plans for the Beadle Center might have to be redesigned to protect its federal funding. The current cost for the project is \$32 million.

Splinter and Blank agreed that the

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