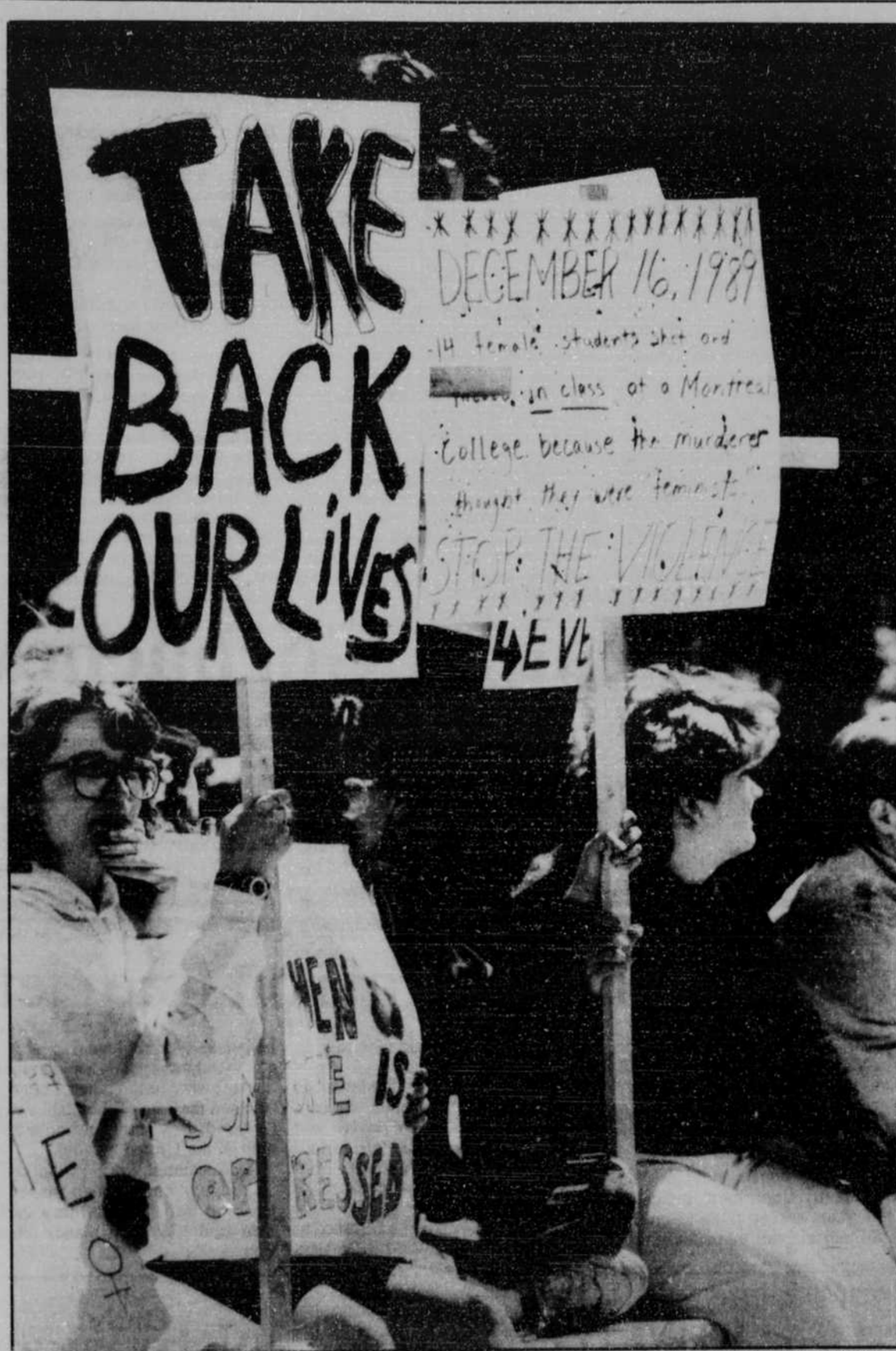




TODAY'S WEATHER

Mostly sunny and warmer today with the high 65-70 and a south wind 10-20 mph. A 30 percent chance of thunder-showers tonight with the low 45-50. Thursday, partly cloudy with the high around 70.



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Margie Winn (left), senior advertising major, Christine Rosser, sophomore English major, and Sharon O'Neil, graduate student in classics, protest silently against violence at Broyhill Plaza Tuesday. See story on page 3.

Beadle appropriation nearer to approval

By Lisa Donovan
Senior Reporter

Lawmakers moved closer Tuesday to granting cigarette tax revenues for the Beadle Center project.

The Nebraska Legislature's Appropriations Committee unanimously voted 9-0 to gut LB760, a bill that would have placed the cigarette tax monies into the general fund.

Five million of the \$6.5 million appropriation proposed by the committee for the George W. Beadle Center for Genetics and Biomaterials Research project would be financed by cigarette tax revenues and the remaining \$1.5 million would come from the state's general fund.

The project needs \$6 million in matching funds to match \$17.7 million in federal grants. NU had made the Beadle Center its top priority for capital construction. The total cost of the project is expected to be \$37 million.

The \$6.5 million the committee is endorsing would go toward the center and toward a chiller NU needs in upcoming years to air condition the UNL campus. NU still needs \$3 million to match the federal grants and get the chiller.

The university had endorsed earmarking 4 cents of Nebraska's 27-cent cigarette tax for all capital construction projects at NU. However,

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Principal says schools need strong discipline to survive

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick
Staff Reporter

American education is "brain dead" and only can be saved by strengthening discipline and freeing education from the manacles of government bureaucracy, the high school administrator featured in the film "Lean on Me" said.

Joe Clark, the megaphone and bat-carrying principal of New Jersey's Eastside High School, said during a phone interview Tuesday from his home in South Orange, N.J., that he thinks strong discipline is needed to improve America's schools.

"Education is in dire straits, especially in the inner cities," he said. "The problem is not students chewing bubble gum, but (using) Uzis and AK-47's."

Clark said school administrators must establish order in the confines of their schools like he did at Eastside High.



Clark

He was aided in this task by his celebrated megaphone and bat.

"They were my tools of motivation, inspiration and stimulation that served to take wayward and down-

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Nationwide debate on 'PCism' avoids UNL

By Alan Phelps
Staff Reporter

The wave of controversy surrounding the trend of politically correct thinking in the world of academia has not swept the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, officials say. "It just hasn't been an issue on this campus. I don't think we will see it," said James Griesen, UNL vice chancellor for student affairs.

Robert Stock, vice chair of the UNL English department, agreed.

"I personally have felt the atmosphere here has been quite good. I have never sensed that kind of intolerance at UNL. I don't feel the intolerance and bigotry that has surfaced in other places has surfaced here," Stock said.

Politically correct thinking has been the subject of debate at campuses across the nation. Calling for an end to what they call the "Eurocentrism" of college courses, PC movement leaders have advocated changing college requirements to focus more on women and minorities, hiring only minority professors to teach minority topics and working against racism through so-called fighting words policies.

Griesen said he doesn't think the proposed fighting words policy at UNL has anything to

do with the PC controversy. "I don't feel the intolerance and bigotry that has surfaced in other places has surfaced here."

Stock
UNL English dept.

"We still have never really wrestled with that one to the extent we should have. You can make a fair case for a limited interpretation of a fighting words policy," he said, adding, "It needs to be tightly written."

Steve Thomlison, Association of Students of the University of Nebraska senator from the Teachers College, agreed that the PC trend has not had much of an effect at Nebraska, but argued that the proposed fighting words policy is a manifestation of political correctness.

"That's a direct link to fighting words policy. . . . There's a direct correlation right there," he said. "I think if the fighting words policy is implemented it (political correctness) will become an issue here."

Josh Mitnick, managing editor of the Michigan Daily, said a fighting words policy at the University of Michigan has made the PC con-

troversy an issue on his campus. The original policy, struck down by the courts in 1989, has been replaced with an interim policy designed to go along with the judge's ruling, he said.

"A lot of student groups are opposed to it for First Amendment reasons," Mitnick said. "They also don't feel the university has a place for punishing non-academic things with academic sanctions."

The first policy, Mitnick said, was brought to court by a graduate student who alleged his right to enter into some types of classroom discussions had been compromised.

Doug Smalley, editor in chief of the University of Wisconsin Badger-Herald, said the American Civil Liberties Union is involved in a case in district court to determine the constitutionality of a UW fighting words policy.

"There's been a lot of debate around campus," Smalley said. "It isn't solidly set out in

the policy what terms exactly violate the resolution. It sets up an atmosphere that ends up restricting free speech."

PC has affected the two campuses in other ways. Mitnick said another policy in the works at Michigan concerns sexism. A committee is at work there trying to set up guidelines to prevent professors from using gender-exclusive language, he said.

Smalley said requirements for English majors recently have been revamped at UW, placing more emphasis on subjects like women's fiction rather than pre-1800s literature.

Incoming freshmen are required to take an ethnic studies course, he added.

"It has taken effect here definitely," he said. Stock said the UNL English department has been attempting to expand its curriculum to make it more inclusive. Some new courses have been added to the curriculum such as a class on black women writers, he said.

He said he thinks the basic core classes should remain the same.

"The so-called canon of established classics remains a very important part of our culture and should remain central," he said. "The main

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