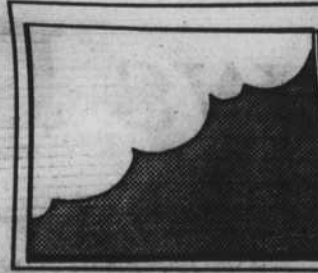


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Today, partly cloudy, windy and hot. Tonight, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Thursday, partly sunny and humid with a high of 90.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln



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Waiting patiently

Students wait in line to buy books at the University Bookstore in the Nebraska Union Tuesday afternoon.

Federal bills would improve campus safety

Proposed legislation aimed at helping victims of crime

By Adeana Leftin
Senior Reporter

A bill that would require campuses to consider the rights of sexual assault victims would help the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, an official said Tuesday.

Cindy Douglas, assistant to the coordinator of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Women's Resource Center, said she approved of the legislation, which would require campuses to disclose crime statistics and a victims' bill of rights.

"This legislation will help, instead of trying to cover up that campuses are unsafe," she said.

The Campus Sexual Assault Victims Bill of Rights, introduced by Rep. Jim Ramstad, R-Minn., already has 108 co-sponsors in the House of Representatives.

The bill has been assigned to the Education and Labor Committee until the House returns to session Sept. 11.

Alison Kutler, an intern with Rep. Peter Hoagland's office, D-Neb., said the bill will come up this fall as part of the Higher Education Reauthorization Act.

Ramstad, in commentary to the Minneapolis Star Tribune on June 19, wrote that in rape cases "colleges and universities have taken it upon themselves to serve as judge and jury in what should be a criminal proceeding."

The legislation would allow colleges and universities to operate in the best interest of the victim, he wrote.

A companion bill also has been introduced into the Senate by Judiciary Committee Chairman Joe Biden, D-Del.

According to the Congressional Record from last June, Biden said, "With all of our efforts,

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UNL language lab implements strict rules

Computerized system to stop falsified records

By Wendy Navratil
Senior Reporter

To keep foreign language students from falsifying information on lab cards, the UNL language lab has implemented stricter attendance procedures.

Most foreign language instructors at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln require students to spend time at the language lab. At the lab, students use headphones and taped lessons to supplement course work with verbal prac-

tice. This year, said Hans Gilde, UNL assistant professor of modern languages and literatures, the language department abandoned the use of lab cards in favor of a computerized system.

In the past, students were assigned cards to record time spent in the lab by hand. To validate the attendance time, a lab attendant stamped the card when students finished.

"There were problems in the past with students making fake stamps," said Rita Ricaurte, a Spanish 102 teacher. "Now we'll have a very accurate account of who was in the lab."

In the new system, students must present their UNL ID cards to the language lab attendant. The attendant then scans the cards, using

a magnetic strip reader that records the time on a computer when students check in and out of the lab.

Gilde said the change was economical because students already had ID cards and the computer to store the information already was in place. The only purchase was the magnetic strip reader, which Gilde said cost about \$400.

The new recording system has been coupled with a limit on the amount of time students can spend at the lab during one visit.

Students now can spend a maximum of 50 minutes in the lab at any one time, because the computer does not give credit for time after the

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Grant allows AG*SAT construction to expand

Satellite network links college classrooms to let professors instruct across country

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick
Senior Reporter

AG*SAT, a national educational network headquartered at UNL, has received a \$500,000 grant to begin the second phase of construction on its satellite network, which links university classrooms throughout the United States.

Jack McBride, Agricultural Satellite Corporation executive director, said the grant will give AG*SAT "the opportunity to extend its technical system by adding more receivers and transmission sites" to its network.

AG*SAT allows 34 land-grant universities to share college agriculture courses.

Twelve universities will receive funding through the grant, which was awarded by the Department of Commerce. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln will receive eight satellite

reception antennas and equipment for the AG*SAT Satellite Operations Center.

With AG*SAT, McBride said, a professor from one institution can teach a course via satellite to students registered for the class at other schools. Students have the opportunity to interact with the professor through computer and telephone.

Don Edwards, dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, said that when the program first went online in January, two courses were offered — one from Iowa State University and one from Penn State. UNL students were enrolled in both classes, Edwards said.

The program allows UNL students access to the "best expertise in these (agriculture) areas that the country has to offer," he said.

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Institutions Affiliated with AG*SAT



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