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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, partly sunny and more humid with south winds 10-15 miles per hour. Tonight, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Friday, mostly sunny with high in the low 90s.

Council may pull plug on public access channel

'Race and Reason' spawns controversy

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick
Senior Reporter

Lincoln resident Stan Hulse says he hasn't slept since he read the newspaper Tuesday morning.

Instead, driven by his "opposition to censorship," he has been organizing a petition drive in support of Lincoln Cablevision's public access channel.

The channel came under fire Tuesday for broadcasting "Race and Reason," a film produced by white supremacists. Complaints from citizens about that program and another program about homosexuals have motivated members of the City Council to examine canceling the channel.

Hulse said that would be the wrong move.

He said it is a "complete misconception" that television programs increase racial tensions. Racism is created by ignorance, not television, he said.

He compared pulling the plug on public access to "pouring gas on the flames of ignorance."

Pretending racism doesn't exist won't make it go away, he said. "Public access is a reflection of the Lincoln community," he said. "Not looking at the reflection doesn't solve the problem."

So far, Hulse said he has had little luck in getting UNL students to see that reflection.

Hulse said the students he had approached with his petition were "100 percent apathetic."

Hulse said he attempted to speak to students Tuesday in the Nebraska Union, but they largely ignored him.

"No wonder these people are losing their civil liberties," he said.

He criticized students for not being aware of the events that are shaping their lives.

"Do these students read?" he asked. "Do they read the newspaper?"

He said he had more success with "people who work for a living" outside the university.

He said about 95 percent of these people, who "know about public access and want to keep it," had agreed to sign his petition.

Hulse said he hopes to get about 2,000 signatures on his petition.

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Military stays adamant; homosexual ban remains

By Roger Price
Staff Reporter

The military's ban on homosexuals in the services, including Reserve Officer Training Corps, remains unchanged despite campus protests, faculty censure and, more recently, legal action.

Last spring, the University of Nebraska Academic Senate passed a resolution in opposition to the ban and followed with a letter from then-president James McShane to the Department of Defense.

George Tuck, current president of the Academic Senate, said that after the senate passed a resolution recommending that academic credit be phased out for ROTC programs if they do not admit homosexuals by Jan. 1, 1993, McShane wrote a letter to the Department of Defense outlining the senate's concerns.

"They sent us a nice, polite letter saying thank you for writing, but we like our policy the way it is," Tuck said.

Last April at UNL, 35 people participated in a kiss-in rally in front of the Military and Naval Science build-

ing, protesting the ROTC policy.

Doug Overfield, a senior English major who participated in the protest, said he would like the programs to stay on campus but added that if they continue to discriminate against homosexuals, ROTC should be discontinued at UNL.

"I'm sorry it will hurt a lot of people (with ROTC scholarships), but their policy hurts a lot of people who can't be open about their feelings because of the policy," Overfield said.

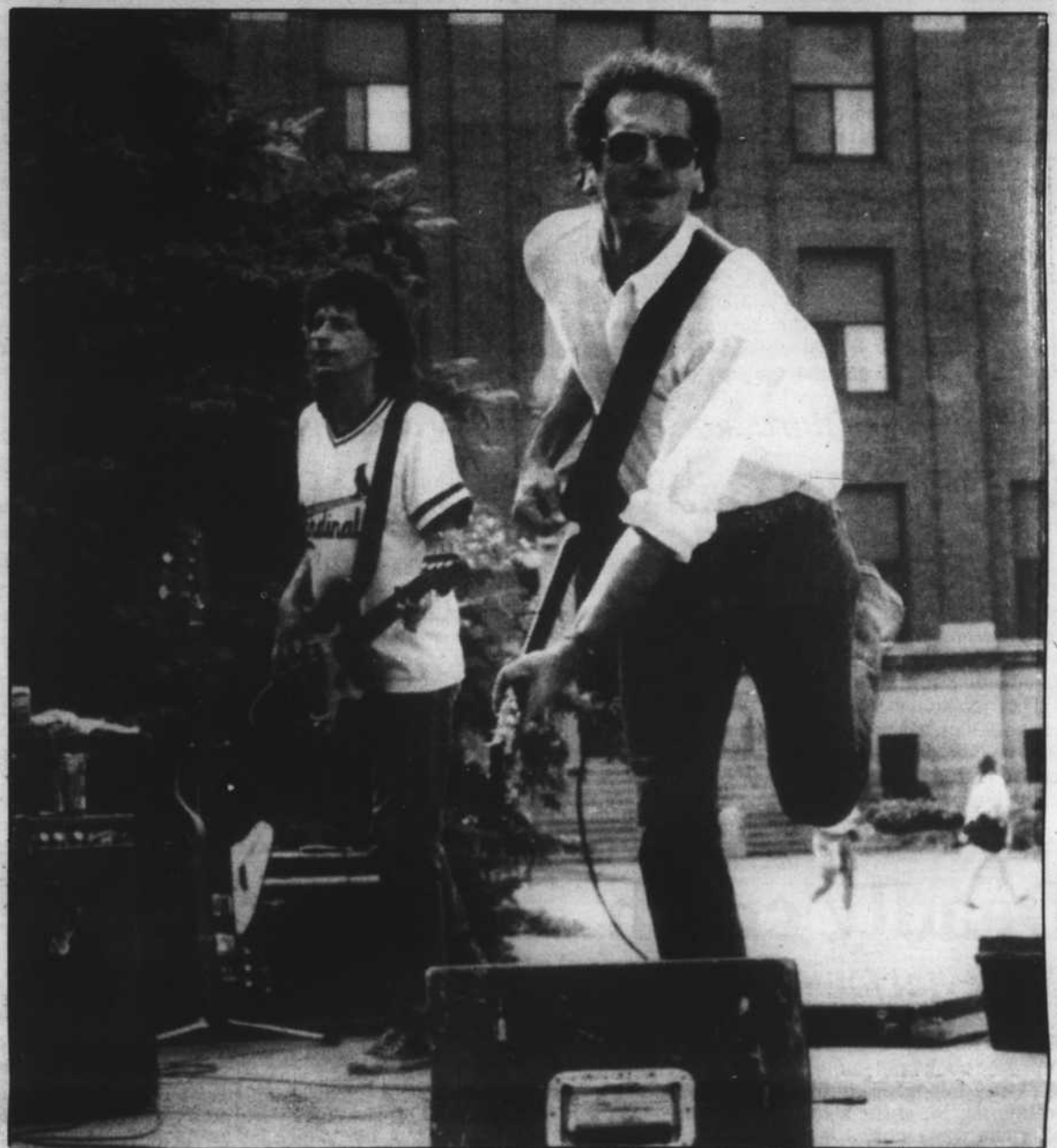
Tuck said the resolution passed last spring by the Academic Senate would not kick the programs off campus, but just eliminate their academic credit. "It would be just like an extracurricular activity," he said.

Because the ROTC programs have a "long and valued history" at UNL, Tuck said the senate did not want to eliminate the programs entirely.

ROTC scholarships also help many students pay for college who otherwise would not be able to, he said.

Although the military is showing no flexibility in its stance on homosexuals, legal action in California may

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David Boye (left) and Charlie Burton of Charlie Burton and the Hiccups perform Wednesday at Broyhill Plaza.

Charlie Burton and the Hiccups spit out rock by Broyhill fountain

Michael Hannon
Staff Reporter

The Lincoln-based Charlie Burton and the Hiccups rock 'n' rolled UNL students at a welcome-back concert Wednesday at the Broyhill plaza.

The concert was sponsored by University Programs Council and drew about 175 people.

The band, consisting of Charlie Burton, Phil Shoemaker, Dave Boye and Dave Robel, played its own brand of music, which Burton, lead singer and rhythm guitarist, de-

scribed as semi-soft, "like camembert cheese."

The music ranged from rock to country to the blues, and even encompassed a unique takeoff of a Beethoven classic "You're Not Playing Fair, Elise."

The bands also played a song in honor of UNL Interim Chancellor Jack Goebel's birthday.

"I don't think Beethoven has anything to worry about," said Kelly Myers, a freshman international business and foreign language major, who said she thought the band was interesting.

And Travis Saunders, a sophomore advertising major, said, "Charlie Burton is where it's at."

"What the people think, that's all that matters," said Dave Rabe, chairman of University Program Council's Concert and Disco Committee.

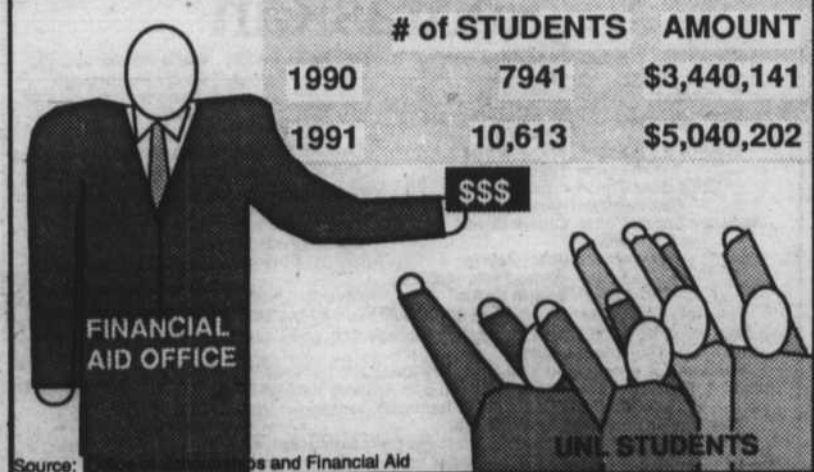
Rabe said UPC was fortunate to book Charlie Burton and the Hiccups because the band is nationally renowned and because the group is breaking up in November.

The concert was cosponsored by IBM and Julio's Restaurant and Bar.

Financial aid dispensed earlier, official says

FINANCIAL AID COMPARISONS

A look at what shapes students financial aid.



By Lori Huff
Staff Reporter

University of Nebraska-Lincoln students are being awarded financial aid earlier than ever before, a UNL official said.

John Beacon, UNL director of scholarships and financial aid, said 7.2 times as many students were awarded financial aid by May 15 of this year than last year. In 1990, only 545 students had been awarded financial aid by May 15. This year, 3,931 students received aid by that date.

Beacon also said that the actual disbursement of financial aid to students increased from last year. A total of 10,613 students received \$5,040,202 in aid as of August 15, 1991. By that time last year, 7,941 students had received \$3,440,141 in aid.

Although disbursement of financial aid has improved, Beacon said the increase has been slight.

Beacon said the State Scholarship Award Program (SSAP), which consists of federal funds and a general state fund, has risen slightly from last year. UNL received about 14.9 percent of the \$1,340,882 SSAP fund in the 1991-92 school year. This percentage remained constant from the 1990-91 school year.

The Scholarship Assistance Program, a separate state fund that can only be awarded to Nebraska residents, also remained about the same, Beacon said.

The percentage that UNL received of the SAP fund dropped from an estimated 20.8 percent, or \$183,919, last year to 19.4 percent, or \$171,544 for the 1991-92 school year.

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Correction: In a story in the Aug. 28 issue of the Daily Nebraskan, the power of the Union Board was incorrectly reported. The board is an advisory group to Daryl Swanson, director of the Nebraska Union.

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