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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, mostly sunny and cooler. Tonight, mostly clear. Friday, mostly sunny. High in the mid- to upper 70s.

Resolution opposes proposed budget cuts

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick
Senior Reporter

UNL's Executive Graduate Council is challenging the right of administrators to make budget cuts in graduate programs without its approval.

The council, which oversees graduate training at UNL, unanimously approved a resolution last week calling for the Academic Programs Council to reject UNL's current budget-reduction proposals.

The proposals, mandated by the

Nebraska Legislature last spring, require a 2 percent cut in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's budget this year and a 1 percent cut next year. They were presented Sept. 9 by the chancellor to the Budget Reduction Review Committee.

Helen Moore, UNL associate professor of sociology and a EGC member, introduced the resolution that protests the budget proposals.

The proposals are flawed, she said, because the EGC was not consulted about the reduction of graduate student programs.

She said the administration has based the proposed elimination of some programs, such as speech communication and classics, on its opinion of the programs' quality.

In the case of graduate programs in those departments, she said, "We (the EGC) are the committee that is charged with making those decisions on what is a quality graduate program and whether or not it should continue.

"There is no evidence in our reviews that the programs lack the quality to be quality programs."

Moore said the EGC is requesting that the APC reject the administration's current budget plan and that new proposals be formulated to involve consultation with the EGC.

A similar challenge has been made by the UNL chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

"We don't know if we will be consulted in the future," she said. "Our resolution indicates we should be."

Moore said she did not think it is too late to start the process over.

"All the current budget-cutting information was gathered in a three-week period in the summer when faculty weren't around.

"They (the administration) could spend three more weeks this fall when the teachers are on campus."

Stan Liberty, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs, and Dick Wood, NU general counsel, declined to comment on the EGC resolution.



Rip-off artists

Students should be leery of financial offers, officials say

By Wendy Mott
Staff Reporter

The lure of millions of dollars of unused scholarship money can mislead students into spending money on services they could get for free, said one UNL official.

John Beacon, the UNL director of admissions, scholarship and financial aid, said companies that offer to match students with scholarships have targeted University of Nebraska-Lincoln students in the past.

One company used a letterhead similar to the U.S. Department of Education's and listed a Washington, D.C., return address when the scholarship company was operating out of California, he said.

"They were trying to appear as official as possible," Beacon said. "It can be misleading for students."

The millions of dollars that these companies talk about are going unused because the stipulations on some scholarships are so strict that no one can qualify, he said.

"The benefactors of those scholarships have the best intentions," Beacon said, "but they are trying so hard to make sure the right person gets the scholarship that they put too many stipulations on and no one gets to use the money."

The companies can be misleading in other ways, he said. Some promise that, for a fee, the firm will match students with scholarships outfitted to their eligibility criteria.

The companies send student lists of names and addresses of scholarships, and students must write the sponsor to ask for an application. But when the list arrives, some of the due dates for the scholarships may have passed. Some lists also contain scholarships for which the student is ineligible, Beacon said.

Beacon said he hasn't heard many complaints, but students have asked for advice on whether to send for the information. He said he recommends students take it upon themselves to find out about the scholarships.

"The same information is available to students for free," he said.

The same lists these companies send out are available at UNL's Love Library in the "Scholarship Blue Book," Beacon said. Also, the Education Planning Center in Lincoln has computers and books that offer the same services for free, he said.

Deana Unger, the director of the planning center, said the office has a computer scholarship search program that asks questions ranging from grade point average and extracurricular activities to university choices and intended career field. The file then

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Michelle Paulman/DN

Sylvester Johnson, a junior physical education major and a security guard, patrols Abel Hall during rounds early Wednesday morning.

Unique security Residence halls, UNL police share control

By Tom Mainelli
Staff Reporter

After nearly 20 years in the business, UNL's nationally recognized residence hall security program is still going strong, a UNL official said.

Doug Zatechka, director of housing, said several universities have tried to emulate the program's structure, which is unique to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

At most universities, residence hall security forces report to either the police or housing, not

both, said Ken Cauble, UNL police chief.

At UNL, the director of housing and the police chief are equally responsible for operating the program, Cauble said. The housing office finances the program.

"Our working relationship is unique," Cauble said. "We cooperate and work together."

"The majority of information goes through the police," Zatechka said. "If there is a problem, the chief and I try to resolve it."

Zatechka said he's confident

residence hall security has fulfilled its role.

"I have no doubt it has been effective," Zatechka said. "It makes a difference."

Cauble said the security officers have enabled the UNL Police Department to use its time in other capacities.

"If they weren't doing the things they do, it would be up to the police department," Cauble said.

Officers' duties include checking people for proof of residency

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Vending machine condom packets cause no trouble, officials say

By Jean Lass
Staff Reporter

Little comment has greeted the debut of condoms in residence hall vending machines, officials said.

Terri Turner, a health educator at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said white packets containing two condoms, a package of spermicide and educational information, have been widely used since their addition to residence hall vending machines.

No complaints or comments about putting condoms in the machines have been received, she said.

On Aug. 6, the University Health Center sent more than 443 condom packets to the residence halls to sell for 50 cents each, she said. On Sept. 12, an additional 471 packets were sent to the residence halls. In less than a month, 914 condoms have been put in vending machines, she said.

Last winter, the Residence Hall Association's enhancement committee proposed the idea of putting condoms in the machines to the health center.

The health center has been using the honor system of dispensing condoms. Students can take a condom costing 10 cents out of a large "fish bowl" in the center.

Joellen McGinn, a pharmacist at the health center, said the honor system isn't as effective as vending machines because the 10-cent condoms are inaccessible to some students and others don't pay for them.

"Putting condoms in the residence hall vending machines assures that they are going to be paid for," McGinn said.

"On the fish bowl, I don't think we

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