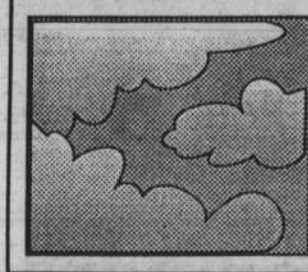


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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers in the morning. Tonight, mostly clear. Tuesday, mostly sunny and pleasant. High around 75.

Former peers recall collegiate Kerrey

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick
Senior Reporter



Brian Shellito/DN

Ray Lambert says it is difficult to remember the details of 25 years ago.

"We were very young," he says. "We were all very young."

Lambert was a classmate of possible presidential hopeful Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln between 1962 and 1966. Kerrey is scheduled to announce his presidential intentions today at 10 a.m. on Centennial Mall between P and Q streets.

Lambert now works as a pharmacist in Fort Collins, Colo., and remembers Kerrey as friendly and in-

telligent.

"Bob was an outgoing, personable guy," he says. "He had everything going for him. He was positive, personable and sociable."

Kerrey was also driven and goal-oriented, he says.

"He wasn't afraid of anybody. He was going to conquer the world."

He remembers Kerrey's confidence.

"If he had a goal," he says, "he made up his mind and did it."

"He didn't let anything stop him."

Desmond Gibson was dean of UNL's college of pharmacy between 1961 and 1972. He is now retired and lives in Lincoln.

He says Kerrey was "a very intelligent young man."

"School seemed easy for him," he says. "He wasn't really someone who had to study."

Kerrey has a great deal of natural ability, he says.

"Bob was the kind of kid that just about anything he did he was successful at," Gibson said. "Inherently, he had a drive that was somewhat uncharacteristic for someone his age."

Gibson remembers Kerrey most for an event that happened after he had graduated.

"After Vietnam, he came into my office one day," he says. "We visited for about two hours."

"I remember our discussions were somewhat philosophical — not political. We talked about life and the

experience he had had — how he had grown up in a sense. The experience (in Vietnam) broadened him quite a bit."

Gibson says he was impressed with Kerrey before he became a governor or senator.

"He was just a nice young man," he says.

Rick Harley was another pharmacy classmate of Kerrey's. Now a doctor living in Lincoln, Harley says he and Kerrey were friends as well.

"Bob was always what I would characterize as active in a wide variety of things," he says. "He was a leader even then."

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Letter highlights possible cuts to women staff

By Adeana Leftin
Senior Reporter

Members of the UNL Faculty Women's Caucus don't want to see any faculty lose their jobs because of budget cuts, but they are particularly concerned for the 12 women who would be fired, they wrote in a letter to university officials.

Ellen Baird, associate professor of art history and co-chairwoman of the Faculty Women's Caucus, said the main focus of the caucus is to assure that the Budget Reduction Review Committee considers gender equity impact when deciding where cuts should be made.

The BRRC was formed in response to last spring's Nebraska Legislature mandate that requires the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to cut 2 percent from this year's budget and 1 percent from next year's budget.

The Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women reported that in 1990, only 16 percent of UNL faculty were women. At UNL's peer institutions the average was 18 percent. At Michigan State University 27 percent of the faculty are women, and 26 percent of the faculty are women at the University of Wisconsin.

If the proposed budget cuts are approved, 25 currently filled faculty positions would be eliminated, and 48 percent of those positions are held by women.

Baird said the number of women faculty at UNL was disproportionate to the number of men, and elimination of 12 women would make the gap even larger.

But, she said, "We certainly are not against men in any case."

The cuts have come at a time when the NU Board of Regents has gone on record as saying they want more women faculty at the university, Baird said.

In the letter, members of the caucus said they applauded the efforts of the regents but they feared the cuts would have a negative impact by reducing the number of women faculty.

"All students need role models of both sexes and all races," she said, "because that's who they'll be working with in the real world. It's an important aspect of the learning process."

MONDAY

Huskers battle penalties, heat and itself for win Saturday. Page 10.

On the 36th reunion of his death, James Dean still legend and icon. Page 12.

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Staci McKee/DN

Marine Capt. Alex Ford stands near his AV-8B Harrier II. Ford, a UNL graduate in business administration, participated in the 45th Nebraska Air National Guard air show this weekend.

Off we go . . .

UNL graduate takes to wild blue yonder for air show

By Alan Phelps
Senior Editor

A fighter jet screamed low overhead. Marine Capt. Alex Ford covered his ears as it flew past and then resumed his inspection of the runway.

"In a hover, loose material could get kicked up into the intake," Ford said. In about an hour, he would be piloting an AV-8B Harrier fighter plane over the area to practice for the air show at the Nebraska Air National Guard base in Lincoln.

Guard members drove Ford out to the runway in a pickup so he could look for cracks in the surface and loose chunks of asphalt. After examining a few thousand feet of the relatively new concrete of the main runway, Ford was satisfied.

"All right," he said. "I've seen enough."

Ford graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1983 with a business administration degree. While at UNL, the graduate of St. Paul High School was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and the yell squad.

Because he was also enrolled in the Marine Corps platoon leaders program, upon graduation from the university he received a second lieutenant commission and went to Pensacola, Fla., to learn how to fly the Harrier.

"There's nothing like it anywhere. It's a phenomenal airplane," he said.

Ford said the Harrier has one large engine that spits out exhaust through four rotating nozzles. These nozzles allow the airflow from the engine to be pointed in any

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More artifacts in contention

Itskari Indian remains finally laid to rest

By Wendy Mott
Staff Reporter

Prehistoric skeletal remains of the Itskari Indians finally were given a traditional Pawnee burial Friday, an American Indian spokesman said.

Bob Peregoy, staff attorney for the Native American Rights Fund, said 40 boxes containing Itskari bones and burial goods were returned to the tribe Thursday after a lengthy

ownership dispute between the tribe and the Nebraska State Historical Society.

The Itskari were a prehistoric plains Indian tribe. Peregoy said the Pawnee tribe of Oklahoma asked the society for the remains in March 1988 but the society was unwilling to return them.

"They forced us to go to legislative action," Peregoy said, referring to the 1989 Unmarked Burial Sites and Skeletal Remains Protection Act, or LB340, that he said requires state

agencies to return any reasonably identifiable skeletal remains and burial goods to descendant tribes for reburial.

Peregoy said the Itskari remains dispute was "the main motivating factor behind the enacting of LB340."

Lynne Ireland, director of the society's Museum of Nebraska History, said the dispute arose in part because the Pawnee have no

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