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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, mostly sunny, south-west wind 10-15 mph. Tonight, mostly clear. Wednesday mostly sunny, high in the low 70s.

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UNL rejects professors organization guidelines

Budget reduction policy not guilty, official says

By Wendy Navratil
Senior Reporter

The verdict regarding allegations that the University of Nebraska-Lincoln budget-cutting process has violated university bylaws is in — and UNL is not guilty, according to a letter from NU general counsel Richard Wood.

Wood, who is out of town until Thursday, said in the letter that he reviewed university policy and found no evidence of violations as a result of the budget reduction process.

Thomas Zorn, chairman of the Budget Reduction and Review Committee, said he saw this as the signal to proceed with scheduled hearings on budget recommendations.

"I believe we're within regent and UNL bylaws," Zorn said. "We need to go ahead and carry out our mandate."

Wood's conclusion that the budget-reduction process has complied with university bylaws was made following claims by the national and the UNL chapter of the American Association of University Professors that some aspects of the budget-cutting process were in violation of bylaws and guidelines of both the university and the AAUP.

Jerry Petr, president of the UNL chapter of AAUP, said last week that he believed UNL bylaws require faculty to be involved in the initial suggestions for program reductions and curriculum changes. In terms of proposals to eliminate the speech and classics departments, faculty were not adequately involved, he said.

The budget reduction proposals were made in response to a Nebraska Legislature mandate that UNL cut its budget by 2 percent this year and 1 percent next year.

In Wood's answer to the claims of bylaw violations, he distinguished between UNL bylaws, NU Board of Regents bylaws and

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From left, workers Mike Foley, Kent Ryan, Greg Savage and Jason Randall dig to pour the 18-foot-by-4-foot-by-4-foot cement base for "Prismatic Flake" on the east of side of Love Library on Monday morning. Savage said the base should be finished by the end of the week.

Sculpture finds home by library

By Eric Snyder
Staff Reporter

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus will soon be home to a sculpture created by the internationally renowned artist Michael Heizer.

After its unveiling Nov. 16, "Prismatic Flake" will be the newest addition to UNL's sculpture collection. The piece is to be located in the Donaldson Garden, east of the Love Library.

Daphne Deeds, curator and assistant director of Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery,

said the sculpture is "an abstracted shape based on a Meso-American tool."

Heizer's sculpture is constructed of concrete and makes reference to a scraper-like instrument used by the Native Americans of the Midwest, Deeds said. When completed, it will be 36 feet long and roughly 5 feet tall.

"Prismatic Flake" will weigh approximately 5 tons and will be suspended 4 feet above the ground.

Work on the project was scheduled to begin Oct. 4, Deeds said.

"We're preparing the site. There has to be quite an elaborate support system," she

said.

Deeds said the work is significant because the sculpture is "both abstract and referential."

"The importance of this work is that it can be interpreted as an abstract shape floating in space or as a reference to an anthropological artifact," she said. "Ideally, you would understand both interpretations simultaneously."

Deeds also said the sculpture was being financed entirely through private funds and donations. However, she declined to comment on the cost of the piece.

UNL to send letter protesting ROTC policy

By Tom Kunz
Staff Reporter

A battle is looming on the horizon for the United States military, but not over territory, oil or even Saddam Hussein; this battle will be over homosexuality.

Several universities across the country, including the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, are planning further steps to protest the military's refusal to accept homosexuals as

Military ban on homosexuals leads to battle

commissioned officers.

UNL has taken actions, including campus protests and faculty censure, and is planning to send a letter of complaint to the Pentagon. Herb Howe, associate to the chancellor, said UNL probably will send the letter as soon as new chancellor Graham Spanier arrives in November.

"Spanier will probably do this upon

his arrival or shortly thereafter," Howe said.

Pressure to protest the policy is developing from several organizations nationwide, Howe said. But, he said, he thinks the pressure wouldn't be the primary reason for a change in military policy.

"The military probably won't do it on their own," Howe said. "(Change)

will come at the insistence of Congress."

One body of legislation that already has insisted that the military change its policy is the UNL Academic Senate. Last spring, 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.

The military responded to the demands over the summer.

George Tuck, president of the Academic Senate, said the response was not what the faculty wanted to hear.

"The Department of Defense indicated they were not going to change their position," Tuck said.

Tuck warned that if the military

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College not suffering from cuts, dean says

By Adeana Leftin
Senior Reporter

Despite a \$1 million obligation and \$5 million in budget cuts, students in the College of Arts and Sciences are not suffering, the dean of the college said Monday.

John Peters, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said he was proud of his faculty for making cuts that won't be detrimental to students.

"We have had to meet our obligation plus the 2 percent cut... but very few students are going to miss out on

classes," he said. "I'm very proud we are trying to accommodate students."

Peters said some classes were combined or enlarged to ensure the enrollment of students. He said a lack of funds has limited photocopying, eliminated some telephones and cut back on operating costs, such as buying fewer pencils.

The \$1 million obligation was prompted by university over-budget-

ing, Peters said. The money is used for recruitment, equipment, operating budgets and other "normal costs."

The \$512,234 cut to the budget of the College of Arts and Sciences is a result of a Nebraska Legislature mandate last spring that the University of Nebraska-Lincoln cut 2 percent from its budget this year and 1 percent from its budget next year.

Peters said the College of Arts and Sciences has a state-aided budget of \$30 million, and the college provides more than half of the teaching for the

university.

"One million and a half dollars sounds like a lot," he said, "and it is, but you have to consider the size of the operation."

The budget problems stem from a 4 percent faculty salary increase for which the state didn't provide funds and the university had to cover, he said.

"The faculty deserved a pay increase, but there are consequences," Peters said. "We have to tighten our belts for a while."

