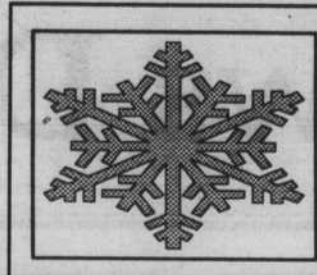


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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, morning flurries, then warmer. Tonight, increasing cloudiness. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow, high 30-35.

BRRC to start round of closed hearings

By Wendy Navratil
Senior Reporter

The Budget Reduction Review Committee will usher in a new phase in the UNL budget-reduction process today with the beginning of closed hearings over budget proposals.

But remnants of business from the first phase will carry over into the next, a UNL official said.

John Benson, director of institutional research and planning, said that in the next phase, the BRRC will intermingle public hearings with private deliberations over the budget reduction proposals.

"We're going to roll up our sleeves and begin looking at some of the proposals (in closed session)," he said. "Then next week there will be some open hearings if the programs indicate that they want to do that."

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chancellors Thursday. The proposals were formulated in response to a legislative mandate that UNL cut its budget by 2 percent this year and 1 percent next year.

The BRRC decided to offer colleges and departments that have been targeted for cuts another chance to be heard after committee members have examined additional data regarding the potential effects of the proposed cuts. The colleges didn't receive supplementary information, which the vice chancellors presented in response to a BRRC request, until late in the first round of hearings.

Benson said that he does not yet know how many more public hearings will be necessary and that the timeline for completing this phase is still sketchy.

"It's a very fluid process," Benson said. "My personal goal is to have everything completed by the end of the semester."

The BRRC will make recommendations for academic program budget cuts to the Academic Planning Committee and will submit recommendations for non-academic program cuts directly to the UNL chancellor.

The APC will consider, and perhaps mod-

ify, the BRRC's academic program recommendations and send them to the UNL chancellor. It may also submit its own set of recommendations for non-academic programs, Benson said.

The chancellor then will evaluate both academic and non-academic program recommendations and present a budget reduction package to the NU Board of Regents.

UNL chancellor Graham Spanier said that based on a letter he received, he does not expect to consider the committee recommendations until December.

"I was hoping to get those earlier," Spanier said. "But if they follow the schedule they're talking about, it would seem unlikely that I would be able to make my recommendations to the regents in December."

Instead he said he would make his recommendations to the regents at their January meeting.

"I wouldn't want to do it any later than that," he said. "I hope that (the budget-reduction process) will be brought to a resolution as quickly as possible."

Both Benson and Spanier said they would have a better idea of the calendar for the remainder of the budget-reduction process today.

Senator in limbo on ruling

Landis unsure about teaching as UNL volunteer

By Kathy Steinauer
Staff Reporter

State Sen. Dave Landis of Lincoln said he is unsure how a recent Nebraska Supreme Court decision will affect his status as a volunteer UNL law teacher or as a state senator.

A recent ruling by the court stated that Sen. Gerald Conway of Wayne is violating the separation of powers clause of the Nebraska Constitution by working as both an assistant professor at Wayne State College and as a state senator. The clause states that elected officials cannot work in the legislative and executive branches of government simultaneously.

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Attorney General Don Stenberg reportedly is planning to write a letter to inquire about Landis' job as a teacher at the UNL College of Law, Landis said.

"I've read the opinion and I can't tell on the face of it how it affects me," Landis said. "The opinion talks about having a contract with the state. I have no written agreement; I've never signed anything."

Landis said he is not involved in any decision-making bodies within the law college.

"What the court speaks about in that decision doesn't describe what I happen to do," he said.

Landis said he is "in the gray area" because he is not involved in any faculty meetings or committees and does not have any designated hours of service.

He also said he does not receive any money for his work and has no contract with UNL or the University of Nebraska at Omaha, where he works in the public administration department and teaches a class. In return for volunteer work, he attends seminars on topics that he teaches.



William Lauer/DN

Totally tubular . . .

Chris and Joanna Cavanaugh of Lincoln had the slopes to themselves Monday afternoon at Pioneer Park. The Cavanaugh decided to avoid Sunday's crowd because they were "afraid to run over little kids," Chris said.

Religious groups pester students

Hall official says residents complain of annoying calls

By Wendy Mott
Staff Reporter

Some religious organizations are calling University of Nebraska-Lincoln students persistently in an attempt to recruit them into their groups, an official said.

Doug Zatechka, UNL director of housing, said he has received about five complaints and has heard of six others this semester from students in residence halls.

"The basic complaint is (about) some group, or groups, who seem insistent on calling," Zatechka said.

The incidents occur late at night or early in the morning, he said.

The complaints were not as numerous as last spring, when students complained about recruitment policies in residence halls by the religious

group Campus Advance, Zatechka said.

He said he was not sure if the recent calls were from Campus Advance, but added that reported complaints made him question the group.

Campus Advance attempted to become a recognized student organization last spring but was not successful. The group is affiliated with the Lincoln Christian Church.

The group came under fire last spring because of the church's association with the Boston Church of Christ, which was labeled a cult by the Cult Awareness Network of Chicago. This network is a national, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting public awareness of the harmful effects of mind control.

Aaron Breford, a junior speech communication major and student leader of Campus Advance, said the cult accusation was "ridiculous," and said his organization was not responsible for the harassing phone calls.

The Cult Awareness Network "has

brought every major denomination under fire," Breford said.

Members of Campus Advance do not call students that they do not know or have not met, he said. He said that in his three years as a Campus Advance leader, the group has never practiced "phone soliciting."

"Contrary to popular belief," Breford said, "we don't coerce or force anyone to join us."

Breford transferred to UNL last spring from the University of Colorado in Boulder to establish a Campus Advance organization in Lincoln. The group, which began with six members, has grown to 30, he said.

Breford said he talks to students about the group, but if they express disinterest, he does not bother them.

Zatechka said if students do find themselves bothered by recruitment calls, their best option is to say, "Leave me alone, I'm not interested."

If the group continues to call, the student can call the residence hall staff or UNL police, he said.

TUESDAY

Correction: An article in Monday's DN was unclear in reporting Chancellor Graham Spanier's intentions for changes in administrative positions.

Spanier said he wants to change the title of associate dean of graduate studies to dean of graduate studies and to make the current vice chancellor for research and graduate studies the vice chancellor for research. No new administrative position will be added.

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