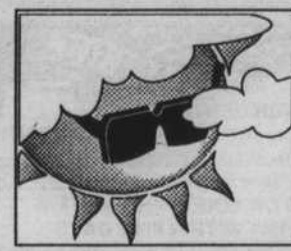


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Today, mostly sunny. Tonight, mostly clear. Saturday, increasing cloudiness, high around 50.

Congress mulling act to encourage police service

Scholarships would be traded for work in law enforcement

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick
Senior Reporter

In an effort to entice more college students to pursue careers in law enforcement, lawmakers in Congress are considering legislation that would pay college costs in exchange for four years of service as a police officer.

The Police Corps and Law Enforcement Training and Education Act, part of the 1991 Violent Crime and Control bill, would create a system similar to the military's Reserve Officer Training Corps.

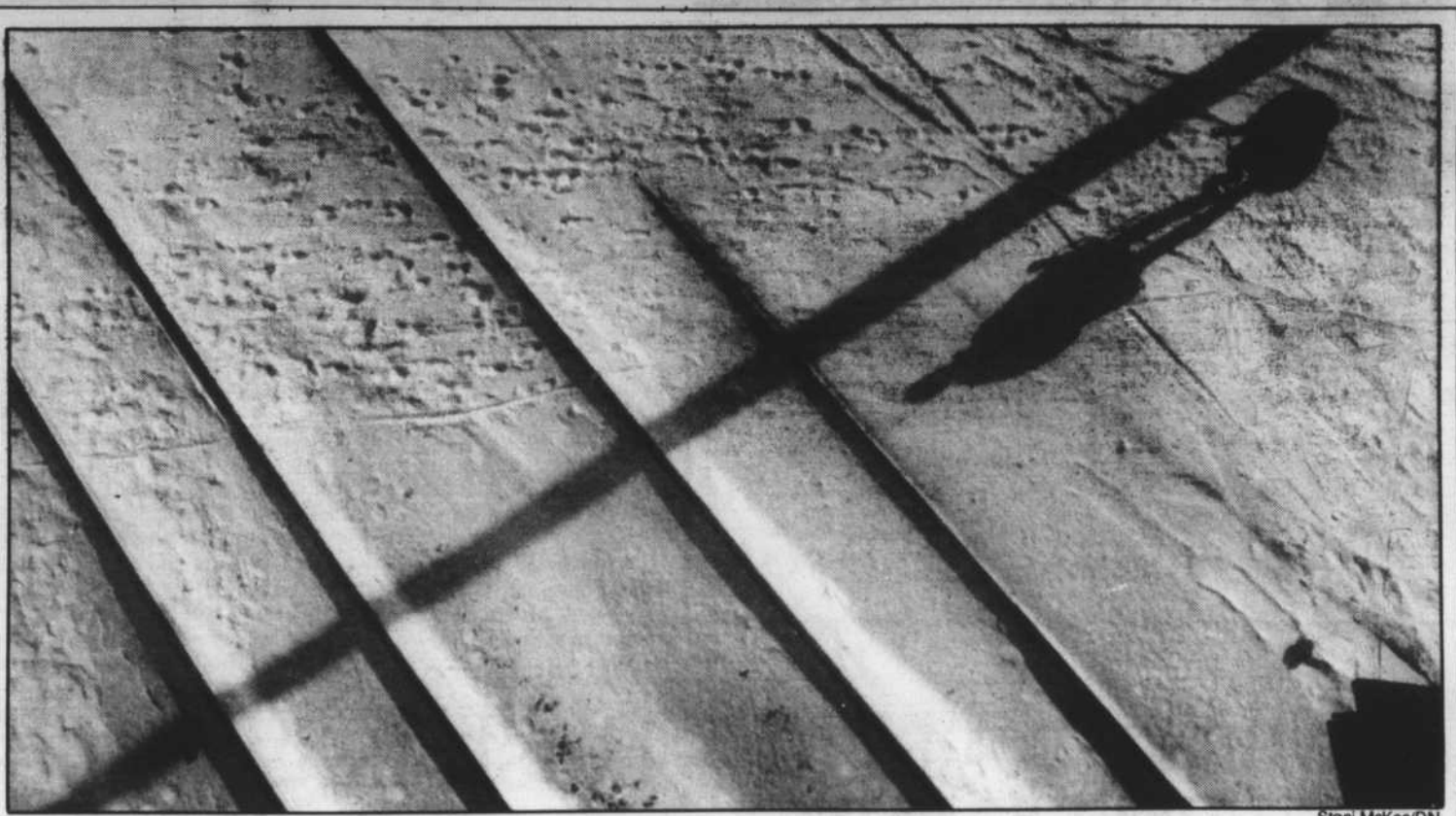
Participants would be awarded scholarships of up to \$7,500 per academic year to pursue an undergraduate or graduate degree at a four-year institution of higher learning.

Students in the program would have to maintain satisfactory academic progress and participate in two eight-week training sessions on basic law enforcement to maintain their scholarships.

After graduation, they would be required to serve for four years in a state or local police force.

Assignments would be based on geographic areas with the greatest need for police officers and on considerations of where officers could be used most effectively. However, attempts would be made to place individuals near their home areas.

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Staci McKee/DN

Off the beaten path

A lone student makes his way across the railroad tracks under the 10th Street overpass Thursday morning. As temperatures dropped Wednesday, Lincoln received an additional 3 inches of snow.

Student members balance budget, books

Committee's obligations force student resignation

By Roger Price
Staff Reporter

Time constraints have forced the resignation of one of five student members of the Budget Reduction Review Committee, a student leader said.

Andy Massey, president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, said

Ann Brede, a senior nursing major, resigned from the committee because of academic concerns.



"Being on the committee," Massey said, "is such a big time commitment that some students can't afford it academically."

Massey said he has appointed Susan Oxley, a sophomore speech communication major, to fill the position.

Student members on the BRRC are Rob Broomfield, a senior business major; Shawn

Burnham, a senior political science major; Don Dibbern, a graduate student in business; Jason Krieser, a junior in agriculture and natural resources; and Oxley.

Massey said that despite having only two days to select the student members of the BRRC, he tried to find a diverse group of students who had the time the committee requires, were well-educated about the university system and would report effectively to ASUN.

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Criteria proposed to evaluate targeted UNL programs

- 1) Probable savings.
- 2) Quality of the program.
- 3) How essential the program is to UNL's mission.
- 4) Impact on undergraduate and graduate students majoring in that area and on other program departments.
- 5) Impact on female faculty and female students.
- 6) Impact on tenured and tenure-track faculty.
- 7) Integrity of programs that require their students to take courses offered by a targeted program.

Amie DeFrain/DN

Official says criteria to ease budgeting

By Diane Brayton
Senior Editor

Unofficial guidelines proposed at a recent Academic Program Council meeting will facilitate discussion of recommended budget cuts, a UNL official said.

Roy Sneddon, an APC member and an associate professor of civil engineering at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said he proposed seven criteria Wednesday in an attempt to

outline future actions of the committee.



"The purpose (of the guidelines) is simply to allow the committee to untangle a very complex decision-making process," he said.

The proposed guidelines would judge the programs slated for cuts based on probable savings; quality of program; impact on undergraduate and graduate students majoring in that area and other departments within the institution, and impact on tenured and tenure-track faculty.

They also would target how essential the program is to UNL's mission, the effect on female faculty and students and the integrity of other programs that require their students to take courses offered by the targeted program.

The guidelines emphasize various points brought up during public hearings in October, Sneddon said. At those hearings, representatives of programs affected by proposed budget cuts offered testimony.

The proposed cuts are in response to a legislative mandate that UNL cut its budget by 2 percent this year and 1 percent next year.

Thomas Zorn, chairman of the APC, said the committee established official guidelines last spring that would be used to decide what budget-cutting recommendations it would make to the UNL chancellor.

"I'm sure those (the established guidelines) will form the basis of our discussion," he said.

But, Zorn said, the "points of discussion" suggested by Sneddon reflect the established guidelines.

The idea of proposing the guidelines was prompted by some members' desire for a set format to guide APC discussion following hearings, Zorn said.

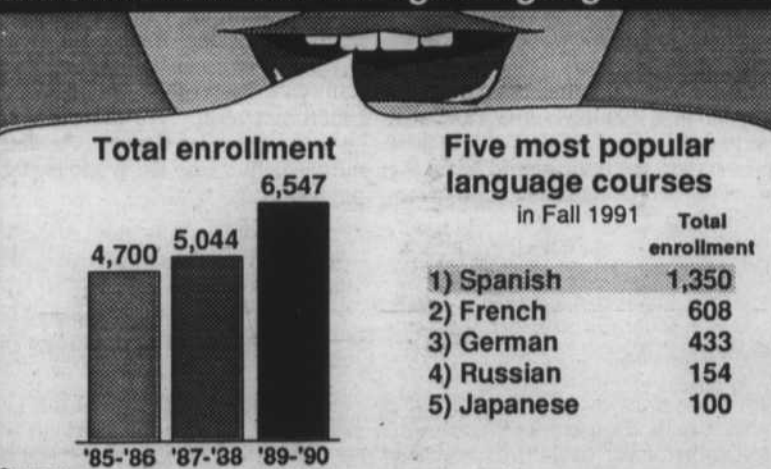
Even if the guidelines are adopted, he said, "different people are going to evaluate each program slightly differently. That's human nature."

For example, he said, the student member of APC might weigh the impact of a certain cut differently than an administrative member.

The APC will probably consider adopting the proposed guidelines at its next meeting, he said.

Foreign language studies on the rise

Enrollment in UNL foreign language courses



Source: Harriet Turner, chairwoman of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures
Amie DeFrain/DN

Global concerns spur increases in nation, UNL

By Jared Wittwer
Staff Reporter

International political and economic changes have spurred foreign language enrollment both nationwide and at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, language officials said.

Since 1980, national enrollment in foreign language courses has grown by 30 percent, said Bettina Huber, director of research for the Modern Language Association in New York. Harriet Turner, chairwoman of the Department of Modern Languages and

Literatures, said the creation of the European Economic Community, the collapse of communism and the rising economic power of Japan are all reasons for Americans to become proficient in one or more foreign languages.

The trend towards a more global community has made Americans acutely aware of the need to study foreign languages, Turner said. The United States "can no longer expect to dominate the economic and cultural life of our time," she said.

Japanese, Russian and Spanish language courses have experienced the largest increases in enrollment nationally and at UNL, Huber and Turner said.

Nationally, the number of students taking foreign languages in 1990 was

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