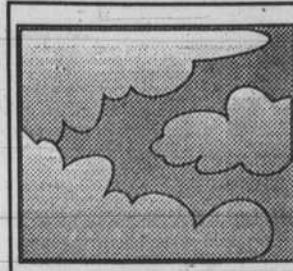


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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, rain likely in the morning, decreasing clouds in the afternoon. Tonight, cloudy. Friday, partly to mostly sunny. High 40 to 45.

Capsule's future still up in air despite meeting

By Roger Price
Staff Reporter

The NU Board of Regents left unresolved Saturday the proposal to transfer Apollo 009 to a museum in Kansas.

Regents refused to discuss the future of the space capsule following a presentation by three members of Nebraskans for the Advancement of Space Development and a report by UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier.

The members asked the board to move forward with transferring the capsule to the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center in Hutchinson, Kan., where it would be restored.

The center had offered to give the University of Nebraska-Lincoln \$1.5 million in space artifacts in exchange for the capsule.

Craig Cleaver, president of Nebraskans for the Advancement of Space Development, told the board that of the 19 remaining capsules from the Apollo program, the Apollo 009 is the only one that hasn't been restored.

He said five of the capsules were displayed by NASA, and 13 were in private museums.

Because Apollo 009 is stored outside and continues to deteriorate, Cleaver said, the capsule must be taken care of immediately, and the

cosmosphere is the only facility that can provide this care.

"Keeping the capsule is nothing short of greed," he said.

Cleaver said the board had two options in dealing with the capsule.

"You can make a self-indulgent decision based on emotion," he said, "or you can make a rational decision based on facts."

Spanier told the board that after looking for other possible options, trading the capsule to the cosmosphere was the best alternative.

While the UNL administration stands by its original recommendation to trade the capsule, Spanier said he had made arrangements to store the capsule inside until the board reached a decision on the proposed trade.

Cleaver said moving the capsule inside would do little for the capsule. Because water and other chemicals have gotten inside the capsule, he said, the only way to stop the deterioration is for the cosmosphere to restore it.

Cleaver said that while the cosmosphere would not restore the capsule immediately, it would apply a chemical treatment to Apollo 009 that would stop further corrosion.

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Robin Trimarchi/DN

Ralph Nader discusses "Educational Priorities and the Quality of Education" Friday at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Idea man

Consumer advocate offers group blueprint

By Kara Morrison
Staff Reporter

"Do you love your country?" Ralph Nader's mother asked him when he was a child as they watched a Fourth of July parade together.

To his affirmative answer, Nader's mother demanded, "Well you better work hard in your life to make it more lovable then."

Nader encouraged college students to do the same Friday when he spoke at Nebraska Wesleyan University on "Educational Priorities and the Quality of Education."

Nader, a lawyer and consumer advocate, is noted for his book "Unsafe at Any Speed," which pointed out safety defects in Corvair automobiles and led to the Auto Safety Act in 1965.

Still active in consumer and citi-

zen rights, Nader told the primarily student audience that organizing public interest research groups would help students improve their education by teaching them "citizen skills" — skills he said were not easily learned in the television generation and were not taught in schools.

"Citizen skills are what a democracy is," Nader said. We cannot have daily democracy without daily citizens."

Instead of citizen skills — skills needed to understand how the government works for citizens — Nader said that what was taught too often in schools were memorization skills, which do not help learning since "learning is doing and motivation."

The public interest research groups also would help solve other education problems, he said.

"Problems (in education) melt

down when students are treated seriously and given serious opportunities," Nader said.

Public interest groups can be started by students who hold a referendum or a petition drive on campus, Nader said. If the majority of the students agree to support such a group, the students could ask the administration to add a small amount, for example \$6, to the tuition bill.

"The minority of the students who oppose it can refuse to pay, so winners win and losers get another chance to say 'no' . . . that they won't pay," Nader said.

The money could go to support a non-profit organization run by a student board elected by the students, he said.

Then, Nader said, the board could

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Chancellor concerned with UNL's success

Tougher standards for admission sought

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick
Senior Reporter

SCOTTSBLUFF — Visiting Scottsbluff Thursday, UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier spoke to many groups but stressed one message: his vision of the university's future.

"I'd like to see if there are some things we can do to make people realize that we are a very high-quality institution," he said.

Spanier traveled to Scottsbluff to visit the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's facilities and to get acquainted with western Nebraska. He plans to take nine similar trips around the state.

Improving UNL students was a common theme in Spanier's speeches. He said that stricter admissions policies were needed to do that.

"The (admissions) system we have in place is simply not a good system," he said. "We have students coming to

UNL not prepared."

Spanier said 25 percent of UNL freshmen did not return as sophomores, and 50 percent of students who took introductory math courses received D's or F's.

"We are letting in students that we know darn well aren't ready to succeed," he said.

Spanier said that UNL's admissions policies must change from admitting any student who graduated from high school to admitting students prepared to learn at the college level. Students should be required to take four years of English, two years of a foreign language and at least three years of math to be admitted to UNL, Spanier said.

Currently, UNL students are required to meet one of three requirements for admission. They must complete a core group of classes that varies with their college, be ranked in the upper half of their high school class, or have an ACT score of 20 or

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Committees forward cut proposals

By Adeana Leftin
Senior Editor

Although there are mixed feelings about the budget-reduction process, the recommended cuts were good, a UNL official said.

Thomas Zorn, chairman of the Academic Planning and the Budget Reduction Review committees, said the two committees made outstanding recommendations with the choices they were given.

"Everyone involved made a sincere effort to do things for the benefit of the campus," he said. The two committees released their recom-

mendations for budget cuts Friday and forwarded them to UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier.

The budget process, which has been ongoing for the past three months, is the result of last spring's Nebraska Legislature mandate that the University of Nebraska-Lincoln cut 2 percent from the budget this year and 1 percent from next year's budget.

Zorn said the APC would continue meeting with Spanier during the next few weeks to help him come up with the additional \$1.7 million in cuts that were not met by the committees.

"The committee members understand that he (Spanier) has a tough job to do," Zorn said. "A number of the committee members want some input on his decision-making."

The Budget Reduction Review and Academic Planning committees approved the following proposals:

- Eliminating nine full-time positions and related supply expenses in custodial services, cutting \$124,500.
- Eliminating one director position in business and finance management, \$72,500.
- Eliminating an assistant manager position in Utility Plant Management, \$42,300.
- Eliminating a permanent landscape worker and a temporary groundskeeper from Landscape Services, \$30,300.
- Changing the processing of first- and third-class pre-sorted campus mail, \$30,000.

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