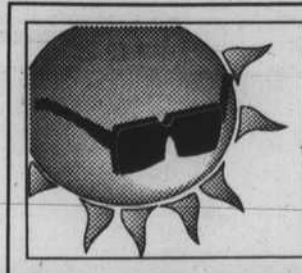


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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, mostly sunny, northwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Tonight, a few clouds and mild. Friday, partly sunny with a high of 50 to 55.

President's address draws mixed reviews

Professor sees Bush's program as short-term fix

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick
Senior Reporter

President Bush's plan to move the United States out of the recession, outlined in his State of the Union address Tuesday, drew mixed reviews from two UNL professors.

Roger Riefler, an economics professor at the University of Nebraska-

Lincoln, said he thought Bush's speech would be rightly criticized for focusing on short-term cures for the economy.

"To that extent, I think it was a politically motivated presentation," he said.

Riefler gave the address a "B" on potential short-term impact, and said it earned a "D-" for its potential long-term impact.

Bush's plan, if passed, would help stimulate the economy out of recession, Riefler said. However, he said, he thought the recovery would happen naturally, whether Bush acted or not.

For a significant improvement in the economy, he said, long-term goals, such as education and improving the quality of the work force, must be addressed.

In his speech, Bush revived a Persian Gulf War promise by declaring that the problems of the recession "will not stand." He outlined an economic plan based on short-term tax breaks to lift the United States out of its economic doldrums.

The crux of Bush's plan is a change in the federal tax withholding tables. The change will allow taxpayers to

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State of the Union

Highlights of President Bush's speech

Defense spending

- Cut defense spending by \$50 billion over this and next five years.

Taxes

- Adjust income-tax withholding tables to boost Americans' take-home pay.
- Raise personal exemption for dependent children, now \$2,300 a child, to \$2,900.
- Cut capital gains tax, or tax on profits from sale of stock, real estate and other assets.

Homebuying

- Give first-time home buyers a tax credit of up to \$5,000 for homes purchased this year.
- Allow first-time home buyers to withdraw up to \$10,000 from IRAs without penalty.

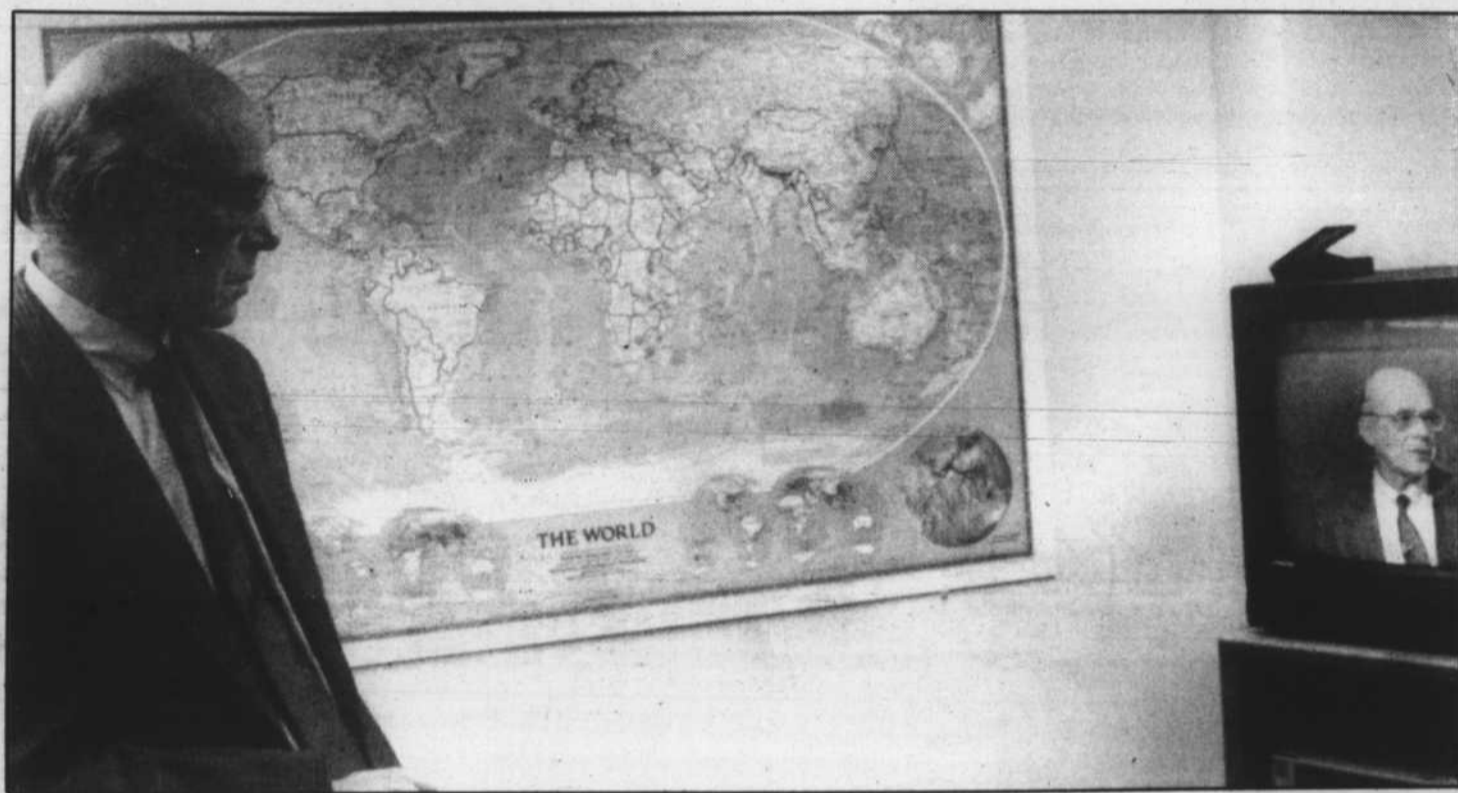
Health

- Provide tax credits and vouchers to help low and middle-income families buy health insurance, up to a maximum of \$3,750 a family.

Source: AP



Scott Maurer/DN



Greg Bernhard/DN

James Kendrick, a UNL professor of agricultural economics, teaches real-world, up-to-date and instantaneous economics via satellite.

Griesen says 'brain drain' must be halted

Vice chancellor calls for higher standards, tactics

Editor's note: In his budget reduction speech Jan. 16, Chancellor Graham Spanier announced four programs to improve UNL and increase the university's impact on the state and the world. This series will examine each of the four initiatives.

By Sean Green
Senior Reporter

UNL has announced plans to reverse the current "brain drain" in Nebraska by attracting more top students to the university, the vice chancellor for student affairs said.

To bring more high-achieving students to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the administration will have to raise admission standards and improve recruiting tactics, James Griesen said.

In his Jan. 16 speech, UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier appointed Griesen to be in

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Tune in

Professor's televised class keeps up with the times

By Lori Huff
Staff Reporter

UNL professor James Kendrick said he didn't feel the need to change his style, since his style kept up with technology.

Kendrick, an agricultural economics professor, recently began teaching a televised agricultural marketing class at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Kendrick spoke highly of the course, but said he did not prefer it over the other courses he taught.



"Each one is quite different than the others," he said. "They're each weird. And I enjoy the students in each one of them."

Because much of what Kendrick teaches is based on current news events, information relayed in his classes changes from day to day.

In his Agricultural Economics 411 class, Kendrick said, he has high expectations of his students. He forces students to keep abreast of world events by requiring them to read three or four newspapers and encouraging them to make use of other resources, he said.

"My purpose is to get students knowledgeable and to make students aware we're working in a global market," he said.

Among the resources available to his students is a computer network that enables them to examine agricultural news from around the world at the touch of a button. The information received and analyzed from this network becomes the basis for classroom discussion, he said.

Kendrick said his job was complicated because he was responsible for staying informed about all of the news.

"I go crazy just trying to keep up," Kendrick said. "I have to depend on my TAs a lot. The TAs are what makes this thing run. They're the geniuses."

"I'm just the front person."

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Drug, alcohol tests negative for Baldwin

From the Associated Press

Tests showed no sign of drugs or alcohol in the blood or urine of a University of Nebraska-Lincoln student charged in the beating of a Lincoln woman Jan. 18, Lancaster County Attorney Gary Lacey said.

"That means we have to look to another cause" for behavior that led to Andrew Scott Baldwin's arrest, Lacey said.

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'Living will' bill debate begins

By Cindy Kimbrough
Senior Reporter

The Nebraska Legislature began debate Wednesday on the first of two bills that would recognize Nebraskans' right to direct their own medical treatment.

Sen. David Landis of Lincoln introduced an amendment to LB671, which recognized a "durable power of attorney"



in directing medical treatment and a "living will" if a person became terminally ill or reached a persistently vegetative state.

A living will gives the attending physician specific instructions on what medical treatment will be allowed or acceptable.

A durable power of attorney, instead of instructing the physician, gives a third person the power to make the decisions of what direction treatment should follow.

The amendment, which passed Wednesday, removed the "durable power of attorney" from Landis' origi-

nal bill, introduced last session.

Last session, Sen. John Lindsay of Omaha introduced LB696, a bill that gave legal recognition to directing medical treatment through "durable power of attorney."

Landis said he introduced his amendment to put the decision on a durable power of attorney solely on LB696, offering Nebraskans a choice of what type of control they would have over medical treatment.

In addition, Landis added on provisions he called "clean-up amend-

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