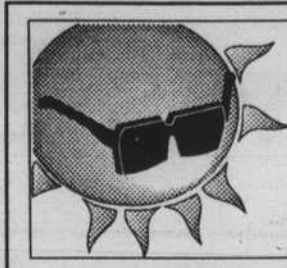


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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, mostly sunny and warm, west winds 5 to 10 mph. Tonight, clear. Saturday, sunny and warm with a record high in the lower 60s.

## Bill to cut tuition aid discussed

### Dependents' waivers would face restrictions

By Andy Raun  
Staff Reporter

State postsecondary tuition aid to dependents of U.S. veterans would be limited under terms of a legislative bill discussed Thursday at the State Capitol.

LB998, the subject of a public hearing before the Nebraska Legislature's Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, stipulates that qualifying dependents could receive a tuition waiver for only one undergraduate degree at the University of Nebraska or other state or community colleges.

The bill would prevent dependents from using state waivers to earn more than one degree as "lifelong students," said sponsoring Sen. Gerald Conway of Wayne.

"This was not the original intent," Conway said of some students' practice of taking waivers to earn multiple degrees.

The bill, which would amend an existing state law, also would limit qualification for waivers to dependents of permanently and totally disabled veterans.

Jonathan Sweet, director of the Nebraska Department of Veteran's Affairs, said that under existing law, decisions regarding which disabled veterans' dependents would receive waivers were made at his discretion.

Under LB998, waivers would be available not only to dependents of the permanently and totally disabled, but also to those of Nebraskans who died in or because of war service, or who were designated as "missing in action" or prisoners of war after Aug. 4, 1964.

No limit on the number of students who may

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William Lauer/DN

Sen. Dave Landis of Lincoln argues against an amendment to his living will bill Thursday at the State Capitol.

## Living will legislation forwarded

By Cindy Kimbrough  
Senior Reporter

State senators advanced the living will bill Thursday in a 34-5 vote, but axed the most controversial section of the bill.

Last session, Sen. David Landis of Lincoln introduced LB671, a bill that recognized living wills in directing medical treatment if a person became terminally ill or reached a persistently vegetative state. A living will gives the attending physician specific instruction on what medical treatment will be allowed or acceptable.

During two hours of debate Thursday, Sen. John Lindsay of Omaha proposed an amendment to the bill that would eliminate a section provided for Nebraskans who were terminally ill or in a vegetative state and did not have a living will. In this case, the physician may be faced with having to decide what to do with the patient.

According to the original bill, the doctor would follow a chain of command to make the decision to end a patient's life or let him or her live on life support.

This chain of power follows a 1991 Supreme Court decision on a similar case.

The physician first would ask the patient's spouse, followed by the children, and then the parents.

This section was the most controversial part of the bill, Lindsay said, because it went beyond what a living will bill was meant for.

When the living will proposal was being discussed in the hearing, he said, the question was whether or not Nebraskans should have living wills.

The discussion "never got into the meat of



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## Proposed plan to improve, clarify UNL's image

**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

As many as 70 UNL public relations officials will join forces to better the university's image in Nebraska as part of Chancellor Graham Spanier's improvement programs, a UNL official said.

Michael Mulnix, executive director of public relations at UNL, said public relations people from across campus would be asked to generate ideas on how to implement the

### Statewide involvement, faculty tours on agenda

"Reaching Across Nebraska" initiative's goals.

"He (Spanier) has given me total freedom with the initiative," Mulnix said. "I think it could have a big impact on the university."

Spanier outlined the goals of "Reaching Across Nebraska" in his Jan. 16 speech. The program, Spanier said, will be funded by a combination of private donations and university funds.

"Reaching Across Nebraska" goals, as stated in Spanier's speech, include:

— Promoting a speakers' bureau comprising UNL faculty.

— Sponsoring a tour of Nebraska for new faculty members.

— Supporting the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the Lied Center for Performing Arts and Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery in their efforts to extend their programs throughout the state.

— Supporting UNL faculty involvement with communities, educational institutions and other organizations across Nebraska.

The overall goal of the program is to give Nebraskans a clearer image of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Mulnix said, because UNL affects most of the state's people.

"This initiative will let people in Nebraska know that UNL is in every community and touches virtually everyone," he said. "That includes

prospective students, parents and taxpayers who support the university."

Some of the ideas in the initiative, such as the faculty speakers' bureau, are not new, Mulnix said, but have been insufficiently funded in the past.

"This time, Spanier is saying, 'Let's do it right,'" he said. "Let's get our speakers on the road and coordinate a program that will get them out across the state."

Under the initiative, Mulnix said, a political science professor could travel to communities in Nebraska and present lectures about current events, such as the collapse of the Soviet Union.

The initiative includes a proposed

program in which new faculty would take three- or four-day tours, not only of other colleges and universities, but of the whole state, he said.

The tours would be conducted with the help of IANR, he said.

Another outreach goal, Mulnix said, involves the Lied Center or the Sheldon Art Gallery sending performers, artists or exhibits to Nebraska communities.

Mulnix said he expected "Reaching Across Nebraska" to have a significant impact on the university and the state.

"UNL has gone through a couple of tough years, especially with the budget cuts," he said. "We want to make sure people realize that UNL is still a nationally ranked university and that Nebraskans should take pride in it."

## Girls' career options limited, expert says

By Erik Unger  
Staff Reporter

Secondary-school classrooms that discourage girls from pursuing careers in math and science can lead to lower self-esteem and fewer career aspirations, the former Nebraska commissioner of education said.

Anne Campbell said that perceptions were drawn too early about career options—around the age of 12—and that women should be encouraged to do whatever they want.

Campbell spoke at the Nebraska Roundtable For Educational Gender Equity on Thursday at the Nebraska Telecommunications Center, 1800

N. 33rd St.

"They (girls) don't believe that they can do well in those areas that are being demanded in technological needs," Campbell said.

Gov. Ben Nelson said that positive attitudes must be instilled in girls early in life, before stereotypes can be implemented.

The discussion also was carried on closed-circuit television.

Jim O'Hanlon, dean of the Teachers College at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said gender inequity was not just at the school-age level.

He said Nebraska also has a shortage of women in educational leadership. Out of nine

educational administrators at UNL, three are women, he said.

Jim Lewis, chairman of the UNL Department of Mathematics, said societal pressures, not ability, were keeping women out of math and science fields.

He said boys received more attention in class, and counselors discouraged women from pursuing high-level math classes. Society is one reason that only 24 percent of Ph.D.s are awarded to women, he said.

"We need to be aware to maintain self-esteem in both boys and girls so that they can, through our efforts and our counseling, meet their own needs and expectations," she said.

### FRIDAY

**Correction:** In Tuesday's edition of the Daily Nebraskan in an article on UNL's peer group, the University of Nebraska was incorrectly indicated as being the first university established west of the Mississippi River. Instead, NU was the first university to be granted American Association of University status. The Daily Nebraskan regrets the error.

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