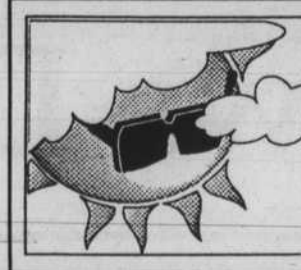


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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, morning cloudiness, then partly sunny in the afternoon. Tonight, clear with fog forming after midnight. Friday, mostly sunny with a high in the upper 40s.



Mirror image

With the first measurable snowfall of the new year, and temperatures in the mid 30's, snow made for natural mirrors on the UNL City Campus.

Shaun Sartin/DN

Chambers says UNL inflating NCAA threat

By Sean Green
Senior Reporter

A state senator on Wednesday accused the University of Nebraska of buckling under NCAA pressures at the expense of UNL student-athletes.

Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha said that UNL was using "alarmist" tactics to show that it must have its way or the football program would be shut down.

Chambers spoke in opposition to LB963 at a hearing of the Nebraska Legislature's Judiciary Committee.



The bill, proposed by Sen. Chris Beutler of Lincoln, would postpone for two years the implementation of LB69, a law that requires Nebraska colleges to award student-athletes all the need-based financial aid for which they qualify.

"The university has already said football is more important than the players," Chambers said. "Now they're saying the institution is more important than the students."

The senator also criticized a letter written to him by UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier. The letter was read to the committee by Jack Goe-

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Student insurance rates rising, official says

Representative says health plan still a good deal

By Trevor Meers
Staff Reporter

Although UNL students can expect their health insurance rates to keep rising, they are getting their money's worth, an insurance representative said.

Sheryl Augstums, a student insurance representative at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said student rates for health insurance through the University Health Center had risen each year at about the same rate as other insurance policies.

"There is normally an increase of about 15 percent per year," Augstums said. "This year we have kept it right at 15 percent."

The health center offers health insurance to students for a full year,

beginning Aug. 24, for a premium of \$340, Augstums said. If the policy is bought in the fall, students can pay the entire fee at once or pay for three or six months at a time, she said.

Students also can purchase a policy for \$216, which covers the period from the beginning of the spring semester to Aug. 24, Augstums said. For \$93, students can buy a policy insuring them for the summer school session.

During the 1988-89 school year, one year's coverage cost \$225, Augstums said. In 1990-91, the premium was \$308.

"It basically covers everything associated with illness or an accident," she said. "If they're referred outside the health center by one of our doctors, there's a \$150 deductible."

After the deductible, Augstums said, the policy covers 80 percent of usual and customary fees, which refers to a national average of what medical services should cost. However, students should expect to be charged

more than the average, she said.

The increasing prices are caused by new benefits added every year, Augstums said. She said it was a trade-off between more benefits and lower fees.

"When we have negotiations, I say, 'Can we have this?' and they say, 'That'll make the premium go up X amount of dollars,'" Augstums said.

She said the policies' benefits were limited in some areas to keep the premiums lower.

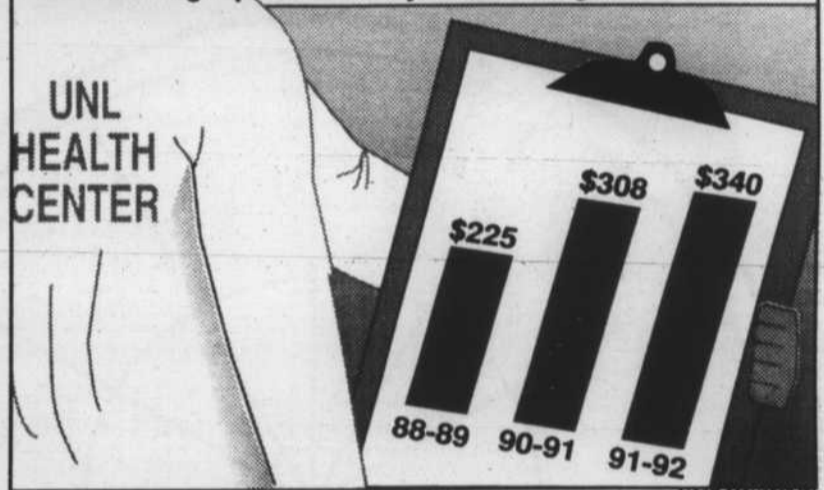
For this year's higher premium, she said, students receive expanded benefits in the area of miscellaneous hospital expenses, including coverage of services such as the operating room and lab tests.

Augstums said she understood students' concerns with rising premiums, but the rates probably would keep rising each year. However, she said, insurance through the health center still was a good deal for students.

If students were to compare health

Health Center insurance rates

The following represents one year's coverage cost



Scott Maurer/DN

center policies with other insurance policies, they would find they were receiving equal benefits at competitive prices, she said.

"Our goal is to keep it as affordable as possible," she said. "But medical care and insurance is expensive. I think we do a pretty good job."

Bill protecting archeological sites disputed

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick
Senior Reporter

Nebraska State Historical Society officials told members of the Legislature Wednesday that LB1073 is vital to protect archeological sites in Nebraska, but media representatives disputed that claim.

The Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee heard arguments for and against the bill, sponsored by Sen. Jerome Warner of Waverly.

The bill would allow public institutions to keep secret archeological sites being investigated in Nebraska. Names of donors to public institutions also would be kept secret. Under current Nebraska law, public state agencies



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Party members vow action

Cultural awareness, safety among issues

By Cindy Kimbrough
Senior Reporter

Promising action and not just words, members of the first party of the 1992 student government elections announced they were stepping into the running Wednesday at the Nebraska Union.

The three primary members of the ACTION party — presidential candidate Alyssa Williams, first vice-presidential candidate Pat Piper and second vice-presidential candidate Chris Olaes — said they would reinstall the students' faith in the Association of Students at the University of Nebraska.

Williams, a junior philosophy major, said she was running because she saw room for improvement at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

If elected, she said, her main goals would

center on women's issues, bringing issues to the students and placing blue lights on emergency phones.

An inequality exists on this campus for women, she said. According to the Women's Resource Center, female staff members at UNL receive approximately \$2,000 less than their male counterparts.

Williams said this inequality also existed in ASUN. A female president has not been elected since 1985, and ASUN members can recall only three women who have ever served as president, she said.

To combat these inequalities, Williams said she would pay attention to salary and classification equity of women staff and faculty members. In addition, she said she also would form a women's resource subcommittee in ASUN.

Bringing the issues to the students is another key to educating the student body, Williams said.

To do this, she said, ASUN could adopt a special issue each month and sponsor conferences, rallies and guest speakers to educate the

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