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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, 80 percent chance of rain or thundershowers. Tonight, rain changing to snow. Thursday, windy with a 40 percent chance of light snow, high in the mid-30s.



Al Schaben/DN

## Hot wheels

UNL student Eric Kingery battles Lydell "Oats" Otlly of Waverly for the ball during the Lincoln Star City Wheelers game at Lefler Junior High School Monday night. Two UNL students are recruiting members for a college wheelchair basketball team. See sports, page 7.

## Budget-cutting process to be subject of study

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick  
Senior Reporter

A committee has been formed to study UNL's budget-reduction process and to recommend changes, an official said.

Herb Howe, associate to the chancellor, said the Committee on Budget Reallocation and Reduction had been formed by George Tuck, president of the Academic Senate, and UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier.

The committee, formed in late February, is made up of three faculty members and three administrators. Spanier and Tuck charged the committee with studying last fall's budget-reduction process at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and suggesting a new one.

Howe said Spanier was looking for a budget process that "wasn't so long and so painful" as the one UNL endured last fall.

"What he is not looking for is locking some people in a smoky room and coming out with budget cuts, but the way it worked last time was not particularly good," Howe said.

Lloyd Ambrosius, a professor of history; Rita Kean, chairwoman of the textiles, clothing and design department; Kent Hendrickson, dean of libraries; John Peters, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Steve Waller, a professor of agronomy; and Tom Zorn, an associate professor of finance, will serve on the committee.

John Benson, director of Institutional Research and Planning, will provide support services, or technical expertise, on budget reduction.

Hendrickson, chairman of the committee, said it had not yet decided what procedures it would use in developing a new budget-reduction process.

"We probably won't have open hearings," he said. "It hasn't all been decided, but we will probably be soliciting information by letter and memo."

Hendrickson said the committee would examine budget reduction, as well as how current funds could be reallocated to better serve UNL.

"We're not just talking reduction, we're talking reallocation as well," he said.

The committee has a May 1 deadline to forward its recommendations to Spanier and Tuck.

## NU Foundation funds increase

By Jennifer McClure  
Staff Reporter

Despite tough economic times, increases in contributions to the NU Foundation have made UNL No. 2 in endowments in the Big Eight, an official said.

Theresa Klein, director of public relations and publications for the foundation, said the University of Nebraska-Lincoln had shown consistent growth in endowments in the past few years.

By June 30, 1991 — the end of the fiscal

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## UNL student charged with fraud

### Suspect used aliases to get loans, credit

By Ronda Vlasin  
Staff Reporter

After almost two weeks of investigation, a UNL student was arrested March 11 by both the UNL Police Department and the Lincoln Police Department for illegally obtaining two student loans totalling \$500, among other offenses.

Ron Lundy, an investigator for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police Department, said the student applied for loans using false information and an alias.

"She was dishonest about employers; she gave the name of a company she devised herself," Lundy said. "She listed her parents as deceased when they were very much alive. She falsified her name, date of birth and social security number."

On the loan application, Lundy said, the student claimed to be a graduate student when she only had attended a junior college and had

no degrees. One of the references she listed was a doctor, but she listed her own address and phone number so she would be giving her own reference.

The student has used seven different aliases, "more if you count different middle names and hyphenating the last name," Lundy said.

The names she used were those of people she probably knew, Lundy said.

The student, who is a Nebraska native, lived in California for a period of time. In 1991, she moved to Oklahoma, where she first became involved with fraud, he said. A woman by the same name registered at UNL in August 1989, according to UNL's Office of Registration and Records.

In Oklahoma, the 36-year-old woman looked up the names of people from various communities she lived in, Lundy said. She researched their backgrounds, such as where they went to school. She then would contact the school posing as the person and request transcripts she said she had lost, he said.

Once the transcripts were sent to her address, he said, she had all the information she needed for identification purposes.

On an unknown date, Lundy said, the woman

moved to Lincoln, then to Omaha and back to Lincoln. She registered as a student at UNL and used her false names to apply for loans, credit cards and various bank accounts, he said.

"She had two different UNL student ID cards — one with her real name and one with an alias," Lundy said.

Between Jan. 2 and Jan. 5 of this year, the woman stole license plates from a vehicle at Eppley Airfield in Omaha, said Dennis Duckworth, an investigator with the Lincoln Police Department.

"She did this because she had citations recorded on her last license that she paid for with bad checks under false names," Lundy said. "When her license plates expired, she couldn't afford to purchase new ones and resorted to stealing."

When the student registered her car with the UNL Parking Office, Lundy said, she used the stolen license plates but told parking officials they were Lancaster County plates.

The Lincoln Police Department began working on the case Feb. 24 after a Trans World Airline fraud investigator contacted Lincoln

## Union asbestos to be removed

By Susie Arth  
Staff Reporter

An asbestos ceiling will be removed from the serving-line area of the Fast Break cafeteria, the director of the Nebraska Union said.

Daryl Swanson said about \$9,000 would be spent to remove a ceiling that contained asbestos.

"We could have worked around it, but we decided it was worth the \$9,000 to get the asbestos out of there now," he said.

The NU Board of Regents approved a resolution Friday allowing up to

\$97,000 to be spent on renovating the Nebraska Union cafeteria.

Little King will remain, but the Fast Break cafeteria will be replaced with two new food-court outlets, Swanson said. The renovation should be complete by August.

The \$9,000 will be paid to an asbestos abatement contractor who is responsible for the public's safety in asbestos removal matters, Swanson said.

Swanson said the decision was made to remove the asbestos during the renovation to save construction costs later. Removing the asbestos ceiling

now also will make it easier and quicker for the construction workers to do their jobs, he said.

"We decided it would be best to let them do their work without asbestos hanging over their heads," he said.

Removal of the ceiling will begin over Spring Break, Swanson said, and probably still will be in progress after students come back.

By the time students return, he said, the area around the asbestos ceiling would be partitioned off so no one would be in danger. The area will not be closed to diners or students studying.

### WEDNESDAY

**Correction:** Because of inaccurate information supplied to the Daily Nebraskan, an article Friday incorrectly reported Thad Standley as a December graduate in art history. Standley is a senior management major. The Daily Nebraskan regrets the error.

Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton sweeps primaries in Michigan and Illinois. **Page 2**

Husker Coach Danny Nee says his team's second straight NCAA bid helps build tradition. **Page 7**

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Lincoln native Matthew Sweet returns tonight with concert. **Page 9**

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