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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, partly sunny and hotter with a chance of afternoon showers. Tonight, partly cloudy. Saturday, mostly sunny, high in the upper 70s

## Students protest acquittal by burning flag

By Sean Green  
Senior Reporter

A group of UNL students burned an American flag Thursday at Broyhill Fountain to protest Wednesday's acquittal of four Los Angeles police officers accused of beating Rodney King.

The innocent verdict was passed down in the seventh day of deliberation. The seven-week trial was wrapped up 14 months after a bystander videotaped King being beaten by police officers.

The UNL protesters interrupted a rally in support of democratic presidential candidate Jerry Brown.

"There is no hope, no justice in America," said Angela Green, a sophomore political science major at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. "We are tired of Martin Luther King (Jr.'s) dream . . . It's time for people to wake up."

The flag-burning occurred in the middle of a speech by Sen. DiAnna Schimek of Lincoln, who said she attended the rally to voice outrage about what was going on in Los Angeles.

Brown was in Omaha Wednesday and was scheduled to spend part of Thursday in Lincoln. However, the former governor of California cut short his visit to Lincoln and flew to California after receiving word of the verdict and subsequent rioting.

Brown's supporters announced Thursday morning they would hold the rally to protest the verdict and to provide an open forum.

About 200 students gathered on the north side of the Nebraska Union to watch or take part in the sometimes heated debate.

The rally began shortly after noon and discussions and shouting matches between groups of students continued until after 2 p.m.

Students voiced mostly outrage about the verdict in the King trial, the status of African-Americans in the United States and the Mike Tyson trial, as well as minority relations at UNL.

Andrew Sigerson, president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, briefly took the podium at the request of some members of the crowd.

Sigerson said he agreed there were problems both on campus and across the country, and said his efforts at UNL to improve race relations had not done much good.

"All we've done is fight amongst ourselves,"



Shaun Sartin/DN

Stacy Jackson, left, a senior home economics major, confronts ASUN President Andrew Sigerson Thursday during an open forum on Broyhill Plaza. The forum was in response to the acquittal of four Los Angeles police officers in the videotaped beating of Rodney King.

he said. "The verdict was wrong, but I'm not sure standing out here and burning the American flag is the way to deal with it."

A shouting match between Sigerson and some members of the crowd ensued.

One student accused Sigerson of being a member of the white, male establishment that had been oppressing minorities for years.

Sigerson replied, "I was elected and, like it or not, you have to deal with me."

In a telephone interview before the protest, Walter Gholson, a counselor for African-American students at UNL, said students he

had talked to were angry and frustrated about the verdict in the King beating trial.

"People are naturally frustrated at what is a basic injustice," he said. "When you see that kind of violence on videotape, and then the legal system says it's not violence, in the eyes of the law, it makes you question whether there is any justice at all."

Gholson said he had been to the sections of Los Angeles where the riots were occurring, and said he understood why people would destroy their own neighborhoods.

"After awhile, you can't look at that neigh-

borhood as belonging to the people rioting," he said. "They were attacking businesses as symbols of the system."

Gholson said he did not condone the violence in Los Angeles and said violence was not a solution — it only bred more violence.

And he said the King verdict was not a black-white issue — it was an issue of a police department vs. civilians.

"The real question is, 'Was it a fair trial?'" he said. "What's a fair trial for people who have been caught beating the hell out of somebody?"

## Officials say proposed peer group acceptable

By Cindy Kimbrough  
Senior Reporter

UNL faculty and officials said they were satisfied with the university's proposed peer group, but said they hoped UNL would not settle for being average.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln faculty salaries would rate 1.6 percent above the average in the proposed peer group.

George Tuck, former president of the Academic Senate, said he thought UNL would be in good shape in the newly proposed peer group if it did

## Professor says UNL should strive for top

not settle for letting faculty salaries lie in the middle.

"What (the 1.6 percent above average salary) means is that we have achieved our goal of making parity," he said. "It is now time to set a new goal and move on to the top of the new group."

An advisory group comprising three former university presidents was formed in January to examine UNL's peer institutions and recommend a new peer group.

The advisory group was formed in response to the concern of UNL and state officials who questioned the adequacy of the university's peer institutions in terms of research spending, student enrollment, faculty size and state population, and because UNL was rated 11th out of the 12 schools, according to faculty salaries.

In addition, the National Center of Higher Education Management Systems recommended last year that UNL should find a new peer group.

The advisory group recommended a new peer group of 10 schools to the NU Board of Regents April 19, replacing four schools in the old group.

The original group included Ohio State, Purdue, Iowa State, Illinois, Minnesota and Missouri.

Colorado State, Colorado, Iowa and Kansas were added, while Maryland, Penn State, Wisconsin and Michigan State were dropped from the original peer group.

Tuck said he thought the proposed

group was solid, and that the advisory group had made a good case for the new comparative group of universities, according to their similar roles, missions and programming and historical backgrounds with UNL.

Herbert Howe, assistant to the UNL chancellor, said the new peer group appeared to be a good comparison.

The group is composed of distinguished universities that are geographically compatible and accredited under the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Howe said.

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## Parking committee sets goal for parking policy

By Jean Lass  
Staff Reporter

After looking over results from a parking study, the UNL Parking Advisory Committee passed resolutions Thursday to develop a parking policy by September 1992.

Committee members also voted to appoint four students next fall to increase student representation on the committee.

The study, done by Walker Parking Consultants of Minneapolis, said UNL should establish a parking policy, develop a long-range plan and consider a parking garage for the Temple lot, where the proposed Madden Gardens would be.

The Walker firm advised that the committee survey students, staff and night shift people for their input on campus parking.

Ray Coffey, business manager for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said the committee needed a survey to develop a long-range plan.

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## UNL plan would aid dual-career couples

By Sarah Scalet  
Staff Reporter

A preliminary plan being reviewed at UNL would support dual-career couples and increase the number of women and minorities employed by the university, an official said.

Liz Grobsmith, assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs, who drafted the policy, said it had become increasingly apparent that many potential employees were affected by the careers of their partners.

The Dual Career Program would

help partners, who need not be legally married, to find employment both within the university and the Lincoln area.

Grobsmith said the University of Nebraska-Lincoln must be responsive to dual-career couples.

"There is a need for some kind of support for partners," she said.

Grobsmith said she created the proposal based on information from other institutions that had dual-career policies.

The proposal is similar to pro-

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