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Partly sunny today, turning to mostly cloudy tonight and tomorrow, with a chance of rain.

## Senator charges police with discrimination

By Chuck Green  
Senior Reporter

### Chambers calls inquiry racist, inappropriate

Nebraska Sen. Ernie Chambers has requested a meeting with University of Nebraska-Lincoln officials to discuss possible discrimination against a graduate student.

But one UNL official said the circumstances merely involved a routine police investigation.

In a letter to UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier, Chambers outlined an incident last week in which UNL

graduate student Phil Bates was contacted by police for questioning in connection to the disappearance of UNL freshman Candice Harms, 18, who was last seen Sept. 22.

Chambers said police contacted Bates solely because he is an African-American.

The letter asked for a meeting with Spanier, NU President Martin Massengale and other university officials to discuss the implications of "an

incident I hope is never repeated at UNL," Chambers said.

Chambers said Bates received a call last Friday from a UNL police officer who said she was following up on a lead for the Lincoln Police Department.

She asked Bates if he was enrolled in a certain anthropology class. When Bates said he was, the officer told him that Harms had been seen talking to an African-American male in the class

before her disappearance, and requested that Bates come to the police station to be interviewed and have his picture taken.

Chambers said Bates refused to come to the station and said he would contact his lawyer.

James Griesen, UNL vice chancellor for student affairs, said Bates was one of four or five African-American male students enrolled in the class who were contacted by police.

He said the students were called after police received a report that Harms had been seen sitting beside and talking to an African-American student the day before her disappearance.

"The fact that the student was African-American was only one part of the description," Griesen said. "If the description would have been for a 6-foot-6 blond guy, police would be looking for him."

"If someone would have said I was

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## NU budget firm despite dim future, official says

By Shelley Biggs  
Senior Reporter

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln will try to stick with previous budget plans as long as possible, even though the state's economic outlook is growing more dismal, officials said.

The Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board Friday predicted an additional \$52 million increase in the budget gap over the next three fiscal years.

Gov. Ben Nelson said the forecast meant the Nebraska Legislature must trim \$136.3 million from the state's budget for 1993-94 and 1994-95.

Jack Goebel, vice chancellor of business and finance at UNL, said university officials involved in the budget cutting process still were concentrating on how to cut the 1.4 percent decided on earlier this year and would not address the new forecast yet.

Scott Moore, chairman of the Legislature's Appropriations Committee, said the new forecast could affect UNL this fiscal year if the state ran out of money in January or February.

"It is not going to be fun," he said. As far as the university's ability to handle another decrease in the state's budget, Moore said, it would be easier for East Campus to take on additional cuts because of its planning procedure.

"City Campus hasn't taken on its share of the budget planning yet," he said.

Goebel said there were no current plans of how the university would deal with the increase in proposed state budget cuts.



George Bush answers questions from the audience at the Des Moines Convention Center Tuesday.

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## Bush praises farmers for growth

President urges voters to choose reliable candidate

By Jeff Zeleny  
Staff Reporter

DES MOINES, Iowa — President Bush assured supporters Tuesday that the U.S. economy was improving and not in demise as his opponents charged.

Speaking to more than 2,500 supporters at the Des Moines Convention Center, Bush announced a

2.7 percent economic increase in the July-September quarter. The past six consecutive quarters also have shown economic growth, he said.

"If you listen to the Clinton-Gore ticket, the only way they can win is to convince America that we're in a deep recession," he said. "The Democrats keep telling us everything's going to hell, and they're wrong."

Bush praised farmers in the Midwest for their part in the economic

growth. Increased ethanol sales and agriculture exports have played a part in the growth, he said.

Bush fielded questions from the audience during the "Ask George" rally. He said he wanted to attack issues and get rid of political roadblocks created by the gridlocked Congress.

"I will be re-elected and not have any politics on the side," he said. "No more campaigns and no more debates."

"The Democrats and Republicans must sit down with one another with a two-by-four in one hand and a very open approach in the other to move the country forward."

A questioner challenged Bush on his environmental policy. The president said his administration had enforced Environmental Protection Agency standards better than any in the past.

But, Bush said, environmental goals can create problems. Environmentalists want to save forest owls, he said, but aren't concerned about the loss of jobs.

"We have to find a balance between growth and sound environmental practices," he said. "We've gone too far with regulations."

Bush also answered questions

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## No one gains from part-time instructors, professor says

Susie Arth  
Senior Reporter

An increase in the number of part-time instructors across the country is hurting students, instructors and schools, but UNL is not following those trends, an official said.

Linda Pratt, president of the American Association of University Professors and an English professor at UNL, said the national trend of hiring part-time instructors was beneficial to no one.

"Good educational programs require a long-

term commitment on the part of faculty members," she said. "The increasing reliance on part-time instructors disrupts this commitment."

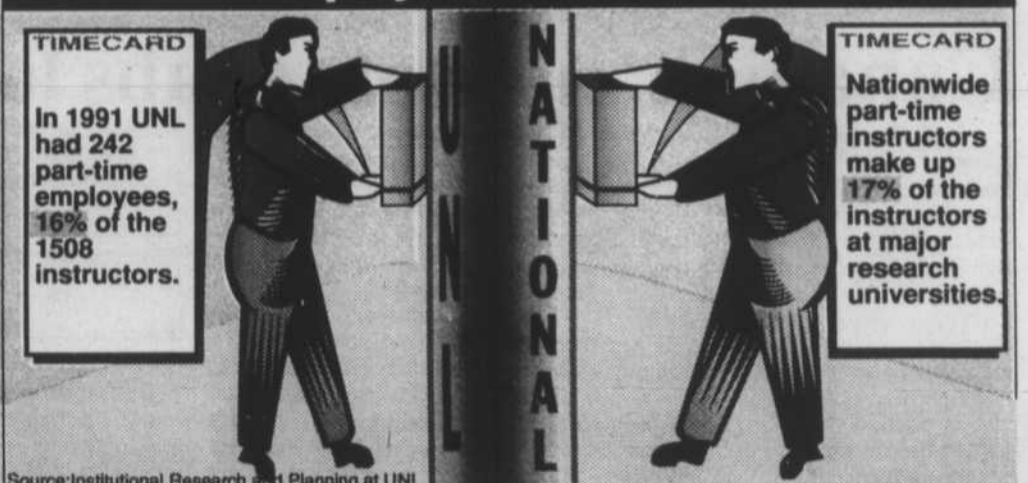
The U.S. Department of Education reported that there were more than 300,000 part-time instructors in 1989. They made up about 37 percent of the 898,200 instructors in colleges across the country.

In 1976, there were 199,100 part-time instructors, making up only 31 percent of the 633,200 instructors in the nation's colleges.

These figures do not include teaching or

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## Part-time employees



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