

NEWS BRIEFS

Groundhog may risk it, associate professor says

From Staff Reports

Groundhogs searching for shadows today might be out of luck, but weather forecasts leave the possibility open.

Ken Hubbard, associate professor of agricultural meteorology at UNL, said the local outlook called for increasing cloudiness throughout the day, but some shadows might be visible in the morning.

"It looks like it could go either way, depending on the luck of the draw," he said.

The notion that groundhogs are sometimes scared by their shadows after climbing to the surface on Feb. 2, thereby delaying the onset of spring, is a nice folk tale, Hubbard said. But he said he didn't take much stock in it.

Hubbard said that groundhogs probably can't comprehend the complexities of the atmosphere any better than humans.

"He may have a fax machine, but I don't think he's ahead of us on forecasting."



David Badders/DN

Hubbard said that, shadows or not, he was unsure if Nebraska would have six extra weeks of winter this year.

"Long-range forecasting is really difficult," he said. "It's a good way to ruin a reputation."

Revolving door to be fixed

From Staff Reports

At long last, the broken revolving door on the north side of the Nebraska Union is expected to be operational by the end of the week.

The door has been broken since Thanksgiving week.

Installed in 1968, the door broke as a result of normal wear and tear, Richard Hoback, UNL maintenance manager, said.

Hoback said the shaft around

which the door pivots had three cracks. An outside contractor was called to repair the door. The work will cost about \$3,500.

It may seem like it is taking a long time to fix the door, Hoback said, but the repair time is not excessive.

"Every door is made specifically for the opening," he said. "It's not something you go down to the hardware store for. The shaft has to be made for this specific door."

Career-based events planned

From Staff Reports

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Career Services has planned two events to help students and alumni in their career search.

Minority Career Night will be held on Feb. 17 in the Nebraska Union. The program, which will feature over 35 companies, is open to all racial minority students and alumni of UNL.

On Feb. 18 career services will

sponsor Engineering and Technical Career Day. The event, sponsored by UNL Career Services and the Engineering College student chapter, will be held in the Nebraska Union.

The event, which will offer resume critiquing and job search tips, will attract about 40 employers interested in candidates from the sciences, engineering and mechanical fields.

All events are free.

Regents

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he said. "I would consider the board of regents as high profile as the unicameral."

Sigerson said Nebraska's voters were informed enough to elect the regents themselves.

Regent Charles Wilson of Lincoln agreed.

Wilson, the only regent who testified, said an appointed board would create new problems.

"It would make the board more susceptible to being led by the administration," he said. "Boards are supposed to set policy."

Wilson said he was not speaking on behalf of the entire board, but was offering an opinion because he had served on an appointed-education board as well as the elected NU board.

Wilson acknowledged that most states appointed boards similar to the NU board, but he added that controversy still existed.

Wilson also was opposed to the term reduction originally proposed by LR3CA.

Control of the university's complex budget should not be left to new board members, Wilson said. If the legislation passed, a two-year, tenured member might be the most experienced person on the board, he said.

Fakes

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problem is, we send them in to the cops, and they send them back to the original owners.

"Then we see the same IDs coming back."

Gifford said doormen and bartenders receive a free meal if they confiscate an ID. She said most people whose IDs are taken leave quietly, "but sometimes, some of them give us a lot of grief."

"That's when we end up calling the police," she said.

Land

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Secondary Education is the appropriate group to oversee the university, Wood said. However, if the commission was involved, the amount of taxpayer input would not decline, Wood said.

The commission is a gubernatorially appointed 11-member body that oversees university and college education in the state.

Larry Scherer, legal counsel for the commission, said his organization

was neutral on the proposed legislation, but offered an amendment to the bill that would clarify the issue.

The proposed amendment said real property acquisitions would be reviewed by the commission. Any other project that has a potential impact of state funds also would be reviewed by the commission.

The committee is holding the bill until LB683, which also involves the commission, is heard.

The bill, introduced by Sen. Jerome Warner of Waverly, would change the provisions for review and approval of certain projects by the commission.

Bookstore

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and the suggested retail price at \$30.40. Prentice-Hall verified the \$30.40 figure.

At the University Bookstore, "In Our Times" sells for \$22.90 used and \$30.10 new. At the Nebraska Bookstore, the book sells for \$22.25 used and \$29.65 new.

"People always want to say, 'Hey, the bookstore is screwing us. They have to be making a mint,'" Carlson said.

"We aren't trying to hide anything," he said. "We just want that perception nullified that we've got this big cash cow that's making all this money because it's just not happening."

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