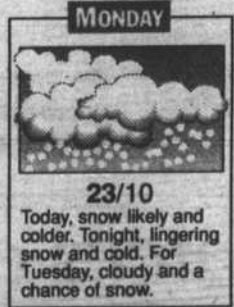


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Regents discuss budget cut, housing changes

UNL room and board rates to increase, but will remain the lowest in the Big Eight

By Kristine Long
Staff Reporter

The NU Board of Regents approved increased room and board rates for 1993-94 and passed three other resolutions affecting UNL at their meeting Saturday. The new room and board rate for a double room with 20 meals per week will be \$2,995, an \$80 increase from this year's rate. The price for a double room with 13 meals per week also will

increase \$80 to \$2,940. Chancellor Graham Spanier said the room and board rates must increase every year because the residence halls had to consider bonds that must be paid off, cost of food, occupancy rates and employees' salaries and benefits.

"This particular year the rate increase is rather low," Spanier said. Doug Zatechka, director of UNL housing, said the University of Nebraska-Lincoln had one of the lowest room and board rates in the

Big Eight.

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Legislature's proposed cut would hurt future of UNL and state, Massengale says

By Kristine Long
Staff Reporter

NU President Martin Massengale told the board of regents Saturday that the proposed 5 percent budget cut would severely hurt the university system. Massengale said the cut of \$14 million was the largest cut he had ever heard proposed. "To give you some perspective on the magnitude of this cut," Massengale said, "it amounts

to 2/3 of the annual state-funded budget for the University of Nebraska at Kearney."

The university has survived budget cuts in the past by absorbing smaller, less visible reductions such as reducing faculty phones and copy machines and cutting back on maintenance, Massengale said.

"But we cannot hollow out the shell indefinitely," he said.

Massengale said NU was not the only university facing these problems, but the university was in a worse situation than most schools

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Professor says UFOs no fantasy

By Becky Becher
Staff Reporter

Earthlings aren't alone in the cosmos, a UNO professor said. But two UNL instructors doubt at least some aspects of the somewhat shocking theories of Jack Kasher, a physics professor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Kasher said he believed at least two alien civilizations were abducting and observing earthlings, and the government was hiding information about the visitors.

"This is a big enough thing that people need to know about it, and there is a great deal of evidence to back it up," Kasher said.

Kasher, who does research for NASA and is also a consultant for the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory in Lawrence, Kan., said one alien civilization was here to observe life on Earth. He's not certain what the other group's purpose is, he said, but they are conducting medical research.

The first civilization doesn't abduct people, Kasher said, but the second group does.

He said the abductions were a cross-cultural occurrence with victims from a variety of backgrounds.

"There doesn't seem to be a pattern," he said.

People from around the world who have been abducted give similar descriptions of the aliens, and describe similar experiences, Kasher said.

Kasher said most abductees described the aliens as 4 feet tall with large heads. He said they had thin, gray bodies and large, dark eyes.

Besides the similarity of descriptions, Kasher said some of the abductees have been found to carry implants. The technology used to make the implants is far beyond that which could be designed on Earth, he said.

Kasher said the implants were found in the noses or ears of the victims and could be tracking de-

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Travis Hoying/DN

High lights

Scott Hofeling of Hofeling Enterprises and Boom Service reaches out to remove a string of Christmas lights from the top of a tree along O Street Sunday morning.

Motion to delay charges in Harms case fails

By Jeff Zeleny
Senior Reporter

A defensive motion to delay first-degree murder charges against Roger Bjorklund was overruled Friday in Lancaster County District Court.

Public Defender Scott Helvie, who represents Bjorklund, alleged that his client's constitutional rights were violated in several ways in the Candice Harms murder case.

Helvie said Bjorklund arrived in district court without a grand jury indictment, which is in violation of the Fifth Amendment.

All charges were not clear to Bjorklund, Helvie said, which further violated his rights. Each alleged offense must contain material evidence, he said, which the charges against Bjorklund failed to do.

"Those are the technical problems we believe exist," Helvie said. Bjorklund, 30, and Scott Barney,

25, both allegedly abducted, sexually assaulted and killed Harms, who disappeared Sept. 22. Police found her body in a field southeast of Lincoln 12 weeks later, after Barney told his attorney of his and Bjorklund's involvement in the case.

Helvie said a jury would have a difficult time deciding between premeditated murder and felony murder during a trial.

"The only thing they would agree on is murder," Helvie said.

Judge Jeffrey Chevront said the motion to quash Bjorklund's charges possibly was premature, and it wouldn't become an issue before sentencing.

Helvie said he was raising the issue at this point to prevent future problems.

Deputy County Attorney John Colborn responded to Helvie's charges and said jurors only decided guilt or innocence based on the charges tried before them.

Budget cuts would hinder campus accessibility plans

By Doug Kouma
Staff Reporter

Possible university budget cuts could make the job of creating a campus free of obstacles for disabled students even more difficult, an official said.

Proposed cuts would not put the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in danger of falling out of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, said Christy Horn, director of services for students with disabilities. But she said the university would not be able to do everything

Improvements needed to boost dignity, director says

she would like. Horn, the ADA compliance officer for UNL, said her initial budget request was about \$700,000, but depending on students' needs the amount could change.

"It's hard to put a dollars-and-cents ticket on it," she said, "because it depends on what people's needs are."

Horn said the issue was one of moral responsibility versus legal responsibility. While UNL

is legally in compliance with ADA, morally, many changes still should be made, she said.

Horn said the university already had met many ADA requirements because of a 1973 act that required accessibility for disabled people in public institutions.

But she said ADA did bring some upgrades in accessibility at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"The first thing we had to do was buy an

accessible van," Horn said. Previously, disabled UNL students used a special van provided by the city. But since the passage of ADA, she said, regular city buses were installed with lifts, and the city no longer provided use of the special van.

The campus van runs according to students' schedules and takes them directly to their classes, while city buses only stop at specified points.

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