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Mostly cloudy with chance of flurries today. Dry and getting colder through the weekend.

## Judicial board to hear case at Fiji's request

By Dionne Searcey  
Senior Reporter

Members of the Fiji fraternity will be offered the chance to present their case to the university judicial board about an incident officials have labeled as hazing, the UNL chancellor said Thursday.

Graham Spanier said Fiji members requested a hearing concerning an episode at the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity house where UNL student Jef-

frey Knoll fell three stories. University of Nebraska-Lincoln officials have said Knoll was coerced by fraternity members to drink alcohol before the fall.

The recommendation from the judicial board, along with one from the Interfraternity Council calling for a five-semester suspension of the Fiji chapter, will be presented to Spanier.

He will make the final call on Fiji's future. Spanier would not comment on the specifics of the case.

"I want to reserve my judgement

until I get all the facts," he said.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen said the decision most likely would be made by the end of the fall semester. The university judicial hearing probably will be next week, he said.

The Wednesday night IFC meeting was not a hearing, Griesen said. It was an informational meeting where police and council members discussed the incident without both sides presenting their cases, he said.

Linda Schwartzkopf, director of

Student Judicial Affairs, said that at university judicial hearings, both sides were given a chance to present their cases.

"The hearing process is formally informal," Schwartzkopf said. The judicial board is made up of five students and four faculty members, she said.

Proving guilt beyond a shadow of a doubt is not required at a university judicial hearing as it is in a court of law, Schwartzkopf said.

"We're not bound by the strict

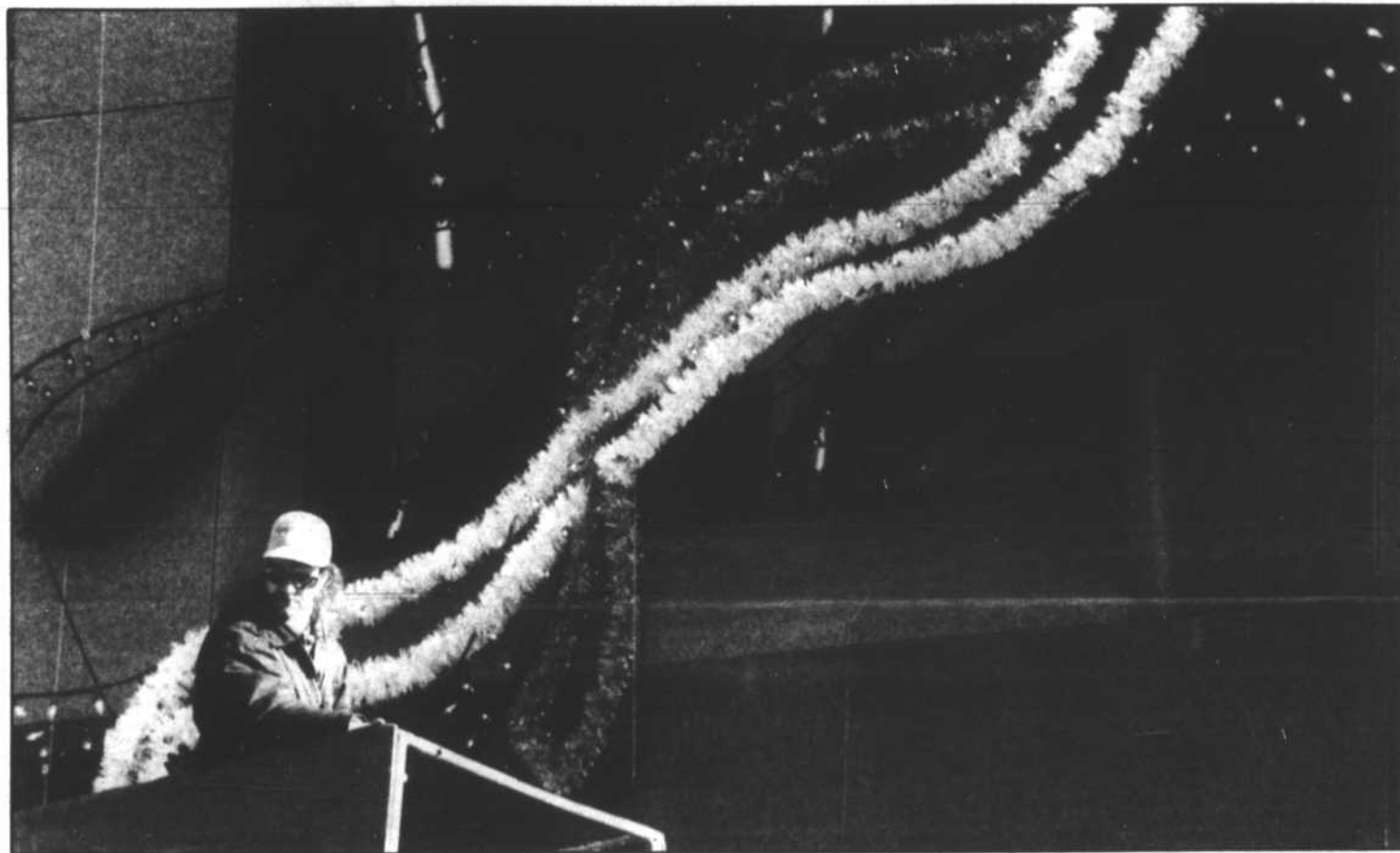
rules of evidence," she said.

The judicial board will hear evidence of "what really happened more likely than not, instead of having to prove beyond a reasonable doubt and be 99 percent sure of what happened," Schwartzkopf said.

Craig Wittstruck, one of the attorneys for the Fiji chapter, said he would not comment on the possible outcome of the recommendation.

Wittstruck said evidence still was

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Deck the walls

Rich Hamby strings lights outside the NEHELP building at 13th and O streets Thursday afternoon.

William Lauer/DN

## Alliance gives businesses edge in global market

By Alan Phelps  
Senior Reporter

A new partnership between Nebraska and the university seeks to draw on UNL's expertise to help businesses compete in the global market.

Gov. Ben Nelson and University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Graham Spanier announced Thursday the launching of the International Business Development Partnership, the outgrowth of a yearlong task force study.

Priscilla Grew, vice chancellor for research at UNL, said the partnership would serve as a bridge between Nebraska companies and valuable knowledge at UNL.

"What they want to do is match up companies in Nebraska with the skills and background at the university," Grew said.

Businesses considering a venture into a foreign market might receive, for instance, help with language, information on the country's economics and background or tips on marketing, Grew said.

Instead of duplicating this type of expertise at a state agency, Grew said, the aim of the partnership is to make skills already available at the university more accessible to businesses.

"It's to make as much economic use as we can of the expertise at the university," she said.

Wallace Johnson, an Omaha attorney and adjunct professor of law at UNL, was named director of the partnership on a part-time basis. Grew said Johnson had extensive experience in foreign business relationships, and has represented large U.S. corporations overseas.

Johnson, whose appointment was approved

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## UNL's Ivy Day ceremony withers

**Editors' Note: College heritage is an important part of student life. UNL students today, however, don't have the chance to take part in many long-standing campus traditions. This is the last in a week-long series of stories about UNL's forgotten traditions.**

By Jeffrey Robb  
Staff Reporter

The 1919 Cornhusker yearbook states that the records of the first Ivy Day at UNL almost have been obliterated.

Today, the traditional celebration of Ivy Day at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has also all but vanished.

The senior class of 1898 began Ivy Day in an attempt to provide memorial gifts to their alma mater, according to the 1919 yearbook. The class planted an ivy sprig to give the university a gift that would last long into the future.

In its 95 years, Ivy Day has evolved into a ceremony for the Innocents Society and Mortar Board, UNL's two senior honor societies. Leslie Strong, vice president of the Innocents Society, said as UNL grew, it couldn't allow what became such a large celebration. So, she said, the two clubs

adopted it.

In that first ceremony, the senior class also placed a boulder east of the library in a further attempt to create a lasting UNL tradition.

That first Ivy Day was strictly for seniors. No underclassmen were allowed to witness the planting of the ivy sprig. The location of the first site has been forgotten over the years.

The earliest known location of an ivy planting was by the former University Hall, which was located between Ferguson and Architecture Hall, in 1901.

Ivy Day quickly evolved. Soon recognized as "Senior Day," it turned into a celebration.

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## Approval of Smith's contract expected

By Mark Harms  
Staff Reporter

The contract for NU president-elect Dennis Smith likely will be approved at the NU Board of Regents' meeting Saturday, a university spokesman said.

Joe Rowson, University of Nebraska public affairs director, said both the regents and Smith assented verbally last month to the terms of the contract that includes a \$165,000 salary, a house, a car, a \$22,000 expense account and a tenured appointment as a professor of biological sciences.

The three-year contract begins March 1 and includes a yearly performance evaluation conducted by the board.

The contract is similar to ones made with

NU President Martin Massengale and other university system presidents, Rowson said.

"I think it was the intent of the board to make it comparable to what other similar institutions were doing, particularly in this region," he said.

In other business, regents are expected to approve guidelines for determining tuition policy.

The guidelines include maintaining and enhancing access to NU for underrepresented racial and ethnic groups and ensuring need-based financial aid remains available as tuition increases and that tuition increases

only as education costs rise.

"I think this is formal approval of something that's been used for a long time," Rowson said.

Rowson said the board wanted to document the guidelines partly so that it could provide them for the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. The commission is required by law to have tuition guidelines.

Regents also are expected to approve an agreement to continue funding totaling \$1.6 million for the National Institute for Global Environmental Change-Great Plains Regional Center. One of the center's headquarters is in Nebraska.

The U.S. Department of Energy provides the university with money for the center.

## Construction tar ignites small fire on roof of UNL dental college

From Staff Reports

Hot tar being used by construction workers started a fire Thursday evening on the roof of the UNL dental college, university police said.

UNL Police Sgt. John Lustrea said a Crete Roofing Co. crew was working on the roof when the fire started shortly after 5 p.m. It was contained to the northeast corner of the building, he said, which is on the East Campus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The fire was small, Lustrea said, but a lot of smoke was produced. The building was evacuated as a precautionary measure, he said, but no one was injured.

The accident caused about \$750 damage, Lustrea said.

Rich McDermott, director of facilities management, said a complete assessment of the building and roof would be made Friday morning.