

ON THE FIRST DAY ...



Jon Waller/DN

University of Nebraska-Lincoln students wound their way through the masses in front of Avery Hall Monday morning on the way to class. Monday was the first day of classes at the university. The 1994-95 academic year concludes May 5.

Budget, UNO college top ASUN concerns

By Melanie Brandert
Staff Reporter

The engineering debate and the upcoming budget discussions in the Nebraska Legislature will be the two main issues before ASUN President Andrew Loudon this year.



Loudon, who has been president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska since April, said ASUN passed a resolution last semester opposing the creation of a separate undergraduate engineering college at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

A task force is further studying the need to establish a separate engineering college at UNO. The group will make recommendations to University of Nebraska President Dennis Smith this fall.

Loudon said ASUN's Government Liaison Committee would lobby state senators and Nebraska taxpayers to convince them that another engineering college in Omaha was a waste of money.

During the past five years, Loudon said, 50 percent of NU's engineering graduates couldn't find a job in their field in Nebraska.

"Nebraska is graduating twice as many graduates as it needs," he said.

Loudon said he disagreed with the argument that businesses in Omaha needed an engineering college there to retrain their employees. Employees already are taking UNL classes in Omaha through satellite hook-ups and televisions, he said.

"It's a duplication of services already provided," Loudon said.

The engineering college at UNL costs \$12 million to operate, he said. A separate engineering college at UNO half the size of UNL's college would cost another \$6 million to operate.

Loudon questioned who would fund the proposed engineering college at UNO. The Nebraska Legislature will be forced to make cuts from the state budget, he said, because of a \$96 million shortfall in state funds that is expected

— 66 —
The most convincing argument we can make to the Legislature is that budget cuts hurt the students' education.

— Loudon
ASUN president

to occur during the next two years. Aside from the engineering debate, that budget shortfall will be another focus of student government this year, Loudon said.

GLC members will lobby against university budget cuts to the Legislature's Appropriations Committee, he said.

The Legislature will approve the NU budget for 1996-1997 this spring.

Student government lobbyists will enlist the assistance of students, Loudon said. Students should talk with state senators and ask them to explain how budget cuts would affect their education, he said.

"The most convincing argument we can make to the Legislature is that budget cuts hurt the students' education," he said.

He said ASUN would have to make sure UNL had a "lean and clean" budget in order to prevent budget cuts in other areas.

"I don't think we have a lot of fat in our programs," Loudon said. "(But) if we do, we need to get rid of it."

The first ASUN meeting of the semester will be Wednesday evening. During the meeting, senators will orient themselves with the Legislative budget process.

The group also will fill the chairmanship for the Committee for Fees Allocation on Wednesday night, he said.

Loudon said he did not think the senate would encounter any major problems this year. He said he was optimistic about the senators' ideas for the upcoming year.

"We have a very excited senate."

UNL will do polar study

By Ken Paulman
Staff Reporter

The university has won a three-year, \$12.4 million contract for polar research, Chancellor Graham Spanier announced at a press conference Monday.

The National Science Foundation, who awarded the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with the grant, has the option of renewing the contract for a fourth and fifth year, Spanier said. The money will be used to provide logistical support and expertise for teams conducting polar research.

If renewed, the grant would total more than \$21.8 million—the largest single research grant in the university's history, Spanier said.

The contract will re-establish the Polar Ice Coring Office, or PICO, which originated at UNL in 1974 and operated here until 1988, when the operation

was moved to the University of Alaska at Fairbanks.

Although PICO was based in Alaska, the office continued to operate on a scaled-down basis at UNL and was known as the Snow and Ice Research Group.

The primary focus of the research will be the drilling and coring of the polar ice regions in Greenland and Antarctica, as well as high mountain glaciers.

These core samples are a record of the Earth's climate and environmental history and have enabled scientists to reconstruct the Earth's climate for the past 100,000 years, said Priscilla Grew, UNL's vice chancellor for research.

About 15 to 20 professionals outside UNL will join the former Snow and Ice Research Group on the project, which will operate from the Whittier Building.

POLICE REPORT

Beginning midnight Thursday

2:10 p.m. — Accident, Area 10, \$200 damage.
3:07 p.m. — Stolen credit card, 425 University Terrace.
5:38 p.m. — Items taken, 715 N. 16th St., \$350 loss.
6:09 p.m. — Selleck Residence Hall food dock, property recovered.

4:19 a.m. — Injury, Campus Recreation Center.
2:53 p.m. — Damage to vehicle, 519 N. 16th St., \$200 damage.
4:12 p.m. — Prank phone calls, Neihardt Residence Center.

4:17 p.m. — Accidental alarm.
4:27 p.m. — Injury/sickness, Hamilton Hall, person transported to Lincoln General Hospital.

Beginning midnight Friday

1:20 p.m. — Accidental alarm, 1229 R St.
4:22 p.m. — Money taken, Nebraska Union, \$600 loss.
4:43 p.m. — Possession of fireworks, West lot, Administration Building.
5:50 p.m. — Bike stolen, Cather Residence Hall, \$200 loss.
6:06 p.m. — Intoxicated person, northeast corner of 17th and R streets, taken to detoxification center.

6:26 p.m. — Damage to vehicle, 14th and New Hampshire streets, \$90 damage.
9:30 p.m. — Wallet taken, Broyhill Fountain, \$62 loss.
11:15 p.m. — Vandalism, Harper-Schramm-Smith Area 3 parking lot, \$500 damage.

6:31 p.m. — Disturbance, 721 K St.
7:30 p.m. — Injury, Memorial Stadium.
11:48 p.m. — Prank phone calls, Neihardt Residence Center.

Beginning midnight Sunday
1:09 a.m. — Outside police assistance, 21st and P streets.
8:41 a.m. — Alarm/fire, overheated motor, Avery Hall, \$1,500 damage.

Beginning midnight Saturday
2:52 a.m. — Sign damaged, 39 and East Campus Loop, \$25 damage.

1:30 p.m. — Accident, Area 17D, South Stadium, \$250 damage.
2:56 p.m. — Shirts taken, 715 N. 16th St., \$550 loss.
10:27 p.m. — Prank phone calls, Neihardt Residence Center.

Where can you get this much food for \$2.99?

At Eggroll Palace, get a HUGE helping of Sweet 'N Sour Chicken with fried rice and egg roll. \$1.95 for Crab rangoon (6).

Pull up to our convenient customer parking lot or call for free delivery at 477-0963

Reunion • 16th & "W" on campus

CAMPUS REP WANTED

The nation's leader in college marketing is seeking an energetic, entrepreneurial student for the position of campus rep. No sales involved. Place advertising on bulletin boards for companies such as American Express and Microsoft. Great part-time job earnings. Choose your own hours; 4-8 hours per week required. Call:

Campus Rep Program
American Passage Media Corp.
215 W. Harrison, Seattle, WA 98119
(800) 487-2434 Ext. 4444

Back To School Bicycle Blowout

GIANT
BIKE SALE



- Outdoor Footwear
- Bauer In Line Skates
- Cycling Clothing
- Bookbags
- Merrell Sandals
- Full Line of Bikes

1 Year FREE Tune-ups

Closest Bike Shop to Campus

BIKE & FITNESS CENTER

427 S. 13th
3321 Pioneers Blvd. Open 7 Days A Week 435-2322 488-2101



SCHWINN MOPAC TRAIL GIANT
Rock Island TRAIL
KONA
SHASTA Billy Wolff TRAIL JAMIS