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NU studying the effect it has on Nebraska

By Brian Sharp
Senior Reporter

The University of Nebraska will be taking a good look in the mirror during the next year.

NU President Dennis Smith has called for a study of NU's educational, economic and cultural contributions to the state. The study already is under way.

Charles Lamphear, director of the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said impact studies were common around the country, but to his knowledge, this study was the first to be done at NU. Lamphear has been with the university for almost 28 years.

"(The study) is meant to express to the state and the community that the university plays a vital role ... not just in the near term but the long term."

The study is a team effort, Lamphear said, involving groups from all four NU campuses. The bureau at UNL is leading the project, he said.

The study is broken into two parts, Lamphear said.

Short-term contributions include the year-to-year effects the universities have on Nebraska's economy, such as jobs, money brought in through grants and contracts, and income generated through research and other

areas, he said.

The long-term contributions include areas such as arts and other cultural activities that are perceived to make Nebraska a better place to live, he said.

"It is not a study evaluating the university," Lamphear said. "It is just a study showing what the university is doing and has done."

The study will have no effect on the amount of funding given to programs or campuses, he said.

Lamphear said a similar study that UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier commissioned for the Lincoln campus had served as a model for the current study.

Each campus will provide the research bureau with accounting records, a faculty survey, staff and student expenditure patterns and its effect on Nebraska.

Accounting records from all campuses already are in, Lamphear said. The University of Nebraska at Kearney has completed the student surveys, he said, and other campuses should turn in results by the end of October.

Smith calls for a preliminary report to be done in the spring of 1995, Lamphear said. The bureau contacted representatives from the four campuses beginning in mid-September, he said.

So far, everything is on schedule, Lamphear said.

Nov. 4 deadline given to foreign student group

By DeDra Jansson
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A new election for the International Student Organization should be held by Nov. 4, ASUN's student court ruled last week.

Clarifying a decision last May that called for a new election, the court said sufficient time had passed for the international student group to hold the election.

"The election and installation of an organization's officers in a timely manner is imperative to the officers' legitimacy in holding office as well as to the very nature of the organization's existence," the court said.

"Therefore, time is of the essence to both those aspiring to hold office and to the organization itself."

Installation of elected officers should occur immediately after the new election, the court ruled.

The court also decided the new election should be open to any candidate who met the required criteria.

The court ruled last May that the organization's April 7 election was invalid because it was not held in strict accordance with election rules set by the organization's constitution. The court said new elections should be held sometime after the fall semester began.

The organization's previous officers would retain their positions until the new election was held, the court decided last May. The student court also recommended that the organization change its election procedures and revise its vague constitution.

Sunjae Park, who won the presidency in the invalid election, petitioned the court for the clarification, requesting that it specify a date for the new election. Park was unavailable for comment.

Park also requested that the court specify whether the international student group's interim government had the authority to change election procedures and revise the

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Young fish in a big pond



Travis Hoying/DN

Ramona Clark, a mathematics major, makes her way across campus last week. Though she may seem like any average college student, Clark is only 14 years old. See story and photos on page 3.

Hockey Club founder hopes funds won't freeze dreams

UNL student works to make ice rink a reality in Lincoln

By Jeff Randall
Staff Reporter

At UNL, football, basketball and baseball tend to be the major sporting events.

But Chicago native and senior architecture major Paul Wember is trying to turn ice hockey into another local favorite.

Most avid hockey fans can be found in Canada and the northern United States, but Wember said hockey recently had migrated south. Cities such as Los Angeles, San Jose and Dallas have acquired National Hockey League franchises.

Omaha even has its own U.S. Hockey League team — the Lancers. Lincoln, though, has been seemingly left behind in this trend.

That's where Wember comes in.

Wember founded the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Hockey Club last year and is president this year. He said his main motivations for forming the club were his love for hockey and the shortage of recreational activities in Lincoln.

"When I first moved to Lincoln," Wember said, "I was surprised how popular things like cruising were. In Chicago, kids who are bored can go to the ice rinks. Here, there wasn't anything like that."

Wember said he was trying to change that. He is putting his architectural education to work in designing an ice rink for the Lincoln area.

"With the help of an investor," Wember said, "this project could easily be done in one year. It is really a kind of dream for me."

Meanwhile, the UNL Hockey Club is practicing for upcoming intercollegiate competition. Wember said the weekly practices, held at the Hitchcock Ice Arena in Omaha, usually brought in about 20 participants.

"Last year we were just running scrimmages, and we had about 30 or so guys on the ice," Wember said. "This year, though, with the upcoming games, a lot of guys have dropped out, because they didn't think they were up to it."

Wember said the current makeup of the team was eclectic.

"We have some players out there who have tried out for semi-pro," Wember said, "and last week we had to teach one of the players how to stop on the ice. We have every range of experience and ability."

The Hockey Club's first game is Nov. 4 at the University of Northern Iowa. The rest of the games will be played at Hitchcock. Wember said the season would last as long as the club's money does, probably until late February.

"Money has been a serious factor," Wember said. "Sponsors and donations have helped out tremendously, but we could always use more."

Wember said the main obstacle to finding donors was the two-location nature of the

team.

"We're based in Lincoln, but we have to play and practice in Omaha," Wember said, "so Lincoln businesses are afraid they won't see as big of a return on their investments, and Omahans have UNO (the University of Nebraska at Omaha), so they aren't as interested in a UNL team."

Wember said the club was in need of better equipment, but the main expense was ice rink rental time, which cost \$90 an hour at Hitchcock.

Wember said he was optimistic about the future of the club, crediting team coach Jeff Althaus with providing much inspiration.

"He is just a phenomenal coach," Wember said. "He'll teach anyone anything from how to skate, how to stop or how to make a really hard slap shot."

Wember said the hockey club was more than just another activity for him.

"I really love this sport," he said, "and I just want to make it available to everyone around here."