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Engineering question nears resolution

Task force report to be unveiled today

By Brian Sharp
Senior Reporter

The NU Board of Regents today will receive copies of the long-awaited Engineering Task Force report, the Daily Nebraskan learned Wednesday.

Regent Chairman Charles Wilson of Lincoln and UNL Student Regent Andrew Loudon received copies of the 40-page document late Wednesday. The report was mailed to regents outside of Lincoln.

The report apparently outlines a short-term and long-term plan for addressing the state's engineering needs and provides a cost analysis for implementing a separate college in Omaha.

Last spring, NU President Dennis Smith created the task force and charged the nine-member body to develop a plan for meeting state engineering needs and a cost analysis for implementing a separate college in Omaha. No alternative was to be considered.

The report is scheduled to be released publicly this afternoon. Loudon declined to discuss the report Wednesday.

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Creighton professor studies expansion cost

By Angle Brunkow
Senior Editor

Bob Allen is influencing the debate about creating a separate engineering college in Omaha, but this Bob Allen isn't a regent.

Robert F. Allen, chairman of Creighton University's economics and finance department, sent a report this week to NU President Dennis Smith. The report, obtained Wednesday by the Daily Nebraskan, studied the cost-effectiveness of creating the separate college.

The report, titled "Expanding Engineering Education in Nebraska: A Cost-Effectiveness Analysis," found that the state could justify spending only \$4.5 million to expand engineering education.

Allen presented the report at the 27th Annual Fall Conference of the Nebraska Economics and Business Association. Smith forwarded the report Wednesday to members of the NU Board of Regents.

Allen wrote that a new college in Omaha would be cost-effective if:

● Education expenditures were kept below \$4.5 million.

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Lied employee denies alleged harassment

By Matthew Waite
Senior Reporter

University administrators and the Lied Center's general manager denied allegations Wednesday made by a woman who said her sexual harassment complaint was ignored by the university.

Tim Bartholow, general manager of the Lied Center for Performing Arts, denied allegations that he stalked and harassed Sheila Brunkhorst, stage manager at Kimball Recital Hall.

"In my opinion, her allegations had no merit," Bartholow said in a written statement, "and Ms. Brunkhorst and I are attempting to utilize University channels to work out her problems."

Phyllis Larsen, University of Nebraska-Lincoln spokeswoman, said the Office for Affirmative Action and Diversity conducted an investigation, taking "appropriate action" responding to Brunkhorst's harassment complaints.

Larsen declined to comment on what specific action was taken. In a court document, Brunkhorst said she had a letter from administrators stating Bartholow was to stay away from her at work and at home.

"We take these kinds of complaints very seriously," Larsen said. "We will continue to follow up on the issue."

Larsen said investigation began immediately after Brunkhorst's April 6, 1994, complaint to the university. But Larsen said she did not know how long the investigation took.

Bartholow said in a written statement that his health and happiness had suffered because of Brunkhorst's actions during the last eight months. He also wrote that his relationships with co-workers and colleagues had been damaged.

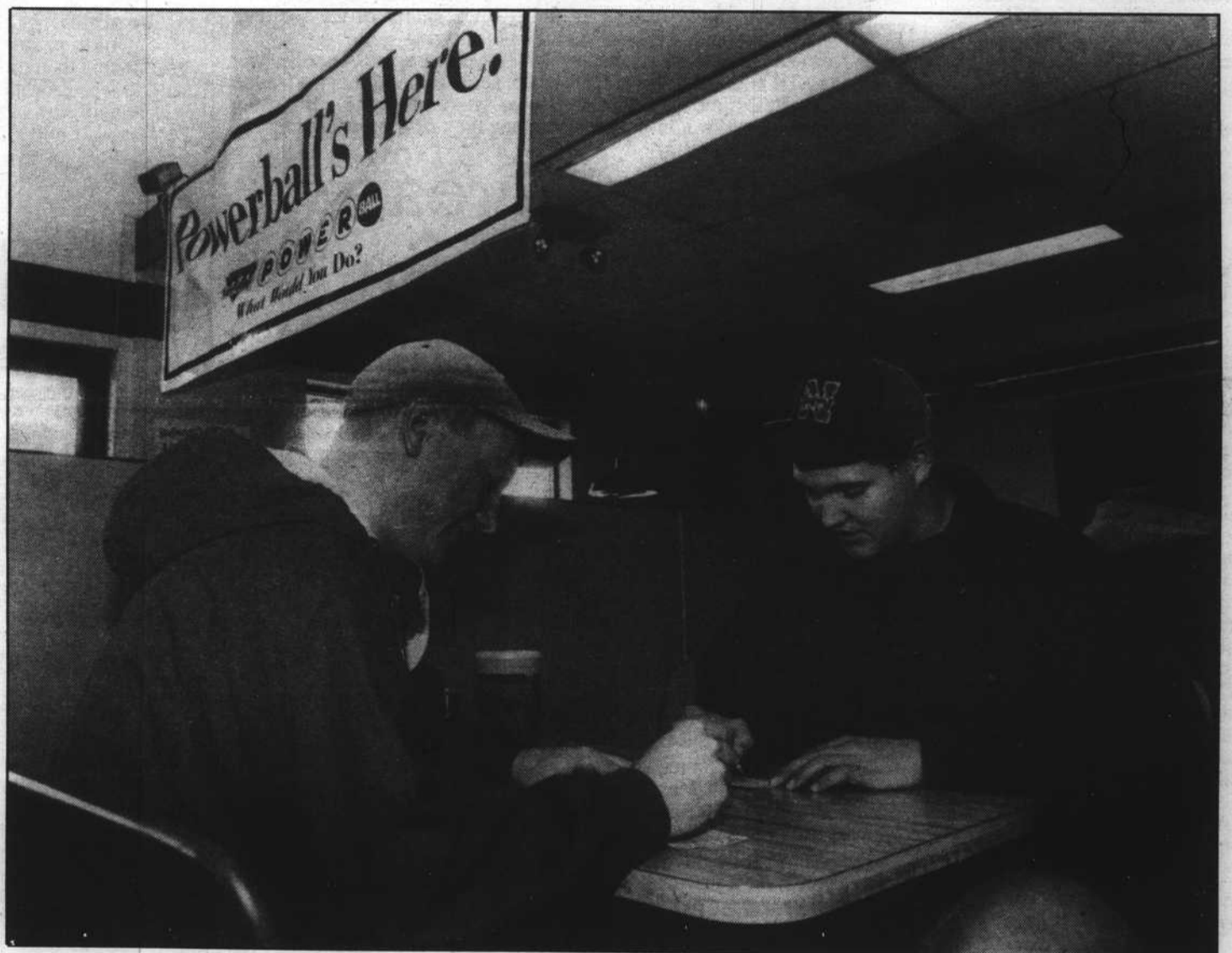
"If the university's procedures do not help Ms. Brunkhorst to solve her problems, I will have no recourse but to pursue independent legal action against Ms. Brunkhorst,"

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■ "Because of her actions over the past eight months, my health and happiness have suffered; my relationship with my family, with my co-workers at the university, and with my professional colleagues throughout the world have been damaged; and my career has suffered. If the university's procedures do not help Ms. Brunkhorst to solve her problems, I will have no recourse but to pursue independent legal action against Ms. Brunkhorst."

—Tim Bartholow
General Manager,
Lied Center for Performing Arts



Jay Calderon/DN

Bill Kuehner, left, a junior pre-medicine major, and Joel Reddish, an agricultural economics major, fill out Powerball tickets for a chance to win \$95 million. "This is just too much money to not take a chance at," Kuehner said.

Powerball jackpot lures ticket buyers

By DeDra Janssen
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David "Deacon" M. Jones of Lincoln walked out of Q4Quik on Wednesday hoping he held \$95 million in his hand.

Jones bought five Powerball tickets on Tuesday — one ticket a week for the next five weeks.

"There's \$95 million to win," Jones said. "It's worth a try. Somebody's going to win it."

After all, he had one chance in 55 million. Those are the odds of winning the Powerball jackpot, which reached \$95 million this week.

The drawing for the jackpot was held on Wednesday at 9:59 p.m. The winning numbers were: 29-24-13-05-31-Powerball:40.

Jones said he didn't play the game every week, but he played it often.

"I'm not religious about it," he said. "God, \$95 million — that's incredible."

Scott Agena of Lincoln also said he bought one ticket on Tuesday because the

jackpot was so big. He said the ticket was the second he had bought since the game started in Nebraska this summer.

Agena said that if he would have won, the money would have financed his trip to the Orange Bowl.

Brian Rockey, spokesman for Nebraska Lottery, said the high jackpot swayed many Nebraskans to buy Powerball tickets.

"There are quite a few people who don't buy until the jackpot gets up to an astronomical point," Rockey said. "Then it brings in people who generally don't play."

Regular Powerball players who usually buy one ticket each week bought two to three tickets this week, he said.

Nebraska players bought about 420,000 Powerball tickets on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Rockey said. He said he expected players bought about 400,000 tickets on Wednesday.

Rockey said Powerball sales this week were three to four times higher than average weeks, when the jackpot was about \$10 million.

POWERBALL

The winning numbers in Wednesday's drawing, with a jackpot estimated at \$100 million.



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"When it's like this, every day's pace is several times its norm," he said. "Something like this happens maybe once a year."

The \$95 million jackpot is the second largest in the history of the multistate lottery Powerball game. The highest jackpot, \$111 million, was claimed in Wisconsin in 1993.

To win, players must match five num-

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