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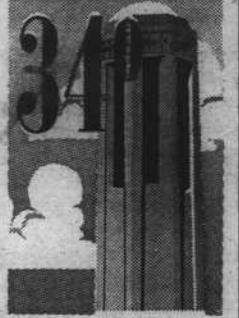
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Nelson proposes ambitious agenda

Budget will be main concern

By J. Christopher Hain
Senior Reporter

No issue looms larger in the upcoming legislative session than the budget, and no legislator has more responsibility for the state's finances than Sen. Roger Wehrbein.

Wehrbein of Plattsmouth was elected chairman of the Appropriations Committee last Wednesday, giving him leadership as the committee

puts together and presents Nebraska's budget.

Wehrbein has been in the Legislature since 1987, serving all eight of those years on the Appropriations Committee, but this is his first stint as chairman.

He takes over a committee drastically different from last year — four members were not on the committee last year and three are new to the Legislature.

"I'm going to have to make sure they understand the whole process," Wehrbein said. "But we'll proceed

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The 1995 session

On tap for the 90-day session could be health care reform and proposals on welfare. Property and gas taxes could arise, again. The state's biennial budget also will be set. On Gov. Nelson's agenda are a \$70 million tax cut, an economic development plan, crime legislation and plans to restructure state government.

Issues include budget, crime

By J. Christopher Hain
Senior Reporter

Gov. Ben Nelson has put the heat on Nebraska legislators.

The governor is proposing an ambitious legislative agenda including a \$70 million tax cut, an economic development plan, a restructuring of state government and crime legislation.

This year's 90-day session, which

began last Wednesday, also will involve the formulation of the state's biennial budget.

The governor will release his budget to the Legislature on Thursday.

But some state senators are wondering how Nelson plans to make state government more efficient and pay for his tax cut, which will amount to a 4.5 percent reduction in income tax.

"I don't know what the governor has in mind," said Sen. Don Wesely of Lincoln.

Wesely, who is chairman of the

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NU Regents to consider Union's plan for garage

By Matthew Walte
Senior Reporter

The NU Board of Regents will consider a plan for a \$5.5 million parking garage that would house 400 to 450 parking spaces and room for student-oriented stores Jan. 14.

But the site of the garage remains under fire from one of its potential neighbors.

Two house officers of Alpha Phi Sorority, which has opposed the garage site, said they felt the proposed garage had problems.

Paul Carlson, the interim vice-chancellor for business and finance, said that if the board were to approve the concept, it would begin planning.

The program statement given to the regents states the site of the garage would be east of the Nebraska Union.

Alpha Phi, which would be right next door, already has raised concerns and written letters to the regents.

The program statement addressed concerns of the sorority. Those concerns ranged from Peeping Toms to homeless people using the garage.

Carlson said that if the program statement was approved, the sorority would be invited to help design the project.

"We really want them to get involved," he said. "We really do."

Lesley Brandt, current house manager of Alpha Phi, said the invitation to be a part of the design missed the point of their opposition.

"It's a nice gesture, but that's not part of our goal," Brandt said. "Our goal is to not have (a garage)."

Alpha Phi didn't oppose the garage just for the welfare of house members, Brandt said; the sorority was also concerned about students living in Selleck residence hall and using Nebraska Union.

The plan also has inconsistencies, Brandt said.

"It's hypocritical to build green space and then put a parking garage 60 feet away from it," she said.

Janet Ebert, incoming house manager, said the proposal's claim that traffic on S Street would decrease did not make sense.

"There is definitely going to be an increase in traffic because there is going to be more (parking) spots," Ebert said.

The project started with 14 proposed sites and later narrowed to four using more than 30 criteria, Carlson said. The union site was the only financially viable one, he said.

The program statement lists the total construction costs for the garage at \$4.9 million. Design fees and equipment costs would add \$600,000.

Carlson said parking bonds and revenue from the garage would pay for the garage. He said it could take 10 to 20 years to pay off the bonds.

The program statement listed the completion date for the garage as July 1996.



Damon Lee/DN

Jennifer Hendren counts copies of Sports Illustrated's "That Championship Season: Nebraska 1994" for a customer at Nebraska Bookstore Saturday afternoon. The store started selling the special editions shortly after noon Saturday, and had sold 25,000 copies to more than 9,000 customers before closing at 6:30 p.m.

Sports Illustrated issue hits Lincoln

Orange Bowl mania has fans lined up for hours at Nebraska Bookstore

By John Fulwider
Staff Reporter

Lita Sheldon wasn't going to let anything stop her from buying a copy of the Sports Illustrated commemorative issue.

Not even a car accident. Sheldon, a graduate student of the College of Saint Mary, said she was on her way Saturday to Nebraska Bookstore when her small car was rear-ended by a "big, huge, honkin' car."

Sheldon said little damage was done to her car, but her head snapped forward in the accident. The driver of the other car recommended she go to the hospital, Sheldon said, but she was in too much of a hurry for that.

"I said 'no, I've gotta go get my Sports Illustrated first, then I'll think about that,'" she said.

Nothing — not car accidents, sub-zero

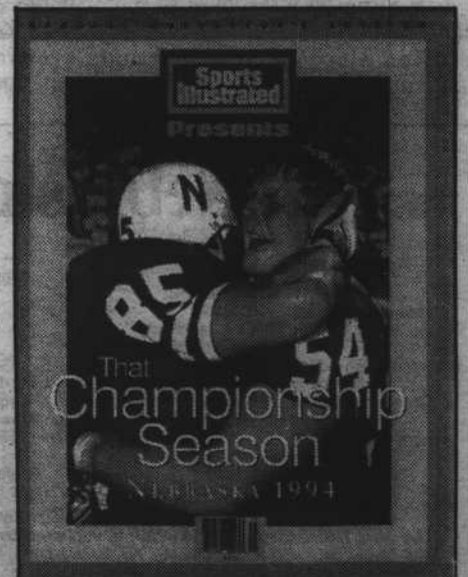
temperatures or long lines — kept many Cornhusker fans from buying their Sports Illustrated commemorative issues this weekend.

"That Championship Season: Nebraska 1994," is only the 11th commemorative issue published by Sports Illustrated. Only 300,000 copies of the special issue were printed, and none were mailed to subscribers — making it a sure collector's item.

Saturday's rush on Nebraska Bookstore was a prime example of the buying frenzy that began last Monday in Lincoln as Husker fans scrambled to area bookstores, department stores and even hotels to get memorabilia from the first Orange Bowl victory in 23 years.

Nebraska Bookstore has sold more than 40,000 Husker t-shirts, sweatshirts and other memorabilia — 1,000 during the first hour the store was open Monday — to the 20,000 customers who have passed through its doors since the victory over Miami.

A number of people already were in line outside the bookstore Saturday before it opened at 9 a.m. — when the temperature



was 7 degrees below zero, according to the National Weather Service.

About 200 people stood in line one hour

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