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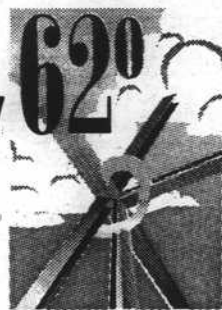
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## Leitzel named interim chancellor

**Joan Leitzel**

### Smooth transition expected for new interim chancellor

By **Matthew Waite**  
Senior Reporter

Three years to the day after Joan Leitzel was hired to the top academic post at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, she will take over the university's top administrative position.

NU President Dennis Smith Wednesday named Leitzel UNL's interim chancellor. She will take office Aug. 15. Leitzel became senior vice chancellor for academic affairs Aug. 15, 1992.

Leitzel will replace outgoing Chancellor Graham Spanier, who will take over as president of Penn State University.



**Leitzel**

In an interview, Leitzel said Smith had approached her about the job earlier in the week, and her appointment to the post was not a surprise. "It's the natural thing to do," Leitzel said. "My job description says I act in the chancellor's stead in his absence." Though the appointment wasn't a surprise, Leitzel said, she will be honored to serve the university as its

chancellor.

"I will attempt to keep the campus moving along its plan," she said. "We've got pretty clear direction."

Leitzel said she thought her term as interim chancellor would not last long, because a search committee to review candidates for the president's approval would soon be named.

Smith said in a statement that he was pleased Leitzel would take the job.

"Dr. Leitzel is an administrator of proven experience and outstanding background," he said. "She has been a forceful leader on the UNL campus, and I am pleased that she is willing to take on the important responsibilities of interim chancellor."

Fred Choobineh, the faculty senate president, said he expected no

problems with the transition at the top.

"It's going to allow for us to have a smooth operation of the university," he said.

Spanier, who will start the job at Penn State on Sept. 1, said in a phone interview that Leitzel was well-prepared for the job of chancellor.

"I think she will do an excellent job," he said. "I think Dr. Leitzel has met everyone's expectations as the university's chief academic officer."

"I am personally very pleased that I will be able to work with her during this transition."

When asked if he had any advice for the interim chancellor, Spanier deferred.

"Oh, no special advice," he said with a laugh.

## Fair offers employment hope to many

By **Erin Schulte**  
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Gary Schweitzer sifts through numerous pamphlets on marketing, temporary services and camps. He's looking for a social services job.

He may not find a professional career at the annual In-School Job Fair, but he will find 46 local companies offering part-time and full-time jobs and summer internships.

Schweitzer, a junior secondary education major, said the job fair in the Nebraska Union Wednesday presented opportunities in jobs that offered quick summer money but none that would help him with his career.

"They offer a lot of manpower jobs, but that doesn't do me much good," Schweitzer said. "But my perspective may change if I find the right job here."

Other students had a more positive experience at the job fair.

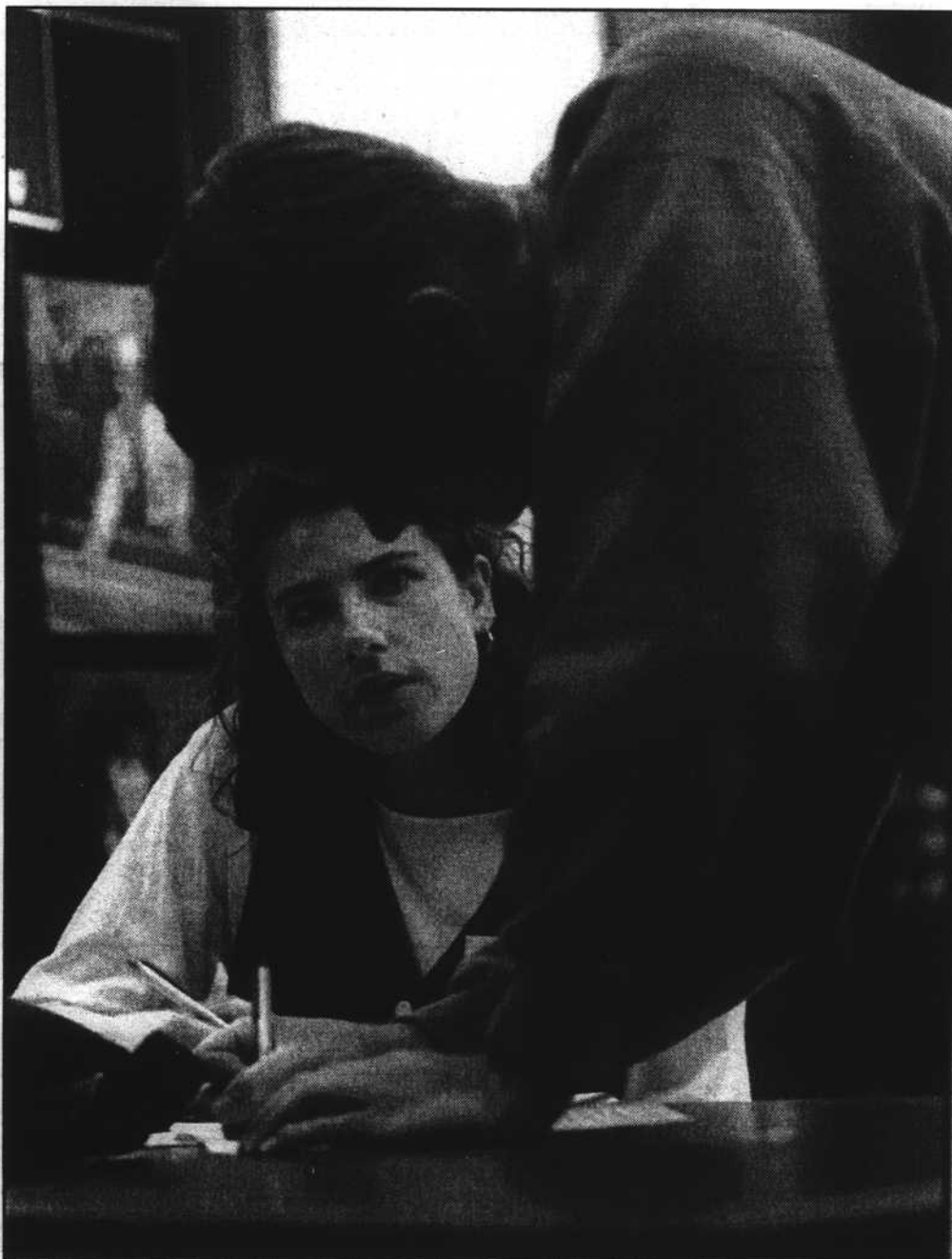
Melissa German, a first-year law student, said she liked the temporary service booths that had jobs ready for her. The jobs offered at the fair were great for students looking for summer work, she said.

Denise Lempicki, a graduate student in legal studies, said the employers were the best part of the fair.

"Everybody's been really friendly, and they seem very interested in helping us find work," Lempicki said.

Emily Wilber, a student employment specialist with the Student Employment and Internship Center, organized the job fair. She has coordinated it for the last five years.

Companies that are registered with the SEIC office and prospective student employers are invited to attend the job fair each year for a \$45



Jon Waller/DN

Juniors Kris Aman, left, and Jason Lavicky fill out applications at the annual In-School Job Fair Wednesday in the Centennial Room in the Nebraska Union.

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## Chambers' Micron repeal attempt fails

By **John Fulwider**  
Staff Reporter

An attempt by Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha to repeal one of the Micron economic incentive bills was rebuffed by the Legislature Wednesday morning.

The Nebraska Redevelopment Act is part of a package of three bills passed earlier this session in a failed attempt to bring Micron Technology Inc. to Nebraska. The company chose to locate its \$1.3 billion computer chip plant in Utah.

Chambers said Nebraska had been treated like a "tawdry, used harlot" by Micron.

"Let us not keep in place the legislation that

memorializes our shame," he said.

Chambers' attempt to repeal the bill was resisted by supporters of the Micron bills, who argued that the legislation could attract other companies.



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"Micron is not the only economic development possibility coming down the road," said Speaker of the Legislature Ron Withem of Papillion.

The repeal motion failed, 5-30. Chambers, a staunch opponent of the Micron bills, vowed to continue attempts to

repeal the act.

Legislators spent the afternoon session debating an economic development bill, LB425, introduced by Sen. Pat Engel of South Sioux City.

The bill would create the Selective Enhancement for Economic Development Fund, part of Gov. Ben Nelson's 12-point economic development plan. It would give \$6 million to companies over two years as incentive for worker training.

Critics questioned the amount of money made available in the fund. Some said \$6 million would not be enough to make a difference.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

## Conciliation meetings end; debate goes on, leaders say

By **Paula Lavigne**  
Senior Reporter

The Community Conciliation Process has opened some eyes in the community, but Lincoln has only begun to see, conciliation members said Wednesday.

The conciliation group, which is sponsored by the mayor's office, ran past its original deadline of March 21 and will hold its last meeting on Tuesday. The Tuesday meeting will replace a canceled meeting in February.

Radious Guess, chairwoman of the mayor's Multicultural Advisory Committee and the conciliation process facilitator, said even though the meetings would end, the discussion would not.

"We would like to see the community groups involved in the process take it to the next step," she said. "We feel a need to branch out."

For example, she said, representatives from the City Council, local businesses and churches need to take what they observed at the conciliation meetings and apply it to their work.

Member Don Clifton, CEO of the Gallup Organization, said his company had been working with minority recruitment and focus groups within the community.

Another member, the Rev. Terry Cain of the Newman United Methodist Church, said he brought the discussion from the conciliation meetings to his mainly African-American congregation.

Conciliation and advisory committee member Joel Gajardo, director of the Hispanic Community Center, said he would discuss the conciliation's report at his grass-roots Intercultural Organization meetings.

Members said the dialogue started by the conciliation meetings was important, but it should have allowed for more open discussion.

After some members voiced discontent with the effectiveness of the conciliation at previous meetings, the content and format were changed for the last two meetings.

Instead of presentations and small group discussions, the members will follow an open-format where each member will offer his or her opinions for discussion.

Members of the Lincoln-Lancaster Mediation Center have been monitoring the meetings, Guess said, and the meetings were extended from two to three hours.

"We want to make sure people have the time they think they need," she said. "Everything is large group. There's a lot of cross-pollination that we are encouraging."

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