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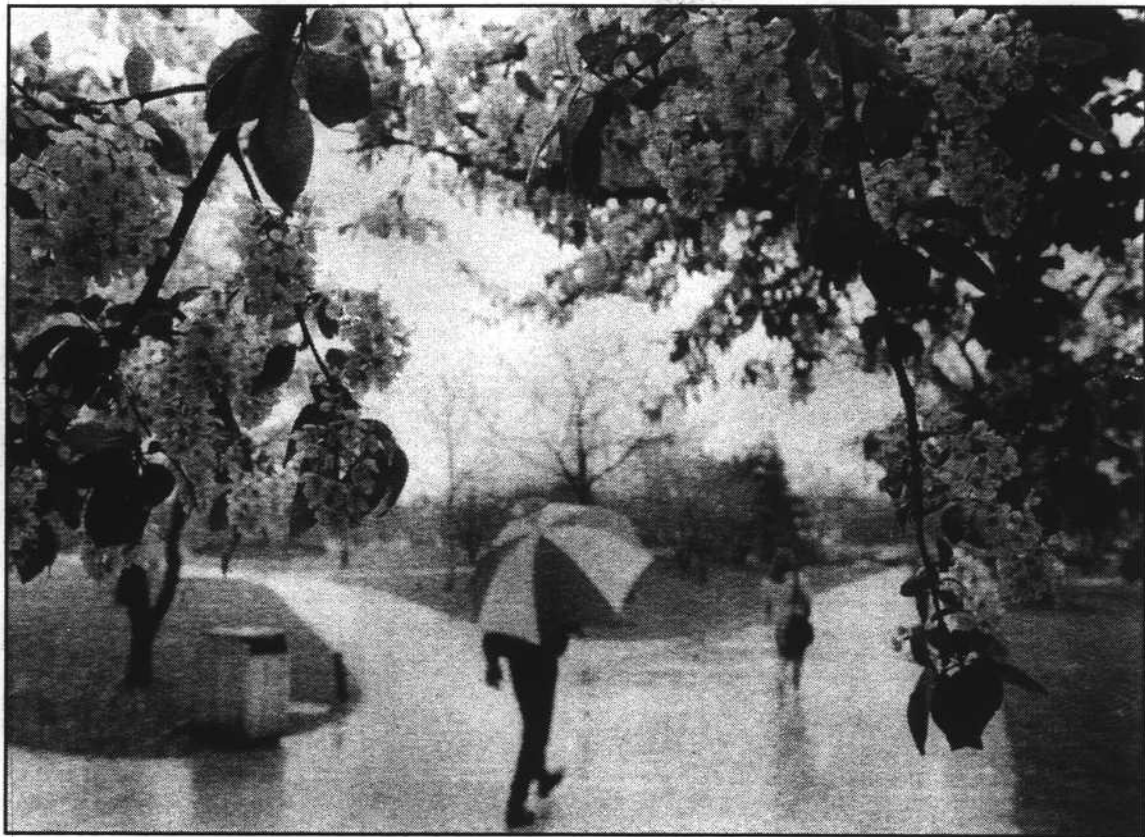
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A student tries to keep dry as he walks past a blooming European Birdcherry tree Tuesday morning near Love Library. Snow and rain fell in the morning as temperatures remained in the 30s.

Smith presents budget solutions

By Angie Schendt
Staff Reporter

NU President Dennis Smith addressed the Academic Senate Tuesday about efficiency in the classroom and in the university system.

Higher education is under stress from the economy and an unsympathetic public, he said. State appropriations to universities across the nation decrease every year, so tuition must be raised, he said.

Because these financial problems are long term, a different planning strategy must be implemented.

"Higher education is approaching a new era," he said.

Smith presented four alternatives to fix the fiscal problems. The same amount of resources no longer are available, as they were a few years ago, he said.

One alternative is that the university could do less with less, Smith said, but that would not make sense in a state where high-school graduates are increasing.

The second alternative is to do the same with less, he said, but that would involve across-the-board cuts, which he did not recommend.

"This short-term approach assumes the crisis is short term," he said.

The third alternative, he said, is to change the delivery of the education system. Sweeping changes along with restructuring the university are involved with this alternative.

"The university will not be the same institution after this is done," Smith said.

The fourth alternative is to sharpen the university's mission, he said. All four university campuses should work together better so everyone can benefit, he said.

"We should continue to strive in excellence in the areas that we have the capacity to do so or have already shown excellence in," Smith said.

A task force has been started to re-evaluate and restructure inefficiencies. It will look at central and campus-wide administration, he said. A different approach must be taken with individual departments so they can interact with each other, he said.

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New Crib coffee house hopes to perk student interest

By Rebecca Oltmans
Staff Reporter

The small, unobtrusive opening of a gourmet coffee bar in the Crib of the Nebraska Union last night is actually the first step in a larger, more noticeable plan.

"It's kind of a pilot coffee bar," said Daryl Swanson, director of Nebraska unions.

If student feedback is positive enough, the coffee bar, set for its official grand opening Thursday, could become a permanent coffee house, first in the Crib and then in the expanded union, Swanson said.

The coffee bar, located near the fireplace, was open from 5 to 10

Monday night. The opening was unadvertised to provide a night to get the kinks out, Swanson said.

Thursday night, the Crib will become the coffee house, decorated and open to the public at 6 with entertainment onstage, and, of course, coffee.

The coffee bar's first night went well, considering it was not advertised, said Kerry Stueck, manager of retail sales.

About 20 customers showed up, Stueck said.

"But many students came over to check it out," Stueck said.

The idea for a coffee house originated last year when a group looked into the idea of opening a non-alco-

holic nightclub in the union. That idea changed to a coffee house.

Because the bakery will continue to serve gourmet coffee, the coffee bar will open at 5 p.m., when the bakery closes. The bar's menu includes gourmet coffee, espresso, cappuccino, bottled water and assorted sweets, like brownies, cookies, muffins and bagels, Stueck said.

The bar has five coffee flavors and will offer two each night, Stueck said. It also might add cappuccino toppings.

The timing behind the bar's opening is important.

"We wanted to have it open long enough to get some feedback before decisions are made over the sum-

mer," Swanson said.

The bar will close May 4 for the summer because there are fewer students on campus. It will re-open this fall Sunday through Thursday in the Crib, with an expanded coffee selection and occasional entertainment on the Crib stage.

"We are looking for a vote of confidence from students that this is a good idea," Swanson said.

Swanson said student feedback was important because right now the Crib is a study room. The coffee house won't change the study environment except on Thursday when there is entertainment.

"It wasn't meant to be a study room, but that's what it has become,"

Swanson said.

Any design plans for a coffee house in the renovated union are still general, Swanson said.

"We would want to build something that looks and feels like a coffee house," Swanson said.

The coffee house would be a student lounge during the day and accommodate entertainment over some noon hours, evenings and weekends. It also might be a place where both faculty and students could spend time, Swanson said.

"Some people want a coffee house large enough to accommodate large numbers of people for entertainment," Swanson said. "Others want a small intimate space."

Schlondorf to plead insanity in shooting

By Brian Sharp
Senior Reporter

A man who is charged with shooting a UNL police officer last September will plead not guilty by reason of insanity, his lawyers told the court Tuesday.

Public Defender Dennis Keefe filed the one-page brief in Lancaster County District Court.

Keefe would not comment on the specifics of the case or the evidence supporting the defense. Schlondorf saw a local psychiatrist March 24, but Keefe would not comment on the evaluation.

Schlondorf, a former criminal justice major at the university of Nebraska-Lincoln, allegedly fired 11 rounds at a UNL Police Blazer at 16th and R streets on Sept. 12 in the midst of a low-speed chase through Lincoln.

Officer Robert Soflin, who was driving the Blazer, was struck in the

right hand, neck and shoulder. The six-year UNL Police veteran has since returned to the department and has filed a separate \$1 million lawsuit against Schlondorf.

John Colborn, chief deputy county attorney, said an insanity defense for Schlondorf was not unexpected.

"It's simply another issue in the case that we will have to deal with," Colborn said.

But it also means further delays, he said. The state will now ask the court to appoint an independent psychiatrist to evaluate Schlondorf.

Schlondorf remains in Lancaster County Jail. He has been charged with first-degree assault on a peace officer, two counts of attempted second-degree murder, four counts of using a firearm to commit a felony and one count each of making terroristic threats and fleeing to avoid arrest.

Despite snow, students pray together

By John Fulwider
Staff Reporter

"Amen" may have outnumbered "brrrs" Tuesday as several University of Nebraska-Lincoln students braved the snow and cold to pray together in the greenspace north of the Nebraska Union.

From 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., at least one student was praying. The gathering drew more than 30 students from several different campus Christian groups. Students said they prayed for many campus and personal concerns.

The students said they were not gathering to attract notice to themselves but to draw attention to God.

Paul Payne, a junior mechanical engineering major, said the gathering was not moved to a warmer location because the students wanted to let God have control of the gathering.

Aron Utecht, a junior broadcasting major, said the cold wasn't a concern.

"Talking to the God of the universe is better than worrying about the cold," he said.

The gathering was planned several weeks ago by leaders of All



Travis Heying/DN

Members of several Christian groups at UNL pray Tuesday in the greenspace.

Campus Prayer. ACP is a group of UNL students who hold prayer meetings on City Campus, East Campus and off campus.

Amy Nickerson, a junior psychology major, said the gathering demon-

strated that not all Christians were out to condemn others.

Mark Peach, a senior sociology major, agreed.

"I just want people to know that God loves them," he said.