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**WEATHER:**

**Today - Cloudy. 20% chance of rain in the afternoon.**

**Tonight - Cloudy with a 30% chance of light rain. Low in mid 30s.**

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## UNK chancellor seeks Oregon post

### Johnston among three finalists in president search

By Paula Lavigne  
Senior Reporter

An NU chancellor may soon be packing for the Oregon Trail.

University of Nebraska at Kearney Chancellor Gladys Styles Johnston will know Thursday if she is Oregon State University's new president.

John Byrne will step down as president in

December after 11 years at Oregon State, and Johnston is one of three candidates up for the position.

The others are Rita Colwell, president of the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute, and Paul Risser, president and professor of botany at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Johnston was traveling Monday and could not be reached for comment.

Oregon State, which is in Corvallis, Ore., has never had a woman president. It is one of Oregon's eight public colleges and universities.

Bob Bruce, interim chief of institutional advancement, said Byrne, 66, will not seek another presidency position but will start on

four education assignments for the state.

The NU system has a tie with Oregon State. Former University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Graham Spanier was provost at the west coast university before coming to UNL in 1991.

Bruce said the president search committee recommended Johnston because she was "one of the most highly qualified individuals."

Johnston became UNK chancellor in 1993. Previously, she was provost and executive vice president at DePaul University in Chicago and education dean at Arizona State University.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

## NU deficit spending suggested

By Paula Lavigne  
Senior Reporter

The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education recommended Monday to the Legislature about half the \$7.5 million in deficit budget requests made by Nebraska universities and colleges.

The commission held an emergency telephone conference because the Legislature's deadline is Wednesday.

It recommended \$3 million of requests by the University of Nebraska, but it did not recommend any of the requests by state colleges.

The commission is required to make recommendations on budget requests, but the decision does not directly affect budget cuts. The Legislature will decide the fate of the requests in January.

The University of Nebraska submitted the bulk of the deficit budget requests with \$7 million.

The requests that were recommended include a continuation of \$3 million for salary increases, which the legislature approved last year, overriding the governor's veto.

Gov. Ben Nelson proposed a 3 percent salary increase, but the Legislature secured a 4 percent increase.

The university's second request, which was not recommended, would grant another salary increase for next year. The 3.5 percent increase would total \$4 million.

Patsy Martin, communications coordinator, said the commission decided the Legislature's

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## TRICK OR TREAT



Travis Heying/DN

Four-year-old Grant Peterson makes his way down a hallway in the Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority Monday night collecting candy. The sorority, along with members of Farmhouse Fraternity, opened their doors to youngsters for trick-or-treating and a haunted house.

## Vote for unity relieves Canadian students

By Ted Taylor  
Staff Reporter

Fifty percent of the voters in Quebec said no to secession Monday, and 100 percent of the UNL students watching the returns in Andrews Hall agreed.

Five Canadian students and one professor nervously watched the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's live coverage of the polls from room 102.

Sam Pawley, a graduate student in English from Ontario, called what the Parti Quebecois was trying to do "horrible" and said she was relieved her home would remain unified.

Ninety-two percent of the 5 million registered voters in the mostly French-speaking province came out to vote. A similar referendum vote in 1980 drew only 85 percent.

Pawley said the news she had been hearing over the last two weeks made her believe the vote would come in for secession, but as the night wore on, she wasn't so sure.

"I wasn't really worried before," she said. "But now it could go either way," she said, chewing her nails during the telecast.

"I am hoping for the best but expecting the

worst," she said.

The numbers hovered near half and half all night. At one point, after 68 percent of the precincts had reported, the count was split with 1.5 million votes for secession and 1.5 million votes for a unified Canada.

The viewers in Andrews 102 watched the CBC broadcast as if it were a basketball game, the score swaying back and forth.

They nodded as CBC anchor Peter Mansbridge analyzed the situation.

"It would be such a small victory one way or another that it would lead to some very, very difficult decisions ahead," he told millions of viewers.

Gerri Henderson, a graduate student in English and summer professor at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario, said she had a little more riding on the decision made by the voters.

"I could lose my job," she said, stopping

*"I worry about the economy and the nation as a whole."*

**HEIDI JACOBS**

Graduate student from Alberta

mid-sentence to listen to the television.

"I am really afraid it might be a yes," she said. "That's the feeling I have received from the Quebecers when I've been there."

Henderson left the room before the final results were announced.

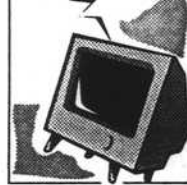
Heidi Jacobs, a graduate student from Edmonton, Alberta, said she was worried about seeing a different Canada when she returned.

"I am worried about what Canada will look like when I get back," she said before the vote. "I worry about the economy and the nation as a whole."

Jacobs said she sensed apathy on the part of some western Canadians who were fed up with dealing with the Quebecers for so many years.

"There is a lot of frustration in other parts of Canada," she said. "People may start saying 'whatever' just to get it over with."

## Public Access



The Lincoln City Council discussed the future of the public access channel at a pre-council meeting Monday morning.

But the only conclusion reached was that the

debate will be prolonged at least another month.

Lincoln Mayor Mike

Johanns recommended a proposal regarding public access that included:

● Encouraging CableVision to run a community access channel.

● Eliminating the public access channel.

● Transferring the equipment that was previously used by the public

access channel to the education access channel.

The public access channel has been the focus of media attention and public scrutiny for several weeks. At the center of debate is the "Cosmic Comedy Show."

The controversial program has included clips from adult movies and one segment where the host, wearing clown makeup, was shown masturbating.

CableVision announced Friday it would create a new community access channel, with the addition of sponsors.

The new channel will be more diverse than public access, said Rick Kiolbasa, CableVision director of government and public relations. It could include coverage of NASA events, such as shuttle liftoffs, as well as CableVision productions.

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