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## WEATHER:

Today - Mostly sunny and not as cold. South wind 5 to 15 mph.

Tonight - Mostly cloudy. Low in the mid 30s.

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Mary McGarvey of the Faculty Women's Caucus presents an amendment to the Student Code of Conduct Tuesday to the Academic Senate. The amendment would prohibit students involved in violent crimes from participating in extracurricular activities.

## Senate split on conduct amendments

By Paula Lavigne  
Senior Reporter

Academic Senate members were split Tuesday on an amendment that would prohibit students involved in violent crimes from representing the university.

The amendment to the UNL Student Code of Conduct was presented by Mary McGarvey, associate economics professor, on behalf of the Faculty Women's Caucus.

McGarvey said details were taken out of the previous draft to make the amendments more general.

Specifics will be left up to a special task force that will examine violence and assault involving the university, President Doug Jose said.

The task force, which reports to the chancellor, is made up of faculty, staff, students and administrators and should have a final report in March.

Some senate members disapproved of the lack of definition and detail.

John Bender, assistant news-editorial professor, said he could not support a statement without clarity.

"The devil's in the details," he said. "This has to be brought into the open and made clear."

Other faculty members also questioned the definition of a violent crime and wondered whether student protests or other misdemeanors would fall under the category.

Sally Wise, director of the law library and

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## NU president doing well after coronary angioplasty

By John Fulwider  
Senior Reporter

NU President L. Dennis Smith is in excellent condition following a coronary angioplasty procedure performed Tuesday afternoon at Bryan Memorial Hospital, his cardiologist said late Tuesday night.

Dr. Charles Wilson, also an NU regent, said Smith will be able to resume his normal schedule Monday with no restrictions.

Smith, 57, did not have a heart attack, Wilson said. Smith came to the hospital about 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, he said.

Smith had been experiencing symptoms that suggested heart problems, Wilson said. Tests revealed the procedure was necessary to relieve the blockage, Wilson said.

The procedure was performed at about 5 p.m. by Dr. Sabyasachi Mahapatra. It involved inserting a catheter into Smith's groin and then threading the catheter into the affected vein. A balloon at the end of the catheter was inflated to dilate the vein, relieving the blockage.

Smith will be released from the hospital Friday, Wilson said. Drugs used following the procedure must be administered and their effects monitored until then, he said.

Wilson stressed that Smith was doing fine after the procedure.

"When I left him at 7 o'clock tonight, his main concern was getting dinner."

## Task force to address violence

By Angie Schendt  
Staff Reporter

A new task force will meet today to begin examining violence on campus and how the University of Nebraska-Lincoln can best respond to it.

Interim Chancellor Joan Leitzel appointed faculty members, staff and students to the Task Force on Conduct Standards and Behavioral Expectations.

Leitzel officially will give the 12-member group its charge today and provide members with her input, said George Tuck, professor of journalism and mass communications. Tuck will lead the task force with Peg Blake, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs and University Health Center director.

The due date for a preliminary report from the task force is March 1, Tuck said. The group plans to complete its work by the end of the spring semester.

"We will pull together and then fade away," Tuck said.

In that time, the task force will analyze data from UNL and other peer institutions — especially Big Eight universities, he said.

"We will also listen to the concerns of the university community and find out what they have to say about this," he said.

The task force will look at community values and find ways to articulate those expectations, said Amie Haggar, a junior communications major and one of two students on the task force.

"We will look at the university environment as a whole and how we look at accountability and responsibility," Haggar said.

Although the Lawrence Phillips case brought about concern for the Student Code of Conduct, she said, the task force will not focus on just that case.

"We are not committed solely because of the hype and hoopla of the Lawrence Phillips case," Haggar said. "All of the students in the UNL community need to be held accountable for their actions."

The task force will hold public forums to get input from the community, Tuck said.

"Anybody from the entire university community that has a concern can present that to us," he said.

## Campus pot arrests increase

By Jeff Zeleny  
Senior Reporter

The smell of burning pot seeping beneath the doors of residence hall rooms has attracted the attention of university police.

So far this semester, 13 teen-agers have been arrested in narcotics cases in residence halls. That is more than the past four years combined, University police Sgt. Bill Manning said Tuesday.

"We maybe just had a couple dry years," he said.

The teen-agers were charged with possession of drug paraphernalia or possession of less than 1 ounce of marijuana, Manning said. All but one of the teens are students.

In the past two weeks, police have arrested seven people in residence halls on drug-related calls. All suspects are either 18 or 19 years old.

David Bower, a drug and alcohol prevention specialist at the University Health Center, said the increase in drug arrests could possibly be traced to a higher marijuana use among junior high and high school students.

"Ultimately, when those students come to college, they may bring that habit with them," Bower said.

Pot use in the 1960s and 1970s was much higher, Bower said. A strong message was passed along to students and adults that marijuana was not healthy.

"Society has kind of put that issue aside," he said. "Over a period of time since, people didn't hear that message about not smoking. People started smoking again."

Charges of drug paraphernalia possession and possessing less than an ounce of marijuana are infractions, police said, similar to a speeding ticket. A judge sets the fine after a court hearing.

In the seven most recent arrests, Manning said, residence hall directors or student assistants have contacted police after smelling burning marijuana.

Two students and one non-student were arrested on the eighth floor of Abel Hall, police said. Three students also were arrested on the sixth floor of Schramm Hall. The seventh arrest came from Harper Hall.

Manning, who is in his 20th year with the University Police Department, said he has not seen this many narcotics arrests in years.

"Twenty years ago it was pretty prevalent," he said. "We made a lot of calls in all the halls."

## A growing trend

University Police say more narcotics have been reported in 1995 than in four previous years combined, and marijuana is the drug of choice. The arrest reports are for possession of drug paraphernalia or possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

