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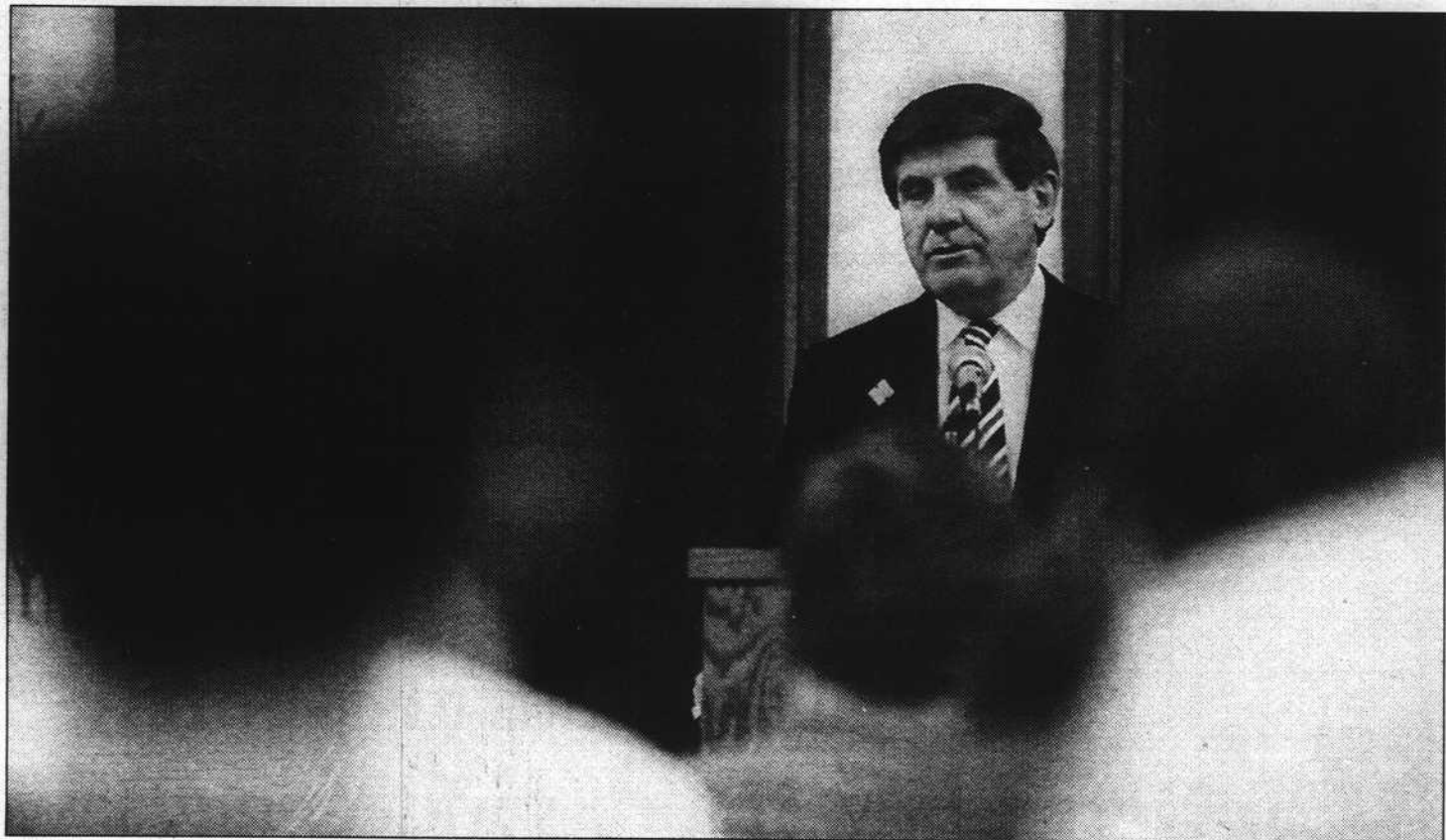


WEATHER:

Today - Light flurries, cloudy & cold. Northwest wind 25 to 35 mph.

Tonight - Blustery & cold. Low around 5 to 10.

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Travis Heying/DN

Ben Nelson speaks to a crowd of about 120 students Monday night at the Neihardt Residence Hall.

Talking politics

Nelson answers student questions on campaign

By Todd Anderson
Staff Reporter

Gov. Ben Nelson's speech to the more than 120 students in Neihardt Residence Hall turned into a political question and answer session Monday evening.

Nelson started with talking about his rise to the governorship. He said he wanted to be the governor of the state since the age of 17 and began his campaign for governor in 1990 with little or no name recognition.

However, after numerous recounts of the votes in the primary and general elections, he came out on top, he said.

"Nobody ever expected me to win, but I never expected to lose," he said. "I couldn't assure a victory, but I could assure I had given it everything I had."

After a brief interruption for an Innocents' tackling ceremony, an initiation ritual, Nelson was flooded with questions dealing

with several issues, many centering on his candidacy for the U.S. Senate.

Nelson, a Democrat, said he supported Attorney General Don Stenberg's declaration that a casino on the Santee Sioux reservation is illegal.

Stenberg is running for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate against businessman Chuck Hagel.

Nelson said about the casino problem that "no-one wants to be in this spot. We want to work closely with all our friends."

Nelson dismissed the rumor of a planned raid on the reservation, but said it was an option.

For now, he said, "we should let the courts decide."

After a question about negative campaign ads, Nelson said he does not intend to run a negative campaign and preferred not to respond to negative attacks from other candidates.

However, he said, the decision not to respond to negative advertisements was difficult because the candidate runs the risk of losing the election.

"People don't like negative campaigns, but they work," Nelson said.

Calling himself "fiscally conservative", Nelson said one of his first priorities if elected U.S. Senator would be to create a farm bill that promotes agriculture and export enhancement.

He also said he supported reforming the Clean Water Act by creating incentives for agricultural industries and businesses who comply to standards rather than employing an "environmental police force."

Nelson said he also supported federal deficit reduction in less than seven years and a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution.

"It makes good sense," he said.

\$25 million approved for city building

By Chad Lorenz
Senior Reporter

Construction companies will break ground next month on a new County-City Building, after the Lincoln City Council gave the building commission a green light Monday afternoon.

After three years of planning, the Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission will start on a \$25 million project to convert the existing County-City Building to a Hall of Justice and construct another County-City Building north of the present one.

The city council voted 7-0 to lease the property to the building commission, and the county board is expected to vote in favor of the lease today.

To satisfy a desperate need for space, the Lincoln Police Department will join the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office in the Hall of Justice.

City and county offices, such as the mayor's office, county commissioners' office and city council chambers, will move into the new building, according to the proposal summary.

The site for the new building is now a parking lot. Parking will temporarily shift to other lots in the area, and a storage building on J Street will be razed for another parking lot.

County and district courts, judges' chambers and offices for the city and county attorneys will remain in the Hall of Justice, the proposal states.

The current police department headquarters will be used by the election commission, data processing and possibly the personnel department.

Fred Briggs, County-City Building administrator, said an inspection of Lincoln Police Department facilities determined that more space was needed.

Offices in the County-City Building have struggled with overcrowding for 18 years, he said.

"This project is long overdue," Briggs said. "There are so many different departments operating in too little space."

Jim Hille, an architect for Sinclair Hille & Associates, said the Lincoln Police Department had an urgent need for more room.

"In every respect they are totally overcrowded," he said.

Hille said the department had terrible conditions for storing evidence, interviewing wit-

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Money no limit to ASUN

Nine Big 12 schools restrict candidates' spending

By Kasey Kerber
Staff Reporter

With no established spending limits, candidates for student government executive offices at UNL spend more than twice as much as executive candidates at other Big 12 universities are allowed to spend.

ASUN President Shawn Tell Hurlgen and vice presidents Brent Goertzen and Steve Korell contributed \$1,428 to their 1995 campaign, compared to the average of \$663 spent by presidential and vice presidential candidates at other Big 12 schools.

Nine Big 12 universities contacted — Baylor and Missouri could not be reached — place spending restrictions

on their candidates.

In last year's ASUN elections, the IMPACT party spent \$2,915, compared to the \$431 for the LETTUCE party, \$134 for the ACCESS party and about \$12 for the CUTCOST party.

Spending limits at Big Eight schools averaged \$583 for presidential and vice presidential candidates, while the average at the new Big 12 Texas schools was slightly higher at \$600.

Seven universities place spending limits between \$400 and \$883, or 75 percent of in-state tuition, on campaigns. The universities of Kansas and Oklahoma do not have spending limits, but they are not without regulations.

"We recommend spending limits for our candidates, and then they must tell us whether they plan to abide by them or not," said Sean Hennese, elections commissioner at the University of Kansas.

The University of Oklahoma, meanwhile, places limits on the number of signs a candidate can put up and places a \$400 restriction on advertising in the student newspaper.

Other Big 12 universities, such as Oklahoma State, Iowa State and Texas A&M, have more closely contested elections, often among five or six parties.

Last year's elections at Oklahoma State stand in sharp contrast to those at UNL.

Stacy Sweeten, treasurer of the student association government at OSU, said five parties ran in that election, spending an average of \$300 to \$400 each.

Iowa State also held a closely contested election, with six parties spending about \$500 each.

Marlene Beyke, director of devel-

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Spouses of NU faculty find jobs with program

By Julie Sobczyk
Senior Reporter

When Gustavo Carlo, an assistant psychology professor, came to UNL two years ago, he was surprised to find as much support for his wife as there was for him.

Carlo and his wife, Roxana, received support through the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Dual Career Program. The program, coordinated by Kay Kubicek, assists spouses of newly recruited faculty and staff in finding jobs in Lincoln and at UNL.

"The program got my wife off to a great start in meeting people," Carlo said.

The program was started by former Chancellor Graham Spanier in 1992 to help the families of new faculty members find employment, Kubicek said. About 350 people have used the program.

Kubicek said Spanier was sensitive to the difficulties faced by families as they moved across the country.

So, Kubicek said, the program eases families' moves to Lincoln by checking out career choices for spouses of new faculty members.

The spouses' resumes are looked over and sent to companies in Lincoln, she said.

Kubicek said she watched for open positions that might interest spouses, got applications and wrote letters of support.

For example, Kubicek said, if a new faculty member's spouse had experience at furniture factories, the program would send his or her resume to factories in Lincoln.

When Carlo was being interviewed by UNL for his position, he

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