



Limit of spending by executive candidates

University of Nebraska	None
Kansas State University	\$883
University of Colorado at Boulder	\$850
University of Kansas	(\$700 recommended) None
University of Texas	\$700
Texas A&M University	\$700
Iowa State University	\$500
Oklahoma State University	\$500
Texas Tech University	\$400
University of Oklahoma	(\$400 in student newspaper ads) None

Spending

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opment for the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, said until recently, UNL also had spending limits in place.

"Two years ago we had limits, but we found that candidates were spending more than they reported," Beyke said.

Beyke said if ASUN decided to impose spending limits once again, it would have to pass through the election commission and ASUN.

In this year's campaign, the OFFICE and ACTION parties have agreed to spend no more than \$2,000

\$4.9 million education grant awarded from lottery profits

Gov. Ben Nelson announced Monday the awarding of \$4.9 million in Educational Innovation grants, which will serve 58,000 students in 66 Nebraska school districts.

"Education is one of those institutions that has never had enough money for research and development," Nelson said.

The Education Innovation Fund is created from Nebraska Lottery profits.

The money will fund audio-visual distance learning in Sandhills schools, a program at Omaha Public Schools to reduce dropout rates and behavior problems. It also will help pay for increased parent involvement for language and communication studies in the Scottsbluff School District.

The latest award tops \$16.9 million in total funds from the lottery, Nelson said. The fund has collected money

each.

Justin Firestone, OFFICE candidate for president, said his party was committed to keeping election contributions by executive candidates at a relatively small number.

"The \$2,000 spending limit was on our platform," Firestone said. "We decided why wait a year?"

Kara Marshall, the ACTION candidate for second vice president, said she had contributed \$500 to the election, but believed that ACTION would not spend \$2,000.

Firestone said he had contributed \$10 to his own campaign and would not pressure any of the OFFICE candidates to contribute any more than they felt they wanted to.

from the lottery for almost three years. Nelson said he was pleased to see such a variety of creative programs in the grant proposals.

Competitive grants were awarded for 23 programs — from distance learning in Sioux City and building a conceptual school at Raymond Central to education gardening at OPS and technology training at Grand Island, Ord and Rising City.

Distance learning was an important development in smaller school districts, so those schools can expand their learning network, Nelson said.

He said distance learning methods also could be cost effective in urban school districts. Teachers could broadcast their lessons to other schools that lack those classes.

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Spouse

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said, the Dual Career Program was working with his wife to find her employment.

"I came in to interview, and right away the department hooked us up with Kay (Kubicek)," Carlo said. "She sent out her resume and cover letter to places she showed interest in."

"When I came back for my second interview, my wife had an interview set up."

Because of the assistance from the program, Carlo said, his wife now is employed at Lincoln's Hispanic Community Center.

But job placement doesn't always run smoothly.

Most people who use the program find work, Kubicek said, but some can't because of low demand for the job.

"Our purpose is to be as honest with them as we can," she said. "But

there might not be much opportunity for some jobs, such as cinematography."

The program also cannot guarantee jobs, especially jobs through UNL, she said.

Spanier had set up funds to give qualified spouses temporary jobs for one year, Kubicek said, but a permanent job at UNL is not guaranteed.

"That's been a problem," she said. "If the spouse has no employment at the end of the year, the university runs the risk of losing a faculty member they recently hired."

The program also makes sure spouses are not given special treatment over other qualified applicants, Kubicek said. The program works closely with UNL's Office of Affirmative Action and its guidelines for hiring, she said.

UNL has the only program in the Big Eight that specifically tries to find jobs in the city for spouses of newly hired faculty.

Officials from other Big Eight

schools said they did not have policies or programs to handle the hiring of new faculty members' spouses.

At the University of Oklahoma in Norman, spouses who want to work at the university can submit resumes to departments, but jobs aren't guaranteed, said Cindy Cash, assistant to the provost.

Because of a hiring freeze at the University of Kansas, it's hard to find positions for spouses, said Carol Prentice, assistant to the vice chancellor for academic affairs at KU.

Representatives from some Big Eight schools said they did what they could to help spouses.

"We don't create jobs," said Richard Wallace, vice president of academic affairs at the University of Missouri. "We do try to find jobs at the university if we can."

Mary Ann Evan, assistant to the provost at Iowa State University, said there was no policy to assist spouses.

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Law & Order

A LOOK AT CRIME ON CAMPUS AND IN THE COMMUNITY

ASSAULT

A late-night trip to Super Kmart on Saturday turned into a parking lot brawl among at least three men, with one wielding a shovel.

Gabriel Gossard, 18, told police he was in front of Super Kmart, 3300 N. 27th St., when Geneo Johnson punched him in the face, Lincoln police Sgt. Ann Heermann said.

Johnson then ran inside the store and returned with a snow shovel, Heermann said. He allegedly swung it at Gossard and hit him in the head.

Jeremy Conroy, 19, told police he tried to break up the fight when Johnson hit Gossard with the shovel, Heermann said.

Johnson, however, told police a different story.

He said he was outside the store when he was attacked by 20 people, including Gossard, Heermann said.

Gossard allegedly brandished a hammer and swung it at Johnson, Heermann said.

Johnson grabbed a shovel from inside the store to defend himself. Police are unsure if Johnson paid for the shovel.

Johnson was arrested on suspicion of felony assault and use of a weapon to commit a felony.

Gossard was arrested on suspicion of carrying a concealed weapon.

ASSAULT

A domestic dispute Saturday night left a Lincoln woman brutally beaten.

Torrey Lee, 19, told police she and Matt Fedon, 19, were at his residence at 1620 Susan Circle when they started arguing about a phone call Fedon got from another female, according to police reports.

Lee, who lives at a separate address, gave police the following account:

Fedon allegedly punched and kicked Lee and hit her over the head with a broom handle, breaking it. She tried to escape, but was repeatedly thrown, knocked down and kicked.

Fedon then allegedly pulled a knife and cut Lee's left hand and right thigh.

The woman was finally able to escape as Fedon washed the knife in a sink.

She called police and was taken to the St. Elizabeth Community Health Center, where she was given stitches for her cuts and treated for a bloody nose and bruises on her forehead.

Police contacted Fedon at his residence and took him into custody. He was arrested for first-degree assault and use of a weapon to commit a felony.

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