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WEATHER:

Today - Mostly cloudy & breezy. Northwest wind 15 to 25 mph.

Tonight - Partly cloudy & blustery. Low around 10.

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Staci McKee/DN

Regent Drew Miller of Papillion stands on a tier of a castle overlooking Heidelberg, Germany. Below the castle is Ruprecht-Karls University, the oldest university in Germany. Miller is a major in the Air National Guard and has been stationed in Stuttgart, Germany, since Dec. 26, 1995.

Overseas

Military keeps regent away from home

By Matthew Waite
Senior Editor

HEIDELBERG, Germany—Drew Miller is a long way from home.

He isn't living in his NU Board of Regents district right now. Or in the state. Or even in the country, for that matter.

His wife, Annabeth, is at home, caring for their year-and-a-half-old daughter, Annaclarice.

Since the day after Christmas, Miller has taken up a temporary home in Stuttgart, Germany, working as a public affairs officer in the U.S. European Command office. He is a major in the Air National Guard.

And being away hasn't been easy. "She (Annabeth) wasn't overly thrilled," he said. "I was in the military before I married her, so she understood.

"What made this hard is having a 19-month-old. You can stay in touch with your wife with e-mail and phone calls, but it's a

little harder with a 19-month-old."

During a recent stop in Ramstein, Germany, Miller reflected about his daughter. His daughter often asks where he is, he said, and she brightens up when he calls.

But Miller has adapted to life in Germany. On a tour of Ruprecht-Karls University, the oldest university in Germany, he seemed more comfortable speaking German than English.

And he has been able to make it home for a short visit.

Miller was home for a few days for the February regents meeting. He said Annaclarice was apprehensive of him at first but soon realized her daddy was home.

"I just hope my wife is not having trouble now — the 'where's daddy now?'" Miller said. "In that respect, it is easier for me because I don't have to hear the complaints."

And things are not going to be easier for the Miller family before he comes home in May.

Miller volunteered for a month in Bosnia with Operation Joint Endeavour starting in late March or early April.

"If it was a year, I wouldn't be too thrilled, but it is a short tour," he said. "I get to see Bosnia, and it's closer to the scene of the action."

Miller has spent much of his life in the military. He attended the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., spent two years at Harvard and five years in the Air Force as an intelligence officer.

A member of the Air National Guard since 1987, Miller switched from intelligence to public affairs around the same time he was elected to another public service arena, the NU Board of Regents.

But, Miller said, there were few places the two areas cross paths.

"Most of the time, they are separate issues — different issues, different modes of acting," he said. "The military lifestyle is about as different as you can get from academia."

Game seats won't move for 1996

By Julie Sobczyk and Kasey Kerber
Senior Reporter and Staff Reporter

Students should no longer fear seating changes at Memorial Stadium for the 1996 Nebraska football season, an Athletic Department official said Thursday.

Cindy Bell, manager of UNL's athletic ticket office, said student seating would not change, and the proposal was only brought up for discussion — not implementation.

"We're not changing anything," Bell said. "It was never a policy. It was brought up as an awareness factor."

But, she said, moving the student section at Memorial Stadium could be a possibility in the future.

The Athletic Department has received many complaints from non-student fans sitting behind the student section. Non-student fans said students standing on seating made seeing the field difficult.

"If things don't get corrected, we may have to change seating in the future," she said.

Earlier this month, the Athletic Department discussed changing the student seating from Section 15 to seats behind Sections 12 and 13, in the southeast corner of the stadium.

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Legislators' pay may be put on Nebraska ballot

By Erin Schulte
Staff Reporter

The salaries of Nebraska legislators could be put in voters' hands if a proposed constitutional amendment makes it to the ballot.

LR276CA was presented Thursday by Sen. Doug Kristensen, of Minden, to the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

Nebraska is one of few states that determines salaries by public vote, Kristensen said. The proposal would increase the yearly tax each Nebraskan pays to support state legislators from 40 cents to 45 cents — raising salaries to \$16,000 a year, Kristensen said.

The national average is \$29,000, and Nebraska is ranked 37th among states in salary.

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UNL officials protest low doctoral rankings

By Chad Lorenz
Senior Reporter

A National Science Foundation study that gave low rankings to UNL doctoral programs has led to an outcry from doctorate program leaders at UNL.

Priscilla Grew, vice chancellor for research, said the study, which was published in many Nebraska newspapers, didn't represent all doctoral programs at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Quality, well-known faculty, a broad range of programs, productive research and preparing students for successful positions were some of the merits that have earned national recognition for some doctoral programs at UNL.

Grew said at least four doctorate programs had received high ratings or

acknowledgment: school psychology, vocational education, educational administration and business management.

The school psychology program in the Department of Education Psychology was ranked third nationally by U.S. News and World Report in 1995, said Terry Gutkin, professor of educational psychology.

The ranking was based on the program's reputation, he said.

"We've been active nationally," Gutkin said.

Four faculty members in UNL's school psychology program — three full-time and one half-time — have published research and acted as leaders in the American Psychological Association, he said.

School psychology faculty have served in the past as president and vice-president in the school psychology division of the association, he

said.

The school psychology has been recognized for its research with a No. 1 ranking in a study by Indiana University (Penn.) that rated 43 programs in the country. It was published in 1994 in *Psychology in the Schools*, an academic journal, Gutkin said.

"So we are out-producing those other schools with only half the faculty," he said.

Faculty members publish quality research because they commonly work in teams with students, Gutkin said.

The practice and knowledge students learn through these collaborations prepare them for high positions in school districts and universities.

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earned jobs at Lincoln and Omaha Public Schools, Penn State University, Kansas University and Syracuse University, he said.

The doctoral program in vocational education in the Teachers College was rated eighth in the nation by a study conducted through the University of Illinois in 1992, said Birdie Holder, chairwoman of vocational and adult education.

More than 25 programs, primarily at land grant universities, were ranked

based on quality of faculty, quality of students, amount of research published and courses offered, Holder said.

Students working toward a doctoral degree in vocational education are well-prepared for their careers because professors tailor the program for the students' interests and goals, she said.

"We pride ourselves in being student-centered."

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