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WEATHER:

Today - A 20 percent chance of showers. North wind 15 to 25 mph.

Tonight - Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain.

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Gov. Ben Nelson checks out his "Choose or Lose" button Wednesday afternoon at Broyhill Plaza. Nelson visited the MTV "Choose or Lose" bus, which is touring the country to encourage students to take part in the election process.

MTV bus fuels voting drive

By Todd Anderson
Staff Reporter

A long, brightly painted bus blaring music and attracting hordes of students doesn't happen every day on Broyhill Plaza.

But this was the MTV "Choose or Lose" bus, and the point was to be loud.

Volunteers from several campus groups were registering students to vote. Many students were there to enjoy the weather, and others just wanted to see the bus.

The inside of the bus — with its animal-print, plush furniture, a multi-colored, glass chip top table, and "Choose or Lose" logos on the floor — is as loud as the outside, and it's also the spot where probable GOP presidential nominee Bob Dole was interviewed by MTV's Tabitha Soren.

But the bus was just a way to attract student attention to an important issue.

Shannon Jacobs, the advance coordinator for the "Choose or Lose" tour, said the main objective of the campaign was to get students registered.

She said the number of student-age voters increased in the 1992 election, reversing a 25-year trend, largely because of the work

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Nelson talks technology on camera

By Todd Anderson
Staff Reporter

Gov. Ben Nelson had a few minutes of MTV fame Wednesday afternoon when he spoke for an MTV camera in front of the "Choose or Lose" bus.

After being pinned with a "Choose or Lose" button, Nelson talked about how Nebraska was using technology to make communication between voters and public officials easier.

He said the World Wide Web sites set up by the governor's office and the Legislature allowed voters and public officials to reach people as quickly and efficiently as possible.

"We're eliminating the consequences of geography," Nelson said.

He also spoke about the rising costs of education.

Nelson, a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said he realized the tre-

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Governor

mendous expense of higher education today, especially when compared to the cost of education when he was a student.

"It's very difficult for students to earn their way through college today," Nelson said.

"A lot of things have changed. We've continued to expand the state's contribution to higher education in Nebraska," he said.

"But it's never enough or as much as you'd like it to be."

Session on 'partial-birth' abortions improbable

By Ted Taylor
Senior Reporter

A special legislative session later this year to deal with a controversial abortion procedure performed in the state is unlikely but possible, a spokeswoman for Gov. Ben Nelson said Wednesday.

Dara Troutman, Nelson's press secretary, was speaking in regards to a letter Nelson received from Metro Right to Life in Omaha.

The letter urged the governor to call a special session to discuss and ultimately pass legislation to ban "partial-birth" abortions in Nebraska.

The controversy revolves around President Clinton's veto last week of the Partial Birth Abortion Act passed by Congress.

The U.S. House is expected to gather enough votes to override the president's veto, but the vote is still uncertain in the Senate.

The bill, HR1833, would make it illegal to partially deliver a fetus before killing it and then continue with the delivery.

Troutman said Nelson supported Metro

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RISING GAS COSTS

Global politics raise prices at the pumps

By Chad Lorenz
Senior Reporter

A long, cold winter and ongoing negotiations between Iraq and the United Nations continue to boost gasoline prices at Nebraska pumps.

"It's always normal to see an increase this time of year, but not this drastic," said Larry Kinyon, research analyst for the Nebraska Department of Energy.

The average price of unleaded gasoline in Nebraska has gone up 15 cents per gallon since the beginning of the year, according to an American Automobile Association Nebraska fuel survey. The price has risen 5 cents in the past two weeks.

The weekly average price for unleaded gasoline in Nebraska was \$1.29 per gallon, and \$1.27

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Learn from living history, Wiesel says

By Julie Sobczyk
Senior Reporter

Elie Wiesel survived the horror of the Holocaust during World War II.

Now the world-famous author fears that as time passes, people will forget the horror he lived through and the six million Jews that died.

"I'm afraid of this event being diluted — trivialized," he said. "This is happening now."

To keep the memory of the Holocaust alive, Wiesel said, people should listen to the message of the survivors.

"The words 'I was there' are strong," he said. "We will all die.

We need to hear the testimony that is left."

Victims, survivors and killers of the Holocaust have left documents behind, Wiesel said, and people should take advantage of those written words.

"No event in history has been documented as much as this one," Wiesel said. "Everyone kept documents. The victims left innumerable documents, pictures, poems."

Many movies have been made about the Holocaust, but Wiesel said he didn't think actors should play victims of such a terrible part of history.

"I always hate seeing pictures of naked women lined up for the gas

chambers," he said. "You don't hire people for victims. It's just not needed."

Wiesel, 67, said when he looked back on his life in Nazi concentration camps at Auschwitz and Buchenwald, he didn't think of terror only.

Instead, he said, he thought of ways he could help the cause for human rights.

"I should do more," the Nobel Peace Prize winner said. "I would give back all the honors I have received if I could just help one person for one hour."

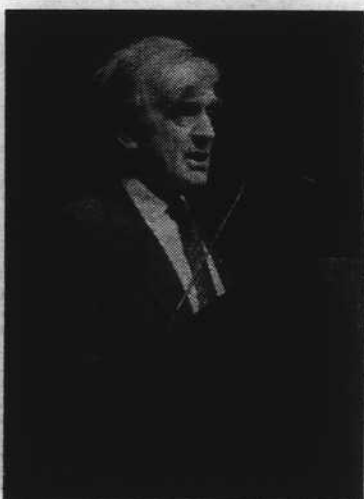
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ELIE WIESEL

Author and Holocaust survivor



Matt Miller/DN

Elie Wiesel speaks at the Lied Center for Performing Arts Tuesday.