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RYAN SODERLIN/DN GOV. BEN NELSON greets Sen. Dwite Pederson after the governor's State of the State address Wednesday at the State Capitol.

Nelson: Nebraskans should stress progress STATE from page 1

For example, he said, Nebraska's unemployment rate is the lowest in the nation. Exports have tripled since 1990, and the state's economy is scheduled to outpace the rest of the nation in the next two years because of new jobs.

In fact, Nebraska's economic standing is so good, the state has a surplus from tax revenue, he said. This may result in a flurry of requests for new programs, Nelson said, but government should use restraint with new spending and concentrate instead on giving property tax cuts.

Another suggestion on how to keep Nebraska's economy strong was to keep valuable employees from leaving the state, he said. Nelson said he hoped to turn the current "brain drain" into a "brain gain" by offering college scholarships to Nebraska residents who plan to stay in the state for at least five years after graduation.

The scholarships, which would be worth up to \$2,500 and be renewable for up to five years, would be split among NU, community and state colleges.

The governor also promised to make necessary repairs to the State Capitol building and stressed the importance of the \$23 million College of Information Science and Technology in Omaha.

Sen. DiAnna Schimek of Lincoln said the additional funds Nelson talked about should be spent on building maintenance around the state, especially for the University of Nebraska.

Commission cannot yet act on UNK wish for philosophy major

BY ERIN GIBSON Senior Reporter

Fourteen University of Nebraska at Kearney students Wednesday urged the students' request until a proposal the Coordinating Commission for for the new degree is resubmitted by Postsecondary Education to reconsider UNK officials, Martin said. allowing a philosophy major at the university.

Patsy Martin, CCPE communica- posal would be resubmitted. tions coordinator, said the committee denied requests for the major in Janu- voted: ary 1996.

there was still a strong need for a phi- braska campuses.

losophy program at UNK, and read several letters and a statement asking NU regents to discontinue the urban the commission to reconsider last education master's degree program at year's denial.

But the commission cannot act on

UNK philosophy officials said the Kearney Hub reported the degree pro-

In other action, the commission

· To accept reviews of the physics The students told the commission programs on all University of Ne- Community College Grand Island

· To concur with a decision by the the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

 To give \$205,290 in federal Einsenhower Professional Development Grant Program Awards to provide inservice training for teachers. Paul Kelter, UNL associate professor of chemistry, and Robert Fuller, UNL professor of physics and astronomy, were among the eight recipients.

• To give \$481,900 to the Central campus to reorganize campus space.

Winemakers begin new venture

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overcoming Nebraskans' preference for other beverages, conflicts with existing agriculture and continental climate to produce a climate conducive

The two are constructing the winery on a 10-acre portion of Jeffers' 200-acre plat in northern Lancaster County's rolling hills. Formerly cattle grazing land, the site will become a ripening grapevine-dappled land fringed by white picket fences and gazebos topping a ridge prime for viewing sunsets.

"Each region gives way to a different soil type or climate ... but that doesn't necessarily make California wines any better than those made anywhere else," Jeffers said.

Moore, a graduate of ecology from the University of California-Davis, said the Nebraska winery could grow varieties that can't be grown in California and elsewhere.

Ed and Holly Swanson, owners of Nebraska's only current licensed winery, have grown their reputation on the fact that Nebraska's soil and climate

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40%-50%

Pierce, was the only winery east of the although their grapevines are planted Rocky Mountains to receive a medal in sand for removal during cold at the 1995 Atlanta Wine Summit. Its weather. 1994 Red Reserve earned a silver to producing and enjoying fine wine. medal while competing against wines hold long enough to render such prefrom France, California and other re- cautions unnecessary, other conditions gions better known for growing must be weighed. grapes, Ed Swanson said.

> Swansons' expertise and had sought their advice on their shared passion, but also eagerly awaited a healthy competition between the two winer-

Donald Steinegger, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln horticulturist and professed wine connoisseur, said the mixing different varieties and quantiwineries' landscapes meant more for successful grape-growing than their location.

The ideal growing site is a hillside receiving full sunlight and good air circulation -not in a valley with cold stationary air and standing water, he said

Vineyards in latitudes as high as Nebraska's are rare, but they do exist,

is favorable to award-winning wine. Steinegger said. For example, Michi-Their Cuthills Vineyards, near gan and Minnesota support vineyards,

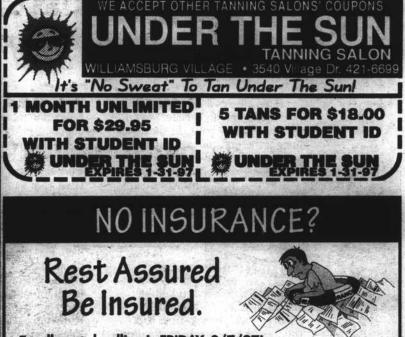
While Nebraska's warm periods

For example, Nebraska's winters Jeffers said he admired the require planting heartier grape varieties than those grown in California. The French and American hybrid varieties Jeffers planted are grown mostly in New York and should do fine here, Steinegger said.

Moore said although he could produce wines similar to California's by ties of grapes grown, he and Jeffers would concentrate on the red, white, dry, semi-dry, sweet and dessert wines made unique because of the vineyard's soil type and location.

'We will become our own specialty," Jeffers said. "California wineries have theirs, but when the international competition comes, you don't see the label, and it won't make a bit of difference.





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