

## Gas company official says lower supply costs expected

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grid system.

When the West Coast takes more gas from the line, it affects other parts of the country,

More remotely, the price increase has roots in the energy crisis of the late 1970s, when fear about the depletion of fossil fuel reserves sent customers searching for alternative energy

The decrease in demand sent the gas supply soaring, as did drilling by gas companies hoping to profit from the higher market prices of the scare's earlier days, Nordell said.

The industry's overabundant supply has kept prices very low for the past 15 years - until

Congress' slow and steady deregulation of the natural gas industry in areas where drilling for replacement gas was expensive has allowed for the market fluctuations, Nordell said.

Nordell said that while the market is simply correcting itself, he expected prices to fall to cheaper levels,

The problem now is the inability of many customers to pay their present gas bills.

Dan Warnonck, UtiliCorp United vice president, said Peoples Natural Gas offers a program which averages their bills over a year.

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DAN WARNOCK, vice president of UtiliCorp United, speaks at a committee meeting Tuesday at the State Capitol concerning gas

## Student's death in Cather Hall classified as accidental by police

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Wolfendale was reportedly last seen Friday, Cauble said. Coroners still are trying to pinpoint the time of death

UNL Housing Director Doug Zatechka said counseling is available for students or staff. Trained staff from Counseling and Psychological Services and the Employee Assistance Center have already been brought to Cather Hall to provide counseling, he said.

"Any students wanting the opportunity to

talk through their feelings are strongly encouraged to do so," Zatechka said.

Nancy Myers, director of the Employee Assistance Program, said counselors are scheduled to meet with students, faculty and staff 7 p.m. Wednesday and 1 p.m. Thursday in the Cather Hall government office.

For further help, students are encouraged to call Counseling and Psychological Services at 472-7450. Faculty and staff should call the Employee Assistance Program at 472-3107.

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