

First lady may seek Senate seat

■ Hillary Clinton is said to have had 'no time' to think about the issue.

MERIDA, Mexico (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton would make a "terrific" senator from New York state, her husband said Monday, "but that's a decision that she'll have to make."

With that, President Clinton became the latest member of his administration to pump air into a Hillary Clinton-for-Senate boomlet.

On Sunday, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, whose retirement next year will create the vacancy, said New York could use some of Hillary Clinton's "magnificent, young, bright, able, Illinois-Arkansas enthusiasm."

"She'd be welcome and she'd win," Moynihan said.

Still to be heard from: the potential candidate. About all Hillary Clinton has said about running for the Senate in 2000 is that she hasn't had time to think

about it — and she said that through a spokesperson.

What did Hillary Clinton have to say about her husband's early endorsement? "Nothing," said her spokeswoman, Marsha Berry.

President Clinton, talking to reporters who accompanied him for a meeting with Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo, said the same thing.

"I think she would be terrific in the Senate. But that's a decision that she'll have to make," President Clinton said. "And for reasons I'm sure you'll understand she hasn't had anything like adequate time to talk to the people who think she should do this — much less people who think perhaps she shouldn't. She just hasn't had time to deal with this."

President Clinton said he wanted everyone to understand that the idea did not originate with his wife. "I don't think it had ever occurred to her before a lot of people started calling and asking her to do it," he said.

Then he added:

"It's her decision to make. I will support whatever decision she makes enthusiastically. She has a lot of other opportunities for public service that will be out there. She and I both would like to continue to be useful in public affairs when we leave office. But it's a decision she'll have to make. She'd be great if she did it."

A few weeks ago, New York Democratic Chairwoman Judith Hope said the odds were 50-50 that Hillary Clinton would run.

Hillary Clinton is expected to visit New York City in early March for a women's leadership forum and some Democrats think she might use that setting to indicate her intentions.

New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani is a possible Republican candidate for the Moynihan seat.

"It would be an incredible race," if both the first lady and the mayor ran, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said Sunday.

Congress urged to end sanctions

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cult to be sure how much expanded international trade would help farmers.

For example, China has decreased grain imports dramatically since 1994, he said. Although China is not a member of the WTO, the United States has long sought greater access to Chinese markets.

"They made a conscious decision that they didn't want to be dependent on other countries of the world," he said.

Collins also discussed the impact of U.S. sanctions on agricultural markets. Although eliminating sanctions on food could assist farmers, Collins said, he was not sure how great an impact this would have.

He listed six countries penalized by U.S. sanctions and said agriculture sales to those countries could increase by \$500 million if the sanctions were dropped. That would be a drop in the bucket compared to the entire agricultural economy, he said.

"But still, it's an opportunity for American farmers," he said.

Rep. Gil Gutknecht, R-Minn., said he feared the impact of trade sanctions was "far more perverse"

than Collins indicated. Congress should pass a law stating that, barring war, the United States would never use food as a political weapon, he said.

Some Midwestern members of Congress, including U.S. Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., have called for an end to "unilateral" sanctions prohibiting the sale of U.S. agricultural goods to penalized countries.

Carlson also said farmers need support at home.

Referring to bills introduced in Nebraska and other states, he urged Congress to pass measures such as price reporting and country-of-origin labeling.

"I would challenge Congress to pass a national umbrella," he said.

Farmers need fair, open access to markets, Carlson said.

"Nebraska's farmers and ranchers need your assistance, and I'm confident you will answer their call," he said.

Congressmen and state agriculture directors also urged continued support for agricultural research and cutbacks in costly government regulations.

Annette Dubas, a farmer from Fullerton who spoke on behalf of the

Farmer's Union, said she supported the measures Carlson discussed, as well as a provision prohibiting packers from feeding their own animals.

She said she also encouraged congressional representatives to re-examine the 1996 Freedom to Farm Act.

The act was intended to wean farmers from government price supports and allow them more freedom to plant. Farmers were free to plant, fence-row to fence-row, the crops they believed to be most profitable.

According to many experts, this contributed to a crop oversupply that, coupled with reduced demand from Asia and other parts of the world, caused commodity prices to plummet.

Collins said the crisis is not over. USDA projections indicate two regions will be hardest hit, he said — the Midwest and the Mississippi River valley, extending south to the Gulf of Mexico.

Dubas said she and her neighbors hope they can survive.

"As a farmer, I'm responsible for feeding 120 people in this country," she said. "Yet I can't feed or support my family with the prices the way they are today."

Plan may change face of 13th Street

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winter after existing buildings are moved.

The university could choose to put the theater where the sculpture now sits to form a performing arts complex encompassing the Lied Center for Performing Arts and the Temple Building, said Margaret Miller, UNL manager of facilities planning.

But nothing is set in stone yet, she said.

"The site is definite; it's how the buildings are arranged that we're exploring," Miller said.

Moving the sculpture would also give the formal 13th Street entrance more prominence, said John Benson, director of Institutional Research and Planning.

Before the fate of the \$750,000 sculpture — the largest, most expensive sculpture in Nebraska — is decided, the university is moving forward with caution.

"There are some conceptual ideas of moving the sculpture, but we don't know if that makes the most sense yet," Benson said.

That is why, in early March, the university will hire an architecture firm to study the Temple block design, Benson said.

"They will study the whole block and see what makes the most sense in terms of function, design and rela-

tion to the surrounding areas," Benson said.

When the large notebook-shaped pieces of metal were installed, it cost about \$125,000, Miller said. The same price tag, or a higher one, could be expected if it were moved again, she said.

The sculpture, which was created by the renowned husband-and-wife team of Claes Oldenburg and Coosje van Bruggen, was dedicated in fall 1996.

The Temple block will also be home to a visitors' center. A \$2 million donation from Alice Williamson of Omaha, and her sister, Beth Weigel of California, will fund the center, which would be a meeting point for campus tours and an information center for visitors. The center would be named the Van Brunt Center, in honor of the donors' parents.

Miller estimated the price tag for renovation of the Temple block to be between \$9 million and \$11 million, which would come from donations.

The rejuvenated block would give prospective students and visitors something to gaze at as they enter UNL's formal entrance on 13th Street.

Benson said another component of the Master Plan is designating formal entrances for both campuses. Unfamiliarity with the campus may leave prospective students or visitors lost. Establishing main entrances

may clarify that, he said.

"We are enhancing our gateways," Benson said. "They are there now, sort of, but we want to make them more visible and more functional."

The 13th Street entrance, along with a Vine Street entrance east of the Beadle Center, an entrance at 14th Street and Avery Avenue and the existing west entrance near Memorial Stadium, will help frame the campus, he said.

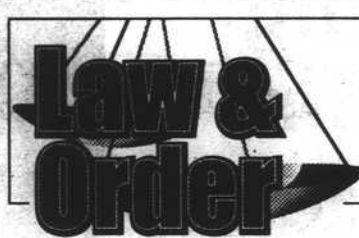
"We have been working to make a ring system around campus that better defines it and helps people get from north to south, in particular, without going through campus," Benson said.

All the entrances will be near new parking garages, allowing people to park their cars and take a shuttle bus from the periphery of campus.

East Campus entrances will undergo similar enhancements. The main entrance to East Campus on the south will be the formal entrance, with possible entrances on 48th street, the north side of campus and the west side of campus on 33rd Street.

The entrances on both campuses will be landscaped and include identification signs.

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Student tries to start car with tube of Chapstick

One university student was so disoriented early Sunday morning that he tried to start his car with a tube of Chapstick, police said.

A Community Service Officer found the 20-year-old student passed out in his car in the parking lot north of Abel Hall, University Police Sgt. Mylo Bushing said.

When the officer arrived and started knocking on the car window, the third-year student groggily pulled the Chapstick out of his pocket and tried to put it in the ignition.

Police said the student was clearly disoriented and could not understand his actions.

After the Chapstick did not work, the student tried to jam coins into the ignition before finally finding his keys.

At that point the officer threatened to break the car window if the student did not get out.

When the student got out of his car, the officer saw a bag full of liquor and beer in the car.

The student had 11 cans of beer, three 750 milliliter bottles of Mad Dog 20/20 and two 1.75 liter bottles of Barton's Rum. One of the bottles of rum was two-thirds full, though everything else was still sealed.

The student was cited for minor in possession of alcohol and taken to a detox center.

Four caught in Abel Hall with beer, marijuana

Police cited four people for drug and alcohol violations in Abel Hall after someone smelled burning marijuana in the hallway early Saturday morning.

When the 18-year-old student opened the door to his room at 2:30 a.m., the officer saw two water pipes and four 40-ounce bottles of

beer in plain view, Bushing said.

Three other young men, all 18 and non-students, were in the room when police arrived.

The resident claimed ownership of the water pipes, and when asked, admitted having marijuana.

The student was cited for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. All four of the men were cited for minor in possession of alcohol.

Students cited for MIP after police follow odor

After someone spotted a student with a beer can in Schramm Hall, police followed the smell of burning marijuana to the room where he and a friend were drinking.

The officer followed the smell to an eighth-floor room at 1:30 a.m. Saturday where he contacted two students, aged 18 and 19, Bushing said.

When a student opened the door, the officer saw a can of Coors beer on a shelf and asked about the marijuana.

Initially the student said all of the marijuana had been smoked, but when the officer asked to search the room, the student went to the closet and got a glass water pipe and some marijuana.

The 18-year-old was cited for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, and both students were cited for minor in possession.

Visitor from Kansas brings marijuana to Schramm Hall

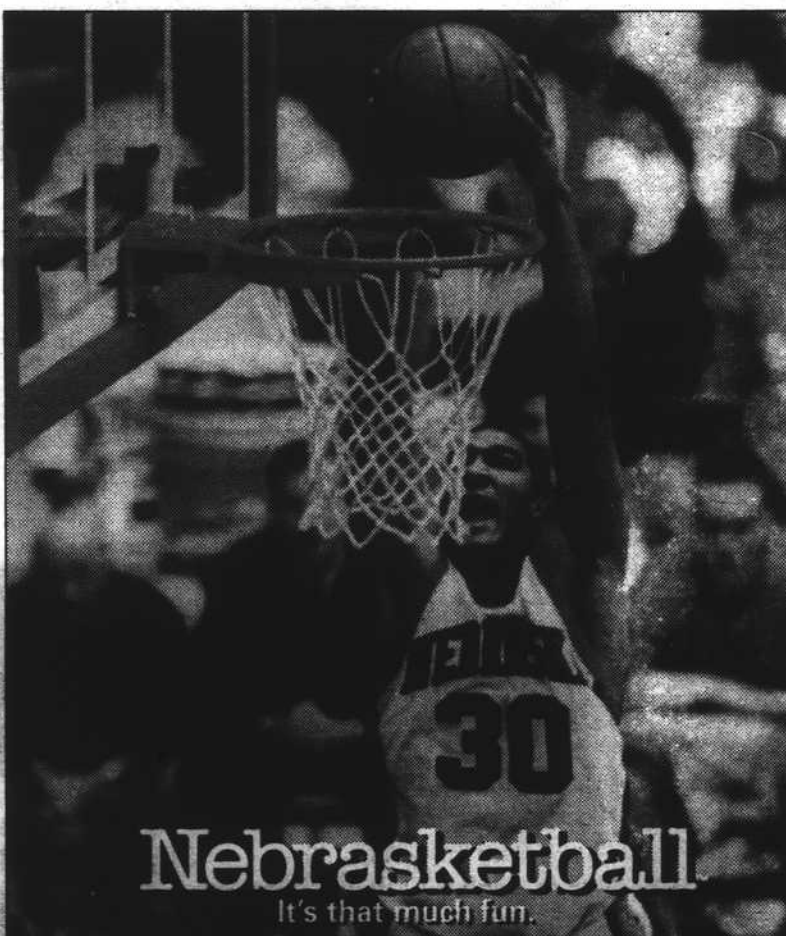
A non-student visiting from Kansas brought some marijuana with him when he came to campus this weekend, police said.

Just after 8 p.m. Saturday police followed the smell of burning marijuana to the seventh-floor Schramm Hall room where the non-student was visiting a friend, Bushing said.

When police knocked, it took three minutes for the 19-year-old man to open the door.

The officer asked if they had any marijuana, and the man produced a film canister holding a marijuana cigarette.

The man was cited for possession of marijuana.



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