

Antelope Valley plan approved by regents

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World Report annual college rankings.

"Our campus would not like to be crucified on the cross of the U.S. News and World Report survey," Perlman said.

Last year, UNL ranked 111th out of 223 universities, placing it in the second tier of schools.

The university also ranked 111th out of 223 this year, but ended up in the third tier, Perlman said.

Drastic changes would need to be made for UNL to jump highly in the rankings, he said.

"I hope you don't expect dramatic events that build chancellors' resumes but don't have a lasting effect," he said.

In other business, the regents approved a proposal that will give more than \$2 mil-

lion to the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery in Lincoln.

The money will be used to repair the gallery's heating and cooling systems to help better preserve the artwork.

The idea was looked at last session in the Legislature when Sen. LaVon Crosby of Lincoln introduced a bill that would have given the Sheldon more than \$3 million for repairs.

The senators passed the bill, but Gov. Mike Johanns vetoed it in his crusade to balance the budget.

Under the regents' proposal, UNL will provide about \$500,000, and a state fund set up for the maintenance of state-owned buildings will give \$1.7 million.

"It is absolutely essential we do something about this," Wilson said.

Clinton calls for unity

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WASHINGTON - Marking the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, President Clinton said Monday that his wish as he leaves the White House is for an America where the quest for common humanity outweighs racial, ethnic and cultural differences among citizens.

"If I could leave America with one wish as I depart office, it would be that we become more the 'One America' that we know we ought to be," Clinton told a crowd at the University of the District of Columbia.

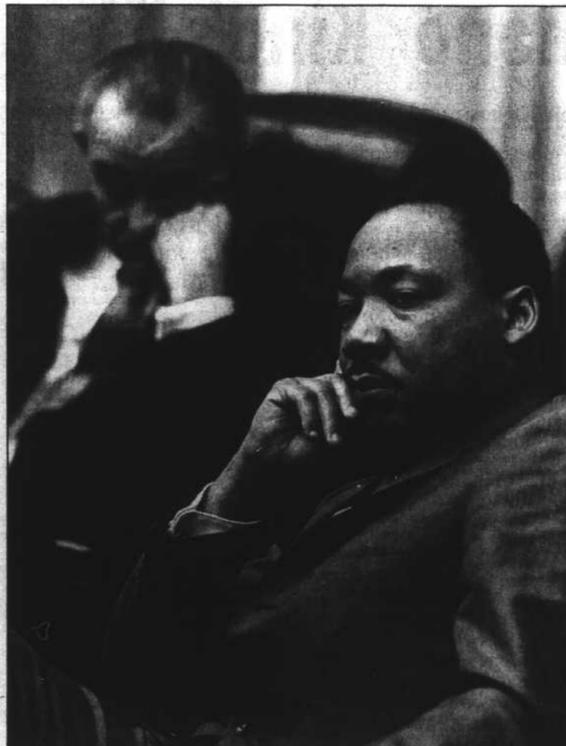
Clinton also referred to a message he sent to Congress over the weekend that calls for improvements to the criminal justice system, restoring voting rights for people who complete their prison sentences and a national election commission, led by former Presidents Ford and Carter, that would review the balloting problems that surfaced in the past election.

Clinton, who signed the King Holiday and Service Act in 1994, establishing the day as a national day of service, went to a local senior center where he painted a pillar said he hoped his successor's commitment to civil rights is not marked by partisanship.

Minority citizens in America still face problems that must be addressed by the next administration, Clinton said as he rolled pumpkin-colored paint with Americorps workers at the Greenleaf Senior Center.

"I hope it will be a commitment that goes way beyond party," Clinton said.

The president also told reporters that he's considering clemency for several people who have completed their sen-



Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. sits with President Lyndon B. Johnson, left, March 18, 1966, at the White House in Washington, DC. Americans across the nation observed the birthday of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Monday.

tences and want their voting rights restored.

On Sunday, Clinton sent to Congress his recommendations for improving race relations. In his message to lawmakers, he called for an end to the "intolerable practice" of racial profiling.

He also said Election Day should be declared a national holiday and recommended that

the incoming Bush administration appoint a nonpartisan presidential commission on election reform.

Legislature Notebook

Bill introduced to make state's language uniform

Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha jumped into a tangle of legislative language Friday when he introduced LB566 and LB567.

Each bill is geared toward the official use of the word "fetus." LB566 would ban the use of the word while LB567 would require that word be used in place of term, "unborn child."

More specifically, LB566 would ban use of the word "fetus" in public schools. Instead, teachers would be required to use the term, "unborn child." This requirement would put schools in compliance with official state language, which uses the term "unborn child."

On the other hand, LB567 would modify official state language, so that the term "fetus" would be used in place of "unborn child."

If both bills passed, the language tangle would remain unresolved. But, if only one bill passed, the state's language concerning the issue would be more uniform.

Connealy's bill also calls for all police departments to report to the state traffic stops that involve minorities.

But LB593 doesn't outline any penalties for departments that report stopping a large number of minorities.

Under the bill, the reports would be compiled for two years and would include the race of individual stopped, the nature of his or her offense and whether a citation was issued.

Bill introduced to avoid recount problems

A bill introduced by Sen. DiAnna Schimek of Lincoln would try to make sure Nebraska doesn't get stuck in a hairy vote recount situation like Florida's recent debacle.

To avoid recount problems, Schimek introduced LB559, which would require that every election recount be done by hand and all improperly marked ballots be tossed out.

On the heels of a messy recount in Florida, LB559 would shore up any vagueness in Nebraska law about recounts, Schimek said.

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Racial profiling policy may be defined with bill

LB593, introduced Friday by Sen. Matt Connealy of Decatur, would mandate that every Nebraska police department develop a policy against racial profiling.

The bill would define racial profiling for the first time under state law as "detaining an individual or conducting an investigatory stop of a motor vehicle based solely upon disparate treatment of an individual."

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Brandon case disputed

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drove 20 miles to find someone to assist her," Boucher said.

Friedman said Laux's efforts were anything but sufficient, claiming Laux's prejudice against homosexuals affected his treatment of the case.

"During the second interview, the sheriff interrupted the interview and turned it into an accusatory," Friedman said. "She agreed to testify, she came

back for four interviews, and they left her out there to flop around like a beached fish."

According to Friedman, Laux's initial response to why he had not arrested Lotter and Nissen was that they had deliberately plugged the toilets in the jail during their previous visit, and Laux didn't want it to happen again.

"I think what comes through in this whole thing is he was offended by this girl," Friedman said.

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