

Weather: Tuesday, mostly sunny with scattered clouds. High 50. A record high in the mid-50s. Low 30. Wind 5 to 15 mph. Light to moderate. Low clouds in the morning. Partly cloudy in the afternoon.

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Time cards needed

## Official expects 2,000 daily for drop/add

By Jen Deselms  
Senior Reporter

About 2,000 students are expected each day this week for drop/add, which begins today at 8 a.m.

Anthony Schkade, assistant director of registration and records, said most students go through drop/add because they change their minds about what classes they want.

During pre-registration, Schkade said, 68 percent of UNL students received all the classes they wanted at the time requested. Another 30 percent got the classes they wanted but not at the requested time, Schkade said.

Many times, Schkade said, students will go through drop/add hoping that a class they were unable to get earlier will be open. This rarely happens, he said, because the classes that fill are

ones that are popular, and few students want to drop them.

Sometimes a student will attend a class once, get the syllabus and if a paper is required or if the class involves more work than anticipated, a student will drop it, Schkade said.

Drop/add runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. today through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 19. Jan. 19 is the last day to drop with a full refund and add classes, but drops will continue to be processed until April 10 with decreasing refunds.

Students going through drop/add begin the process at the service counter in the Administration Building 111 by picking up a time appointment card.

Time cards will be distributed for that day only. Schkade said time cards will be used only as long as they are necessary, probably until mid-week. Then students will be served on a first-come, first-served basis.



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### To B+ or not to B+

Bryant Wheatley, right, a freshman arts and sciences major, receives his grade report from volunteer Hilda Hixson Monday. Wheatley said his grades were a little better than he expected.

## Special session woes continue for university

By Michael Hooper  
Senior Reporter

Senator: Maintaining both taxes and budget just won't work

Education Committee Chairman Sen. Ron Withem of Papillion said NU probably will see another squeeze in its budget during the regular session of the Legislature that began last week.

Withem said that although Gov. Kay Orr's top concern is enhancing education, he does not see how that is possible without raising taxes. Orr has said she will veto any bill raising taxes.

"She wants to enhance education without increasing taxes," Withem said. "But I don't think it can be done."

Orr supported the \$6.5 million budget

cuts, which included a \$1.5 million cut to the university made during the Legislature's special session in December.

The current mood of the Legislature is that there won't be the necessary 30 votes to override the governor's veto of a tax-increase bill.

Under current tax laws, there is a high probability that substantial budget cuts will have to be made to balance the state budget, according to Michael Calvert, director of the Legislative Fiscal Office.

Unless some legislative action is

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taken, Calvert said, the budget deficit

for the next two years could be as high as \$49 million.

Withem said that in general, the higher education concern is how to accommodate budget cuts.

"The people on the university level will have to decide which programs should be eliminated," Withem said.

Withem said he supports vertical cuts rather than horizontal, across-the-board cuts.

The intelligent, managerial thing to do is to cut the programs that are

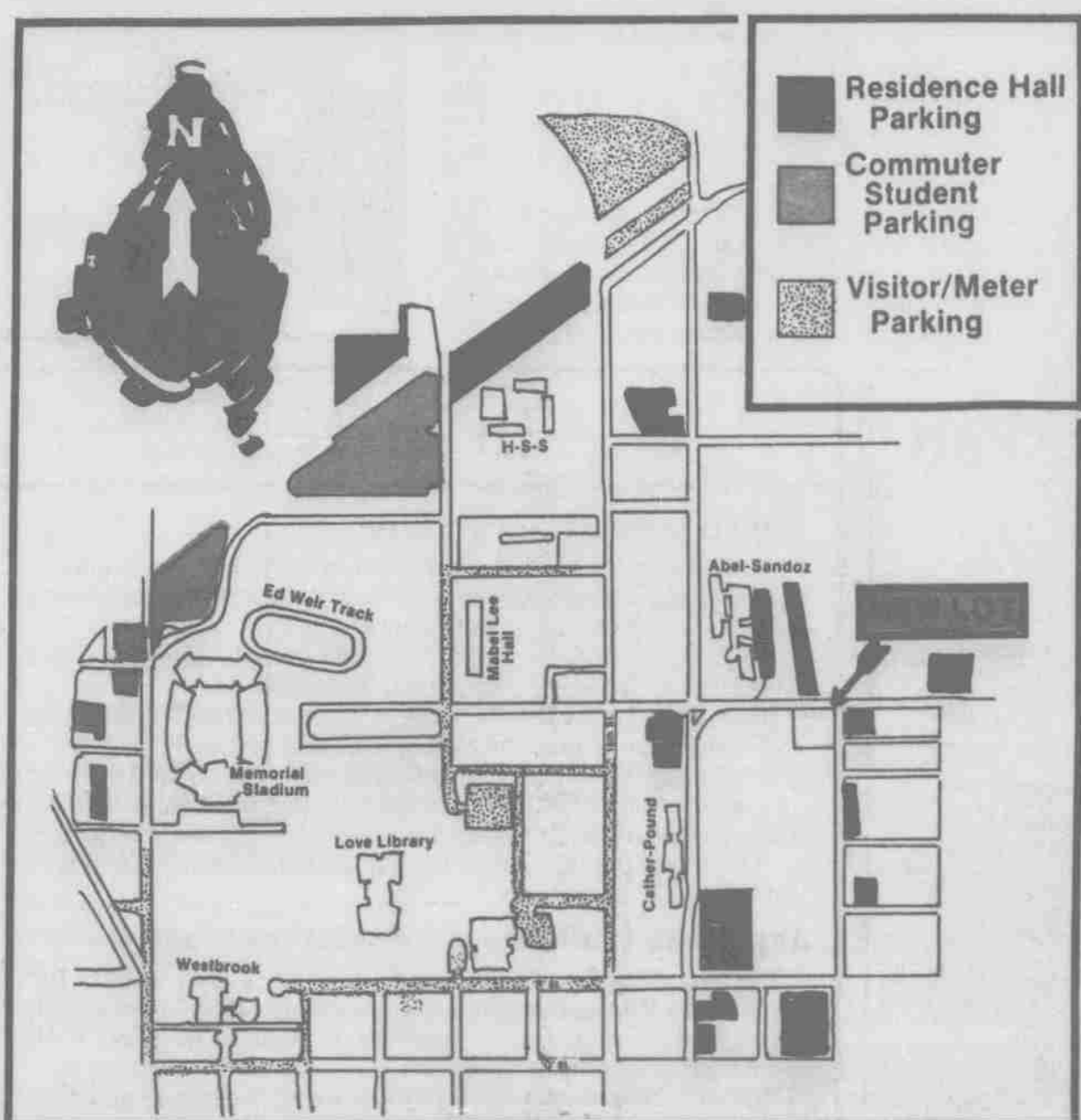
barely adequate, Withem said.

"(NU) needs to decide what it does well at and what is just adequate," he said.

Withem said he expects the Education Committee to study and form legislation on the distribution of state funds to elementary and secondary schools across the state.

Withem said he disagreed with the Legislature's December decision to cut \$1.9 million in state aid to public education.

Cutting state aid only shifts the financial burden from state to local government, Withem said. Property taxes already are too high, he said.



Tom Lauder/Daily Nebraskan

## New parking lot opens for commuting students: room for 125 vehicles

By Chris Anderson  
Staff Reporter

A new UNL parking lot on City Campus opened Monday to commuter students.

The lot, located on the southwest corner of 19th and Vine streets, will enable off-campus students with area-20 permits to park near their classrooms on the east side of city campus, said Accounting Manager Sherryl Chamberlain of the UNL Police Department's parking division.

The parking lot has a rock surface and will hold approximately 125 vehicles.

The development of the lot is part of a larger project designed to expand student parking, Chamberlain said.

Approximately 600 to 700 parking stalls will be available in the area after the project is completed, said Ray Coffey, UNL business manager. The expansion will increase the number of commuter parking stalls on campus approximately 25 percent.

The new property was purchased from a California developer by the Rock Island Railroad.

About 13 acres of land was purchased. Three to four acres will be developed into parking lots, Coffey said.

The new lot, which was a parking lot before it was purchased didn't need much work, Chamberlain said, but it will be a "matter of time," before the remaining land will be developed into parking space.

Landscaping the property, installing lights, constructing cement barriers and laying rock will need to be done before the rest of the land can be used, she said.

The area was designed as a commuter lot, Coffey said, because students have expressed concern that parking stalls on the campus are oversold and that there is no space for off-campus students to park on the east and southeast sides of campus.

Expansion also is needed because parking-permit sales have increased 2 percent over last year, Chamberlain said.

Students may obtain a UNL parking permit from the UNL Police Department, 1335 N. 17th St.

Permits cost \$25 for one semester, \$30 for spring and summer semesters or \$40 for a year.