

# Daily Nebraskan

Tuesday

**Weather:** Tuesday, partly sunny and mild, high of 55-60 with winds from the SW at 10-20. Tuesday night, cloudy with 20 percent chance of light rain or snow, low 30-35. Wednesday, colder, high of 35-40 with increasing cloudiness.

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## Legislative committee approves salary hike

By Lee Rood  
Senior Reporter

University of Nebraska faculty and non-faculty employees got a boost Monday after the Legislature's Appropriation's Committee approved a \$9.3 million increase in salaries.

Along with the 8.1 percent increase in salaries, senators approved \$4 million to go toward

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basic and applied research at NU to attract federal and out-of-state business research dollars.

If approved by the Legislature, the lump sum for salaries would be divided by the NU Board of Regents between the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Research dollars would be divided among three NU campuses by an advisory board including representatives from the university and the Legislature, to be established upon approval of the senators.

The committee made its decision to increase research and salary dollars assuming the possibility of an additional 3 percent increase in NU tuition. The committee also approved \$182,000 for faculty and non-faculty salaries at state colleges.

Sen. Jerome Warner of Waverly, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, said he thinks the increases for NU and state colleges are likely to be approved by the Legislature, because they reflect "what education people in the state would like to see."

Warner said the Legislature probably would not add any more money than what the committee approved.

"That's all there is," he said.

If the non-faculty NU pay increase is approved by the Legislature, student fees are estimated to increase next year from the proposed \$115.05 a semester to \$121.29 per student per semester.

That 9.3 percent fee increase would provide for non-faculty salary increases of employees of the Nebraska unions and the University

Health Center.

Sens. Chris Abboud of Omaha and Scott Moore of Stromsburg voted against both the NU salary and research increases.

The committee rejected a motion made by Abboud that would have reduced NU salary increases by \$1.4 million dollars.

Abboud said if the Legislature recommends how regents should divide salary increases, UNL would get a 13.6 percent increase, UNO would receive an 8.4 percent increase and UNMC would get a 6.3 percent increase.

Abboud said his reduction would have made NU's faculty and non-faculty salaries comparable with the 11.3 percent increase of state colleges.

Abboud said he voted against the salary and research increases because the committee was raising the state budget by 7.5 percent Monday and that increase was too high for him to justify to constituents.

The committee did not vote on all proposed additions to the state budget Monday, and made no recommendations for financing of the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture at Curtis.

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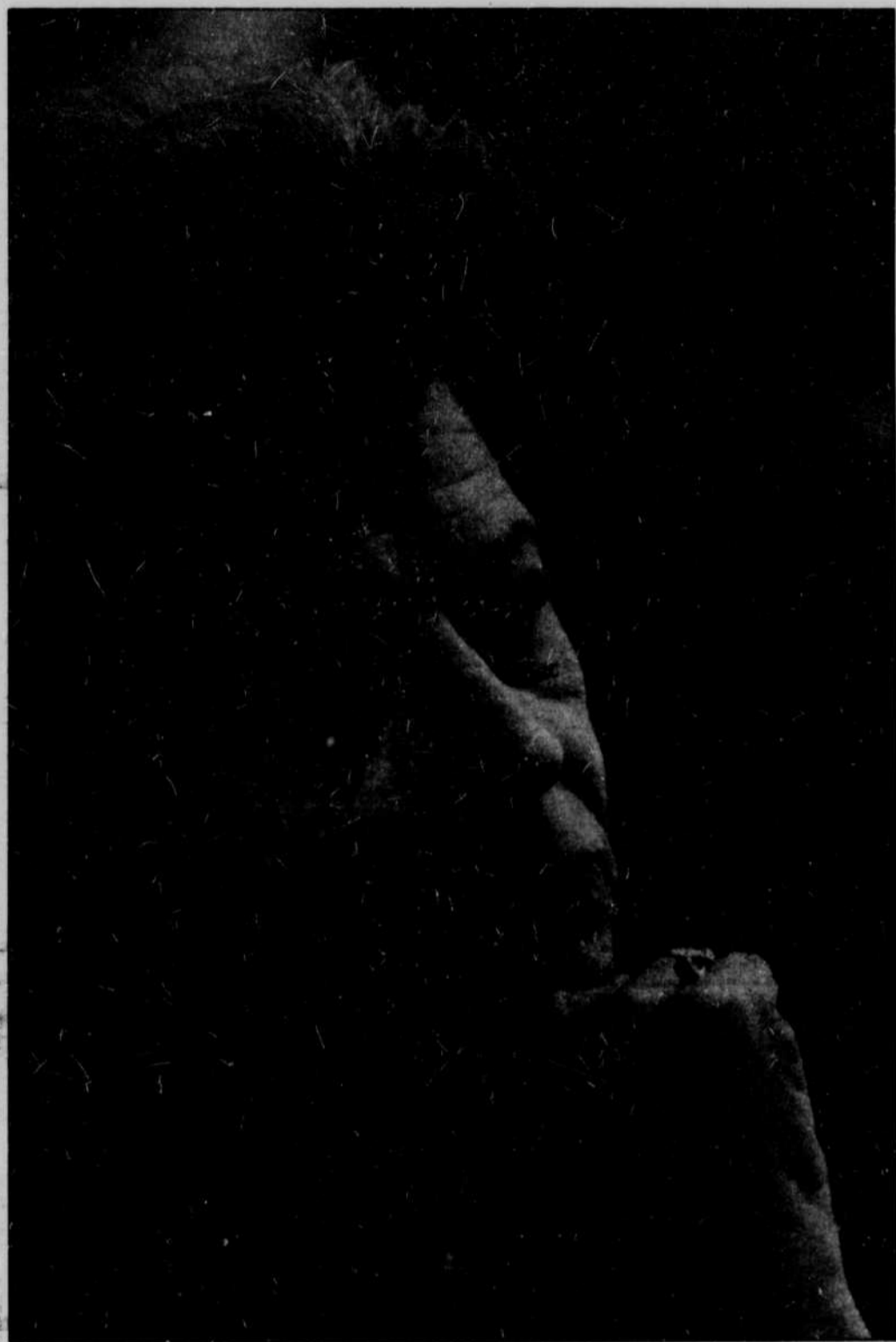
—Warner

The committee will convene again today at noon to discuss other possible increases in the state budget.

However, Abboud said the Curtis school is included in a priority bill to be voted on by the Legislature and the Appropriations Committee most likely will not act on it.

The committee also voted to reduce the biennial state reserve from \$70 million to \$60 million, allowing for about \$3 million per year in additional spending.

The reduction from 3.5 percent to 3.3 percent would allow \$18.6 million to be transferred from the General Fund to the Cash Reserve Fund for a one-time appropriation covering the impacts of lost railroad valuation.



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Sen. Lorraine Langford of Kearney listens to discussion during an Appropriations Committee hearing Monday.

## Sen. Chambers to speak at Sandoz Hall lounge tonight

By Anne Mohri  
Senior Reporter

Nebraska Sen. Ernest Chambers of Omaha will present the urban political black perspective tonight at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln during a panel discussion set up to show ethnic and cultural views, said Lisa Ramirez, Sandoz Hall student assistant.

She said the panel was designed to give residence hall students an appreciation of people from diverse backgrounds and to destroy myths about others.

"Each panelist will give their remarks of how it was growing up as a diverse student," Ramirez said.

Ramirez and Mary Pat Mallam, another Sandoz student assistant, originated the panel, called "I am. We

are." The discussion will start at 7 p.m. in the main lounge of Sandoz Hall.

Student assistants are partly responsible for organizing programs for residence hall students, she said. Staff members are emphasizing self-awareness and understanding other people, she said.

Ramirez said Abel-Sandoz residents tend to come from similar so-

cio-economic and racial back-

grounds. "They don't typically encounter people of different ethnic and cultural backgrounds," she said.

Joining Chambers are Vaughn Robertson, a counselor for Multi-Cultural Affairs at the Student Center, who will give the collegiate black perspective; Marty Ramirez, a psychologist at the UNL Counseling

Center, who will give the Chicano/Mexican-American perspective; Kit Boesch, administrator of the Department of Health and Human Services of Lancaster County, who will give the feminist perspective; Jill Light, president of Selleck Hall, who will give the handicapped/physically challenged perspective; and Linda Brown, a Unitarian minister, who will give the humanist perspective.

## Sunday afternoon liquor sales debated

By Victoria Ayotte  
Staff Reporter

Although 11 business officials favored an amendment allowing beer and wine sales from noon to 11 p.m. on Sundays, 10 Lincolniters argued it would put money above principles.

The amendment to the Lincoln Municipal Code drew a crowd of about 50 to Monday night's City Council meeting.

The amendment, proposed by councilwoman Jo Gutsell, would allow liquor-by-the-drink sales for six hours longer than the present

ordinance. The present ordinance permits liquor-by-the-drink sales after 6 p.m. on Sundays.

Ronn Sorensen, general manager of the Hilton Hotel, 141 N. 9th St., said the amendment is needed for Lincoln to compete with surrounding communities for tourism dollars.

People from other states do not understand Lincoln's liquor laws, and this creates a problem for the hotel, Sorensen said.

Joyce Standley, manager of The Steakhouse restaurant, 3441 Adams St., said her restaurant loses customers to restaurants and bars in sur-

rounding communities that can serve liquor on Sunday afternoons.

Standley said people go to the horse races at the state fairgrounds and drink, but go to her restaurant and are not permitted to.

"We are just making Lincoln a more vital, active community (by allowing increased liquor sales)," Standley said.

Pat Egan, chairman of the Pershing Auditorium Advisory Board, said Pershing loses a number of events because it is not able to serve beer on Sundays. Lincoln should at least conform to the state law, he said.

But Lincolniters not representing the business community said extending Sunday hours would just add another day that citizens must worry about drunk drivers.

James Hamilton, executive director of the Nebraska Council on Alcohol and Drug Education, said he thinks the amendment goes against the wishes of most Lincolniters.

"It would be placing money over principles," he said.

Hamilton said the increased sale hours would convey an alcohol use message to the youth of Lincoln.

Jim Downing, a member of Moth-

ers Against Drunk Driving, said business people favor the amendment, while individuals oppose it.

"Those in support want to make a buck," he said.

David Ford, of Lincoln, said he opposes the amendment because Lincoln citizens need one day a week that they don't have to worry about drunk drivers.

"The small amount of time we have in that atmosphere, we need," he said.

The city council is expected to vote on the amendment in two weeks.