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Friday, sunny and warm, high in low 80s. Friday night, clear and mild, low in low 50s. Saturday, breezy and warm, low in 80s. Saturday through Monday, slight cooler with high 70s, low in mid 40s, chance of showers Monday.	News Digest 2 Editorial 4 Arts & Entertainment 5 Sports 8 Classifieds 10

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LB247 receives second-round approval

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After a day of "regent-bashing," the Nebraska Legislature gave second-round approval 29-12 Thursday to LB247, a bill that would add Kearney State College to the University of Nebraska system.

Legislature

Sen. Ron Withem of Papillion, sponsor of the bill, warned against debate criticizing the NU Board of Regents' lack of consistency on LB247, while giving his approval to an amendment that would ensure the

KSC change will be discussed again by the Legislature in two years.

If the Legislature can alleviate some of the concerns of the board by adding the amendment, Withem said he believes they will be more comfortable with LB247.

Withem said he spoke with university officials and a regent last weekend who expressed concern that if KSC's addition to the university system is approved this year, the study of higher education in the state provided for under the bill would be meaningless.

The amendment to reconsider the issue after the completion of the study would guarantee that the study would be meaningful, he said.

But Sen. Don Wesely of Lincoln said the amendment does nothing.

The issue could be debated again with or without the amendment, he said.

Since the addition of KSC to the university system already has a lot of support in the Legislature, Wesely said, it doesn't matter if it is reconsidered because the Legislature's decision won't change.

Wesely also said he has doubts about the regents' ability to coordinate higher education in Nebraska.

"Regent-bashing" may be appropriate, he said, because the regents seem to be showing a "lack of will" on the issue.

Wesely compared the board to a "windsock." As the force of "wind" behind the bill changed, he said, the regents changed direction.

Sen. LaVon Crosby of Lincoln

said she didn't think the board was doing anything wrong by not giving complete support to LB247.

It is not the purpose of the board to unite behind the Legislature, she said.

The amendment was approved 30-2.

Earlier, Wesely had tried to remove the provision on LB247 that would add KSC to the university system, but his amendment failed 9-27.

Wesely said he proposed the amendment because the original intent of LB247 was to study all higher education in the state.

The study should be completed before the Legislature votes to integrate KSC into the university system, he said.

Speaking on the Wesely amendment, Withem said the inclusion of the KSC change in LB247 would make sure the study would actually be looked at once it's completed.

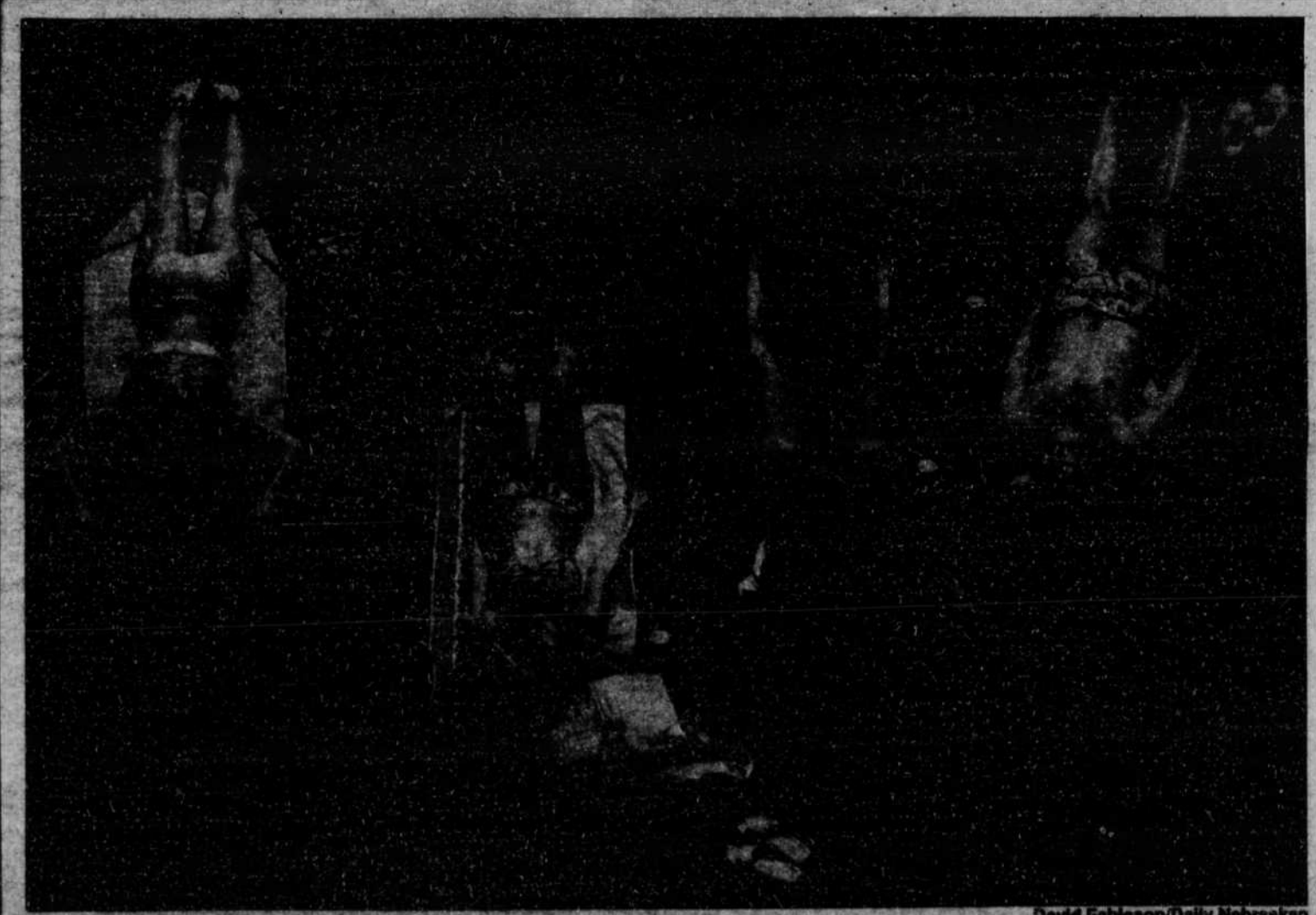
Sen. Arlene Nelson of Millford said KSC deserves to be a university because of its size.

According to national figures, she said, 600 schools that are smaller than KSC are called universities while only four that are larger are still called colleges.

Sen. Dave Landis of Lincoln agreed.

"You can call Kearney whatever you want," he said. "But it is . . . a university."

Ryan Steeves and Eve Nations contributed to this story.



Burn, baby, burn
UNL students (from left) Paula Wilson, Susie Henry, Todd Jorgenson and Pete Cullan tan on the golf green south of Smith Residence Hall.

RHA discusses bill on COLAGE funding

By Jeff Beals
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The Residence Hall Association Thursday discussed a bill in executive session to pledge funding for the Committee Offering Lesbian and Gay Events, but RHA officials refused to confirm the senate's action on the bill.

RHA moved into executive session two times during the meeting to discuss the bill, forcing all non-RHA members to leave the room.

But Eric Aspengren, RHA programming committee chairman, said the senate decided during the first executive session to postpone the bill.

J. Matt Wickless, RHA president, said that during the second executive session the senate was given notice that the COLAGE funding bill would be brought up at the next RHA meeting. He declined to comment on whether RHA discussed anything else.

Other RHA officials declined to comment on the bill or RHA's actions during executive session.

Under the bill, RHA would pay \$375 to fund various COLAGE programs. A second copy of the bill passed out during the second executive

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Committee to hear input on prices of parking permits

By Larry Peirce
Senior Reporter

A proposal to increase the price of University of Nebraska-Lincoln parking permits from \$40 to \$50 will be discussed Monday at a Parking Advisory Committee meeting in the Nebraska Union.

An increase is needed to pay for increasing personnel and maintenance costs as well as improvements to other lots, said Ray Coffey, UNL business manager and secretary of the committee. Coffey and Parking Administrator John Burke proposed the increase at the committee's April 3 meeting.

Coffey said committee members want to allow discussion of the proposal before voting on whether to recommend the increase to John Goebel, UNL vice chancellor for business and finance, for approval.

There has been little protest about the increase since the proposal was announced in an April 17 Daily Nebraskan advertisement, Coffey said. Some people have said they think an increase is acceptable if it means improvements for UNL parking, he said.

Ron Fuller, a parking services staff assistant, said the UNL Police Parking Services Division expected more complaints about the proposed increase, but hasn't received them.

Most UNL students and employees understand that an increase is needed, Fuller said, "but they want to make sure improvements go into effect."

Mark McVicker, landscape manager of East Campus Grounds Department and chairman of the committee, said UNL parking services are "just breaking even right now."

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\$1 million allocated Official has mixed feelings about funding

By Jerry Guenther
Staff Reporter

University of Nebraska-Lincoln official said Thursday he is both grateful and disappointed by the Nebraska Legislature's Appropriations Committee preliminary funding recommendation for greenhouse renovation and expansion at UNL's East Campus.

The committee, which discussed capital construction proposals Tuesday, allocated \$1 million for greenhouse renovations.

The NU Board of Regents had requested \$2,985,000 for greenhouse revitalization in its budget request.

Alan Moeller, assistant vice chancellor for the Institute of Agriculture & Natural Resources, said the funding will cover only about a third of the costs to make all the greenhouses on East Campus suitable for research.

"We obviously need funding for the entire project or we wouldn't have requested it," Moeller said. "But we understand that there are other priorities."

The greenhouse renovation and expansion project was listed 14th in the University of

Nebraska's rank of priorities.

Under the original project, Moeller said, about \$1.7 million would have been used for renovation.

Moeller said one problem needing attention in the greenhouses are water leaks that could be hazardous because of nearby electrical systems.

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—Moeller

Another problem is that light transmission capabilities in the greenhouses are down about 40 percent from what they were when the greenhouses were built, he said.

Moeller said the satin-type greenhouse coverings, which protect transparent fiberglass, have been peeling.

As a result, dirt particles have been getting caught in the fiberglass, reducing the light transmission capabilities in the greenhouses.

Moeller said renovation would replace the

material with a better substance, such as glass.

Some greenhouses have holes in their roofs or lack adequate air ventilation systems, he said.

As part of the project, Moeller said, three greenhouses located east of Plant Science Hall would be torn down.

The greenhouses, which were built in the 1940s, are not functional, he said.

"The light is such that you can't even conduct minimal research anymore," Moeller said.

To replace the area that would have been lost by tearing those greenhouses down, the main section of greenhouses located north of the East Campus Loop would have 30-foot extensions added to them, Moeller said.

"We still would not end up with any more square footage," Moeller said.

Under the committee's recommendation, \$250,000 would be appropriated to the greenhouse reconstruction in 1989-90, and \$750,000 in 1990-91.

If only \$1 million is approved, Moeller said, UNL would have to try to renovate as many of the greenhouses as the amount would allow. The three non-functional greenhouses would not be torn down, he said.