

Senators reject greenhouse amendment

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"I didn't realize and I don't think a lot of us realized the shape that some of those greenhouses were in," Rogers said.

Sen. Elroy Hefner of Coleridge said he supports the amendment adding funding for greenhouse renovation because greenhouse research is valuable to the agricultural industry in the state.

"Millions and millions of dollars are added to our economy because of agriculture," Hefner said.

But Sen. Chris Abboud of Omaha said he opposes any additional greenhouse funding.

Abboud said the original funding for the greenhouses was for a "lasting greenhouse, not one that falls apart after 10 or 11 years."

The NU Board of Regents should be accountable for the problems with the greenhouses because they knew about the funding cuts when the greenhouses were built, he said.

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boud said.

"They knew what they were getting into when they (the greenhouses) were built back in 1977," he said. "Now they have to pay the piper."

Abboud said that if no further funding is provided for the greenhouses, it would make the regents more accountable for their decisions.

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—Abboud

"They make decisions they know they won't be held accountable for," he said.

Sen. Howard Lamb of Anselmo said that despite mistakes already made, there is no need "to blame" anyone for the problems in the greenhouses.

Sen. Jerome Warner of Waverly

said that when the greenhouses were built, "everyone was comfortable" with the original project plan.

Warner, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, said the committee recommended \$1 million worth of funding for the project, recognizing only the immediate work that needs to be completed.

"Obviously \$1.7 would do it better," Warner said.

Yet Warner said he would not support any more than \$1 million for greenhouse renovation because the project was rated 14th on the regents' priority request. Warner said he wants to keep appropriations funding at a "reasonable total."

Sen. Scott Moore of Stromsburg agreed, saying \$1.7 million would be too much.

The amendment to provide the additional funding was voted down 19-23.

Earlier in the morning, the Legislature gave first-round approval to LB813, the state appropriations bill which provides funding for many UNL operations.

2,000 to graduate Saturday

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About 2,000 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students will graduate Saturday. That is, they will if they get their final projects in on time and pass all their classes, said Rodney Moore, assistant director of registration and records.

The number of students scheduled to walk down graduation aisle is 1,150.

Commencement exercises will be in the Bob Devaney Sports Center Saturday at 9:30 a.m. UNL alumnus Donald Cram, 1987 Nobel peace prize winner in chemistry, will speak at the ceremony.

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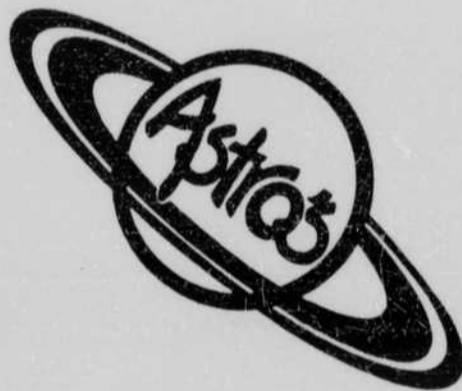
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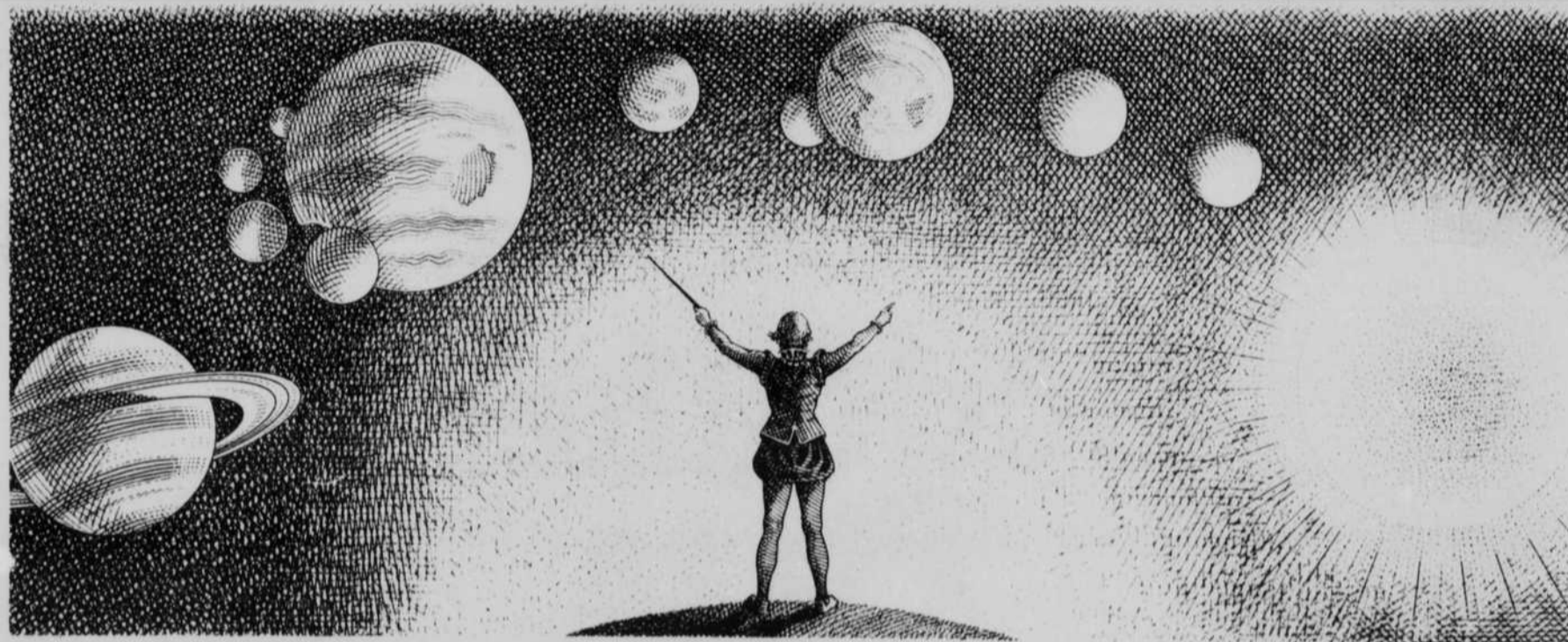


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