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Tuesday

WEATHER:

Tuesday, mostly sunny and mild, high of 60, west winds 10 to 20 miles per hour. Tuesday night, some clouds, low of 30. Wednesday, cloudy and cool, high of 50.

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Student press battles for rights to police logs

By Lee Rood
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U.S. student newspapers attempting to report crime on campus are becoming victims of the universities they attempt to cover, according to the Washington, D.C.-based Student Press Law Center.

Many universities have been forbidding access to campus police logs, and withholding or omitting public information about crimes that involve students, said law center Director Mark Goodman.

Demand increases

UHC extends hours of AIDS counseling

By Jennifer O'Clka
Staff Reporter

The University Health Center will reschedule times for free AIDS counseling to make the counseling more accessible to students, according to medical director Dr. Gerald Fleischli.

Phyllis Mostrom, coordinator of the sexually transmitted diseases program and an AIDS counselor, said the health center received "a slight increase" in calls concerning AIDS counseling after the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department ran advertisements about it.

She said problems occurred with the increased amount of students requesting counseling because the counseling times available were not convenient for students.

Fleischli said the problem wasn't the amount of times available but that the times weren't convenient for the increasing number of patients seeking counseling.

Previously, counseling sessions were offered between 1 and 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Goodman said he receives at least two complaints a week from student newspaper representatives who say university officials use privacy laws to withhold such information.

"It's a tremendous problem, and unfortunately it seems to be getting worse," Goodman said.

Goodman said the university officials use the Buckley Act -- a law aimed at protecting students' rights to access files schools compile on them -- to suppress the information. They use the act's privacy provisions to prevent campus police from releasing information about crimes involv-

ing students, he said.

However, Goodman said, no court in the United States has ever accepted the withholding of police records or any other public record because of the privacy provisions of the Buckley Act.

Nonetheless, student newspapers that do not have the money or the time to challenge universities in court often are victims of the Buckley Act, he said.

"The Buckley Act has incredible potential for abuse," Goodman said. Campus police have taken on the role of conscience for the commu-

nity, he said.

"They are making editorial decisions (to release public information that) editors at campus newspapers should be making."

John Goebel, University of Nebraska-Lincoln vice chancellor for Business and Finance, said he thinks "it is important that the press be given appropriate information."

"We rely on the standard required by law and the judgment of the people involved," when releasing UNL police records on crimes involving students, said Goebel, who oversees the UNL police department.

Goebel said he has never received an official complaint from the media that UNL police have withheld public information. When asked if the UNL Police Department has ever withheld information from the student press, he responded, "I certainly would hope not."

UNL police Lt. Ken Cauble said, "sometimes we will keep things out (of incident reports) because they will create more problems" on campus.

UNL police will not disclose in-

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Lack of personnel leads to Physics 261 restrictions

By Cindy Wostrel
Staff Reporter

Students who were turned away from second semester's Liberal Arts Physics 261 may have to take the class during the summer or next fall, said the vice chairman of the physics department.

William Campbell said excluded students probably cannot get permission to enroll in the class next semester. The Department of Physics said that of the 98 students who registered for the class, only 40 were accepted.

"We simply don't have the personnel to solve the problem," Campbell said.

Liberal Arts Physics 261 is designed for non-majors and is non-

math based.

One possible reason so many students were turned away, Campbell

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-- Campbell

said, is that only one section of the class was offered in the fall this year.

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Parking committee discusses offering discount bus passes

By Doug Isakson
Staff Reporter

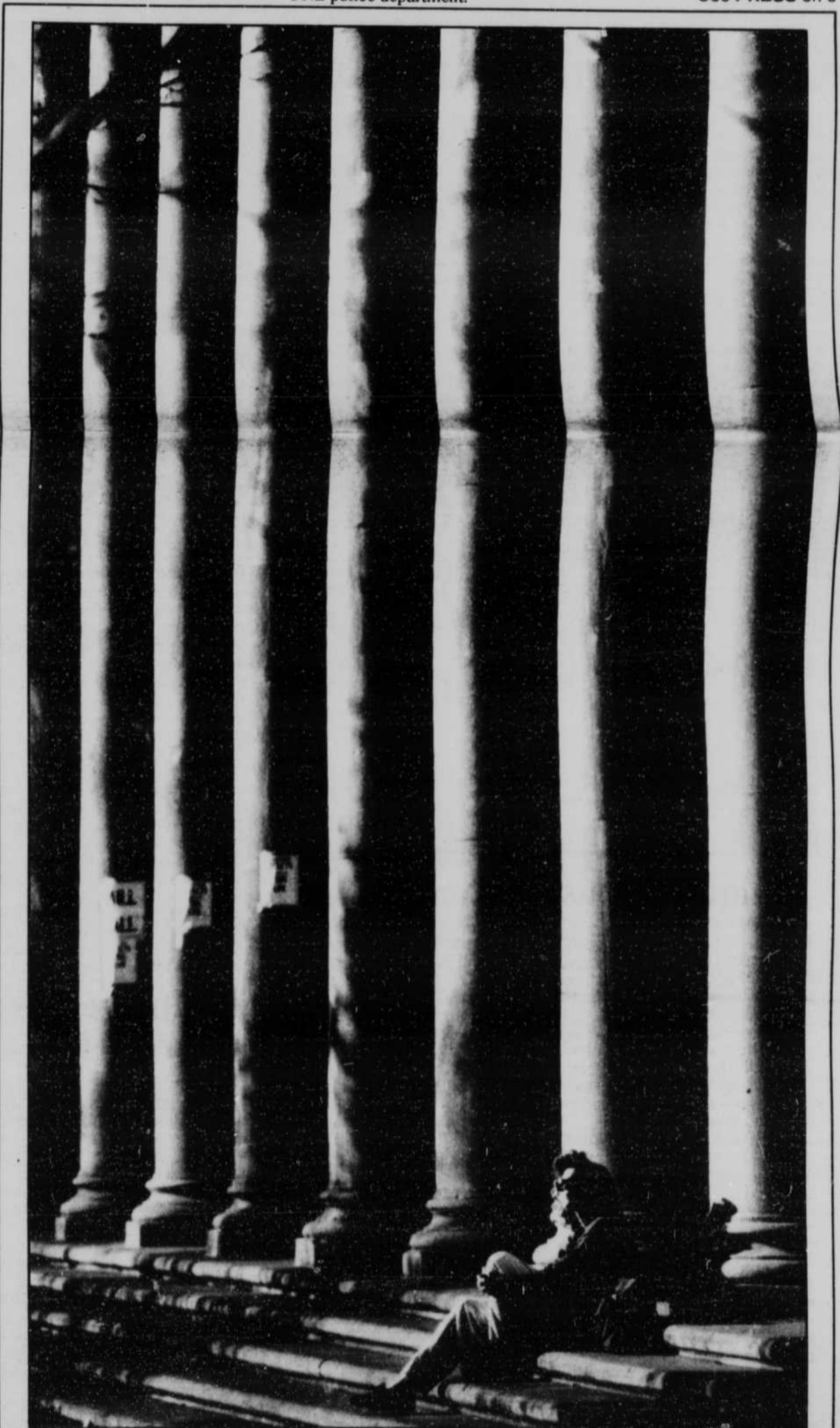
To help solve parking problems on campus, the UNL Parking Advisory Committee Monday discussed a plan that would save money for students who purchase yearly bus passes instead of parking permits.

Committee member Gary Thalken proposed the plan in which a

student could purchase a UNL pass, similar to a parking permit, and receive a discounted bus pass from StarTran.

Though this plan has not yet been discussed with StarTran officials, he said, the money from the special passes could be given to StarTran, which could in turn issue discounted bus passes to holders of the permit.

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Michelle Boerkircher, a sophomore in general studies, takes a little time out to daydream and soak up some sun in front of the Coliseum Monday as temperatures climbed into the high 60s.