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Shuttle runs until Thursday

WEATHER:

Thursday, very cold with light snow, high of 0 to 5, north winds 10 to 20 miles per hour, 60 percent chance of snow. Thursday night, mostly clear and cold, low of 10 to 15 below zero. Friday, mostly sunny and very cold, high of 5 to 10.

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studying for finals

By Roger Price Staff Reporter

To help students travel across campus safely after studying late at night, the UNL Police Department will be operating a nightly shuttle service between Love Library and the residence halls, Lt. Ken Cauble said.

The shuttle runs from 8:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. The service will end Thursday of finals week, Cauble

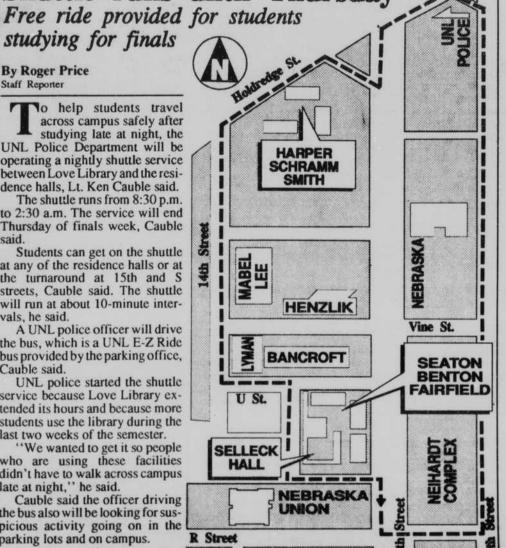
Students can get on the shuttle at any of the residence halls or at the turnaround at 15th and S streets, Cauble said. The shuttle will run at about 10-minute intervals, he said.

A UNL police officer will drive the bus, which is a UNL E-Z Ride bus provided by the parking office, Cauble said.

UNL police started the shuttle service because Love Library extended its hours and because more students use the library during the

last two weeks of the semester. We wanted to get it so people who are using these facilities didn't have to walk across campus late at night," he said.

Cauble said the officer driving the bus also will be looking for suspicious activity going on in the parking lots and on campus.



## UNL Police say computer thief probably had key to Oldfather

By Jerry Guenther

niversity of Nebraska-Lincoln Police suspect that the thieves who took about \$10,000 worth of computer equipment from Oldfather Hall last weekend probably had a key to the building.

Lt. Ken Cauble said police think the thieves

had a key because there was no sign of forced

Judging from the items that were stolen, Cauble said, it appears more than one person was involved in the theft.

Cauble said the political science department reported three IBM computers worth about \$7,240 stolen from the fifth floor Saturday morning.

The thieves probably used a wire cutter to remove the computers from the cable and

padlock that secured them, Cauble said.

On another floor, Cauble said, the thieves took a facsimile machine worth about \$2,000, some computer discs and a small amount of cash from a desk drawer.

Cauble said he wasn't sure how much money was taken or the value of the stolen

The police do not have any suspects yet, Cauble said, but are contacting people with keys to the rooms.

The thieves probably stole the items between 10 p.m. Friday and 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Cauble said. That's when the items were seen last and reported missing, he said.

Cauble said he didn't have enough information to speculate whether the same person or persons may have been responsible for another

## Hoch expresses concern over proposed distribution of power

By Pat Dinslage and Diane Brayton Staff Reporters

he Legislature's Higher Education Committee Wednesday agreed to support sweeping changes in the state's post-secondary education governance suggested by an independent consulting firm.

The NU Board of Regents and the UNL Faculty Senate, however, raised questions about the proposal at the committee's hearing

NU Regent Chairman Nancy Hoch said the regents are concerned about the possible distri-bution of power under the proposed changes.

The proposed changes, recommended by the independent consulting firm Widmayer and Associates of Chicago, would establish eight boards.

Seven lay boards of trustees would be crefour state colleges. A board of regents would be created to oversee the seven boards and public higher education in general.

Hoch said regents wonder which of the proposed boards would be responsible for such

things as budgets and program approvals.

"How would a board with limited power to coordinate and no power over the purse enforce its recommendation?" Hoch asked. "This has been a problem with the Coordinating Commission (for Post-Secondary Education) for

"If the solution is to appoint enough legislators to the Council on Coordination to give it teeth, are we not simply ceding governance to the Unicameral's Council and the Governor's boards, and taking it away from more direct citizen control?" Hoch asked.

Hoch said her presentation to the committee was an informal consensus of questions raised by the regents, not an official position of the board. It did not have time to develop a formal

The regents agreed that Nebraska's system of post-secondary education should not be driven solely by narrow regional interests, Hoch said.

They are concerned whether the establishment of local boards of trustees would promote parochial competition," rather than statewide cooperation, she said.

Hoch questioned whether the appointment of 49 new trustees and five new regents by the governor would ensure local control. Six other regents would be elected, and one student on each board of trustees would be designated by the student governmental body of each cam-

Regents feel that these and other questions should be "fully and deliberately" discussed before drastic changes are made, Hoch said.

She said the regents think proposed changes to Nebraska's higher education provide provocative starting point for discussion of the future of higher education in Nebraska

Regents are "not opposed to change, as long as that change is not merely for the sake of change, but meaningful and clearly in the best interests of higher education in Nebraska," she

Sen. Jerome Warner of Waverly, co-chair-man of the Higher Education Committee, asked Hoch if the board agreed with the problem in Nebraska's higher education system, but not the proposed solutions.

Hoch replied that the regents were concerned about the division of power recommended by the consulting firm's report.

She asked if the new board of regents would be a board with the power to govern or if the power and responsibility for budgets and academic programming would rest with the local boards of trustees.

Eric Seacrest, committee member from North Platte, said the regents seem to be asking for a strong statewide board of regents, while ated to oversee the three NU campuses and the the other educational organizations are cautioning against weak local boards of trustees.

Hoch suggested a possible advisory role for the proposed local boards of trustees similar to a plan used in New York state.

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UNL Government Liaison Committee Chairperson Deb Fiddelke told the committee there is support for the proposed changes from students in Nebraska.

The concept of decentralization would be more responsive to student needs as would the recognition of voting student members on the boards, she said.

UNL Faculty Senate President Jim McShane said the central levels should not have too much control. Government should be closest to those governed, he said.

In its afternoon session, the Higher Education Committee considered additional changes to the original proposal.

George Miller of Plattsmouth suggested transferring the power of hiring the presidents of Nebraska's post-secondary institutions from the board of trustees to the board of regents. Under the current proposal, trustees would appoint presidents.

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## Fossils to have new UNL home

By Sara Bauder Staff Reporter

bout 150 tons of Great Plains fossils will have a new home on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus within the next six months.

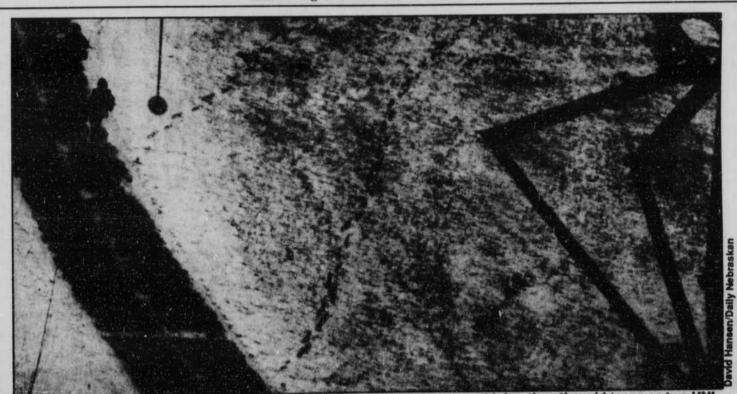
George Corner, collection manager for the division of vertebrate paleontology at the University of Nebraska State Museum, said about 100 tons of fossils currently stored at UNL's experimental farm near Mead will be moved to

the second floor of the Reunion, 905 N. 16th St.

He said the other 50 tons of fossils currently are stored on the UNL campus, but will be moved to the Reunion as well. He said many of those fossils, which include 40-million-yearold mammal fossils, currently are stored in Nebraska Hall.

Robert Hunt, curator of the division of vertebrate paleontology, said the university must renovate part of the Reunion before the fossils can be stored there. He said the floor has to be sealed, and shelves, adequate lighting and heat need to be added.

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The sun cast strong shadows Wednesday but failed to push temperatures higher than the mid-teens as two UNL students walk past "Old Glory" north of the CBA Building.