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Monday

## WEATHER

Monday, mostly sunny, high around 50, north-west wind 10-20 miles per hour becoming light south wind. Monday night, partly cloudy and not as windy, low in the upper-20s. Tuesday, partly sunny and pleasantly warmer, high 65-70.

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## Bowman: 'Secret deal' prompts change

By Jerry Guenther  
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Joe Bowman, unsuccessful presidential candidate for the STAND party, endorsed VISION in the runoff election for Association of Students of the University of Nebraska president and first vice president, and accused TODAY of a "secret deal."

Bowman said he decided to support VISION -- a party he once called "MIRAGE" -- after hearing rumors Thursday that TODAY presidential candidate Deb Fiddelke had agreed to appoint Tami Lindau to Government Liaison Committee chairman if Fiddelke won the election.

Lindau currently is federal liaison for the committee.

Bowman, who made the announcement at a press conference Friday afternoon, originally said he would not support either party and

### Appointment rumors lead to VISION endorsement

would campaign against VISION.

"The stuff in my pillow has more substance than VISION's platform," Bowman had said.

But after learning of the alleged "secret deal" Fiddelke made last week, Bowman said, he decided to support VISION.

Fiddelke denied the allegations at a press conference Sunday. She said she was not even aware that Lindau planned to apply for GLC chairman.

"I have promised absolutely no positions to anyone," Fiddelke said in a prepared statement.

"Joe Bowman was given a lot of power by the results of last Wednesday's elections," she said. "But he misused that power by basing his decision to endorse the VISION party on unsubstantiated rumors."

Bowman said Lindau announced Tuesday

night at her sorority, Alpha Phi, that Fiddelke agreed to appoint her as GLC chairman "with the understanding that (Lindau) would become (ASUN) president the year after that."

That indicates "cronyism within ASUN," and Fiddelke's alleged agreement to appoint Lindau "violates every principle" of the STAND party, Bowman said.

Fiddelke would become the fourth consecutive GLC chairman to become ASUN president if she wins Wednesday's runoff election.

Bowman said current ASUN President Bryan Hill and last year's president, Jeff Petersen, support Lindau for those positions.

"This is a dynasty we've got going on here," Bowman said. "We want to break it."

Both Hill and Petersen said they never discussed with any presidential candidates the appointment of GLC chairman.

Bowman's comments were "crazy," Petersen said, because Petersen has "no control" over ASUN appointments.

Hill stated in a letter Saturday that he has no intention of becoming involved with the next ASUN administration or choosing the GLC chairman.

Bowman said he learned of the alleged deal from his campaign manager, Mark Buhrdorf. But Bowman would not reveal where Buhrdorf learned of it. Bowman did say the source was not a VISION candidate or worker.

"We checked around with people we trust," Bowman said. "And we are convinced that this deal did take place, and that it is wrong."

After finding out about the alleged deal, Bowman said, he and some STAND members spoke with Phil Gosch, VISION presidential candidate.

Although Bowman said neither VISION nor TODAY is "perfect," STAND decided to

support VISION after discussing its platform with Gosch.

"We have resolved some of the differences between us," Bowman said. "Phil has at least been honest and forthright throughout the process. And after listening to us, he has pledged his support in advancing many of the key items in our platform."

Bowman said Gosch agreed to include items such as the Cultural Diversity Affairs Committee, minority seats on the ASUN Special Topics Committee and the carbon dioxide whistle security system on the VISION platform.

Bowman said Fiddelke told him no deal took place.

"I don't think -- guilty or not -- that she would say, 'Yes, I made this totally immoral and unethical deal with people,'" Bowman said.

Lindau said she never spoke to Fiddelke about any appointments. But Lindau said she told members of her sorority that she thought she had a good chance of becoming GLC chairman if Fiddelke won the election.

Lindau said she made the statement to try to gain support for Fiddelke after Gosch campaigned at the Alpha Phi house Wednesday night.

If Fiddelke were to win the election, Lindau said, she would be fairer in choosing the GLC chairman.

"I just didn't think that with Phil I would get a fair chance because he probably had already promised it (the GLC chairman) away," Lindau said.

Both Lindau and Fiddelke said they were upset that Bowman never contacted them about his allegations.

Fiddelke said she contacted Bowman about 15 minutes before his press conference after

## STAND refutes endorsement

By Jerry Guenther  
Staff Reporter

Six members of the STAND party delivered a letter to the Daily Nebraskan on Sunday stating they do not support Joe Bowman's endorsement of VISION candidates for president and first vice president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

The letter was signed by STAND members Lynn Kister, Nell Eckersley, Michael Lewis, Todd Long, Jeremy Felker and Chris Potter.

The letter states, "On Friday afternoon, there was a press conference endorsing VISION because of allegations of corruption

within the TODAY party. This endorsement also took place without the consent or knowledge of the STAND party as a whole.

"STAND was a party formed to bring democratic ideals to ASUN through being a party based on democratic ideals. Obviously, these ideals were not promoted when the current endorsement of VISION was conceived and implemented without the consent or knowledge of the STAND party."

Eckersley said those who signed the letter were upset that the whole party was not included in the endorsement decision.

"We feel the (students who) voted for us deserve an explanation," Eckersley said.

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## Board of Regents gives approval to form construction review board

By Mindy Mozer  
Staff Reporter

The NU Board of Regents on Saturday approved establishing an outside board to impartially review University of Nebraska construction projects.

The University Project Review Board will study expansion plans at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Business Administration and Eppley Science Hall at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

After those projects are reviewed in October, the regents will determine if the university should continue to use the review board.

Robert Pazderka, NU assistant vice president for administration and director of facilities, said during the regents' February meeting that five registered architects or engineers would be on the review board.

The review board will report its findings and recommendations to the director of facilities of the appropriate campus and Pazderka.

One member of the review board may be from the College of Architecture or the College of Engineering, he said. Members must be registered architects or engineers and have at least 15 years of experience.

The review board will look at site locations and conditions, facility and equipment requirements, special design considerations, cost and efficiency. The board members will be paid from the project budget.

In other action, the regents approved establishing the Center for Technology Management and Decision Sciences, which would link engineering, science, management and related areas with international affiliates.

The board approved establishing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Natural Resources with majors in fisheries and wildlife, range science, soil science and water science.

The regents passed a plan to restructure the UNL Faculty Senate and change the name to the Academic Senate. Each department with five or more members will have one senator. That will increase membership from about 60 to 90.

The plan includes establishing a UNL Assembly, which will discuss matters involving faculty and administrators.

The assembly will be composed of assistant professors, associate professors, the chancellor, vice chancellors and administrators. It will meet twice a year.

## Senators advance restructuring bill

By Cindy Wostrel  
Staff Reporter

A bill to implement restructuring of Nebraska's higher education governance advanced with little controversy in the Nebraska Legislature on Friday, but the final vote on restructuring will be close, said Sen. Ron Withem of Papillion.

That's because the bill, LB1141, would have no effect unless senators also support a separate resolution, LR239CA, which proposes a constitutional amendment to approve the restructuring.

But Sen. John Lindsay of Omaha said he thinks the Legislature will pass the resolution. Nebraskans then would vote on the proposed constitutional amendment in November.

LB1141 and LR239CA would replace the current NU Board of Regents and State College Board of Trustees with an overall board of

regents. That board would oversee individual boards of trustees for each of seven higher education institutions.

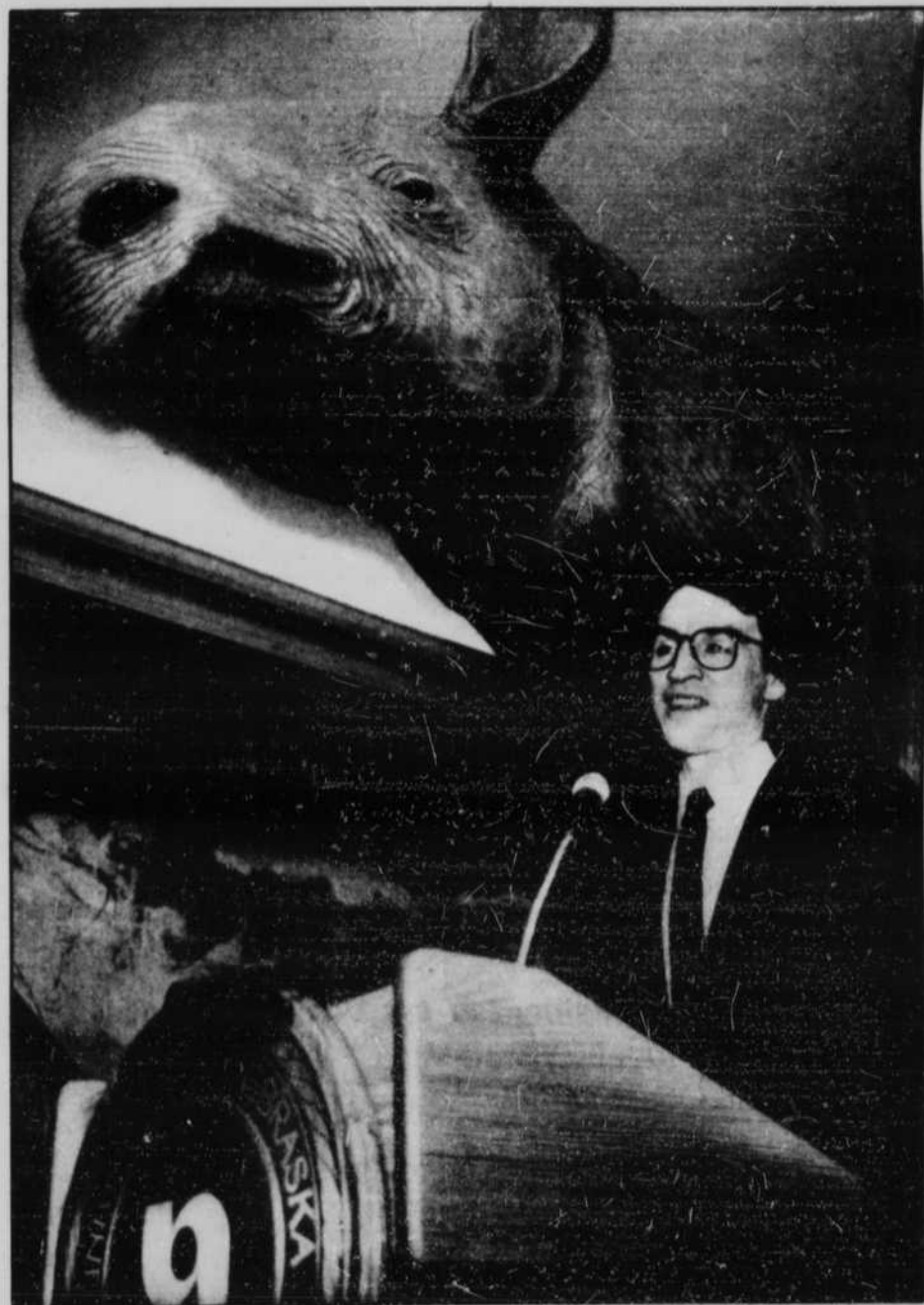
The Legislature advanced LB1141 to a second-round of debate 25-4.

An amendment to finance the changes passed 36-1.

Withem said that although the majority of legislators originally supported LR239CA, the vote will be close now. Opposition comes from senators who think the change would happen too quickly and those who object to the change altogether, he said.

The resolution provides for far-reaching change, he said, but he thinks it is necessary to improve the system.

"I think we have a system of higher education that doesn't communicate very well among itself," Withem said. "The combination of these two (proposals) would do that."



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Under a watchful eye . . .

State Sen. Don Wesely of Lincoln credits the people of Nebraska with the \$4 million renovation of Morrill Hall. A two-day celebration concluded Sunday with a rededication of the museum.