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WEATHER

Today, sunny and mild, southwest wind 5-15 miles per hour, with a record or near record high in the low to mid 60s. Tonight, mostly clear, low 25-30. Wednesday, partly cloudy and cooler, high near 50.

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Parking consultants present UNL findings

By Sara Bauder Schott
Senior Reporter

Consultants studying parking at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln presented their findings Monday to the Parking Advisory Committee, but their recommendations will have to wait.

Dick Kenney, vice president of Walker Parking Consultants of Minneapolis, said the consultants cannot make recommendations until they know how parking fits in with the long-range plans of the university. Kenney is meeting with a group trying to update those plans today. He said he should have a better idea of where the university wants to go after the meeting.

UNL has a shortage of 3,700 parking spaces on its two campuses, Kenney said. East Campus actually has a surplus of about 300 parking spaces, he said.

In the study, the consultants found that commuter students are the last priority in parking. Faculty and staff members and residence hall students have their parking demand satisfied, and faculty members get the most convenient parking, he said.

Fraternity and sorority members "have their own way" of dealing with parking problems, Kenney said. The greek houses need about 1,700 spots, but request only 700 each year, he said.

The lack of commuter spots only can be solved by an expanded shuttle bus system, unless the university is

ready to build parking structures all over campus, Kenney said.

Reserved parking got a mixed review from the students surveyed by consultants, Kenney said.

"Those who have it think it's great, and those who don't think it's the worst thing to ever happen," he said.

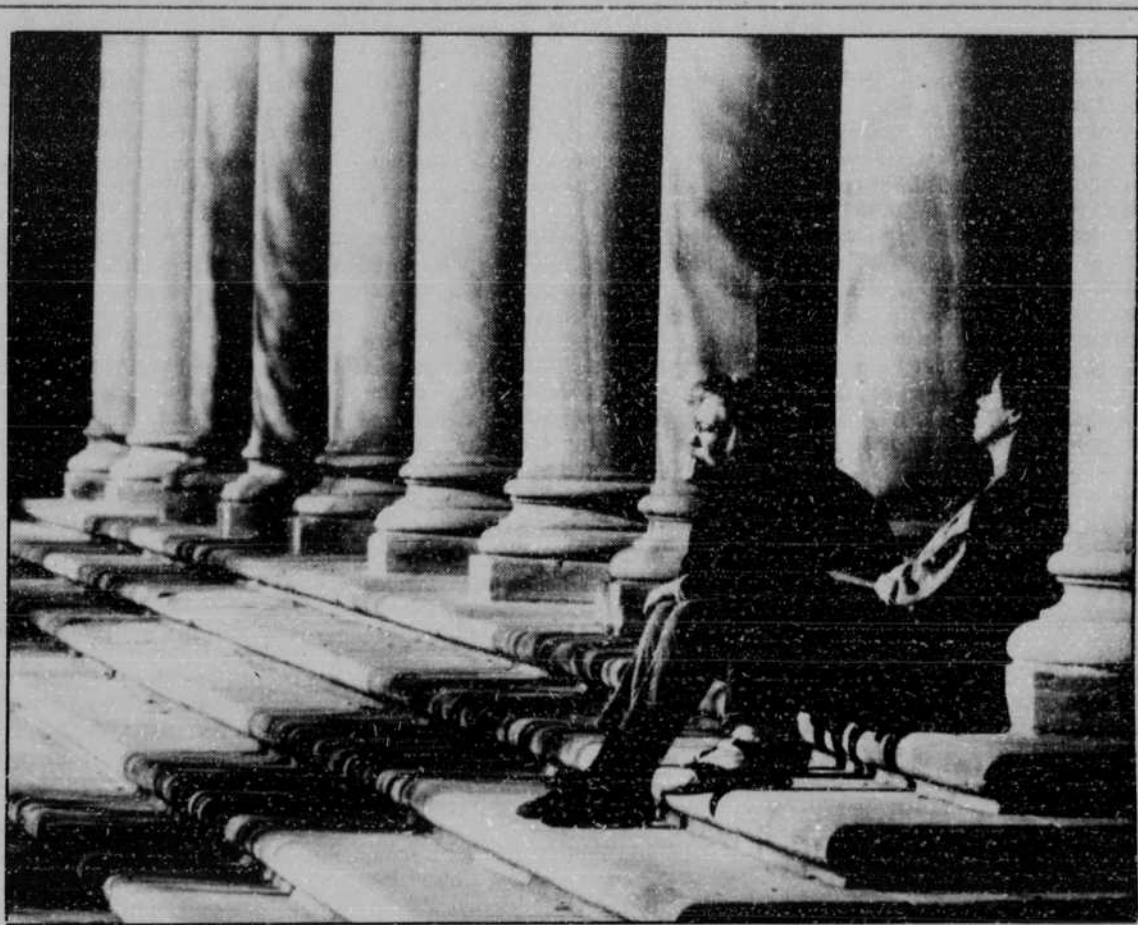
Kenney said his personal feeling is that reserved parking is an inefficient use of space. The most efficient way to use parking spaces is to keep them full all the time, Kenney said. Reserved parking means fewer people can park in certain areas, he said.

Complaints about the lack of visitor parking are not prompted by a shortage of spaces, Kenney said, but rather by students taking the visitor spots.

Students must be kept out of visitor parking spaces, Kenney said. That can be done either through enforcement or raising meter rates so high that students can't afford to park there, he said.

Another problem, confrontations between vehicles and pedestrians on 16th and 17th streets, has more to do with traffic than parking, Kenney said. Possible solutions to that would be added traffic signals, or to close the two streets, he said.

Ray Coffey, business manager for UNL, said the NU Board of Regents and NU President-elect and UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale support closing the streets. The group looking at the long-range plans takes for granted the idea that the streets eventually will be closed, he said.



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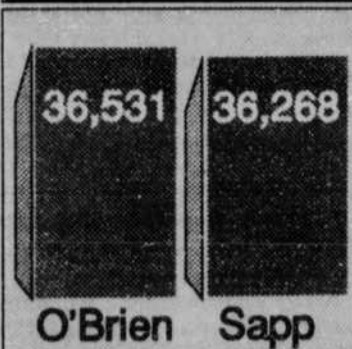
Chemistry graduate student Joelle Welleman's (left) and geology graduate student Heidi Lange sit in front of the NU Coliseum enjoying the warm weather Monday afternoon.

O'Brien edges Sapp for NU regent seat

By Adeana Leftin
Staff Reporter

In a race that came down to the wire, Nancy O'Brien defeated Lee Sapp for the District 2 seat

Recount of District 2 Regents' Race



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on the NU Board of Regents.

In a recount Friday, O'Brien, a member of the Metropolitan Technical Community College Board of Directors in Omaha, defeated Sapp, an Omaha businessman, 36,531-36,268 votes, said Vickie Edwards, Douglas County election commissioner.

Original election results had showed O'Brien in the lead with 36,506 votes over Sapp, with 36,174 votes, Edwards said.

Because the difference between the tallies was less than 1 percent, Nebraska state law required that the ballots be recounted, she said.

In an interview after the original election results were released, O'Brien attributed her lead to "hard work" and said she tried to express her qualifications to the people.

And, she said, she didn't think Sapp was prepared to be a regent.

"He wants to run the university

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Classes urged, not campuses

Officials: Out-state education would help non-traditional students

By Tabitha Hiner
Staff Reporter

Continuing education classes for non-traditional students would benefit the communities they serve and wouldn't lead to separate campuses, UNL and Kearney State College officials said.

Irv Omtvedt, vice chancellor for agriculture and natural resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said that the goal for the proposed cooperative education centers would be to benefit non-traditional students who want to finish degrees or help with their jobs.

A comprehensive study of postsecondary education in Nebraska cautioned that there was a chance the centers would become separate campuses and that legislation should be passed to prevent this.

"People were thinking ahead," Omtvedt said. "I think it would be a real mistake if we could bring these centers on with the idea that we were bringing in four new institutions."

Centers in Scottsbluff, North Platte, Grand Island and Norfolk are in various stages of development.

The report states that "legislation should contain language that specifi-

cally prohibits centers from becoming free-standing, degree-granting institutions of higher education."

The consulting firm Widmayer and Associates of Chicago presented the

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report to a legislative study committee in November.

Omtvedt said the writers of the report may have been concerned about Kearney State's current class offering in Grand Island.

Kearney State College, which will join the NU system July 1, 1991, offers classes at the old Walnut Junior High School in Grand Island, said Gene Koepke, vice president of aca-

demic affairs at KSC.

Koepke said 55 courses are offered at the junior high.

"The program we have in Grand Island is basically for the working man or woman who is tied to the community and is not mobile," Koepke said.

Although it is possible for students to earn degrees without leaving the junior high, Koepke said, it would take a minimum of 13 semesters to earn one and only a few degrees could be earned in that way.

"It's conceivable for a person to earn a degree in that manner, but it would be a very slow, frustrating process because there aren't enough courses taught there," Koepke said.

General courses are offered in Grand Island, but upper-level classes generally don't have enough student interest to be taught at the junior high, he said.

So most students at one time must go to KSC to earn their degrees, Koepke said.

If the education centers are created, KSC would continue its Grand Island program, but move classes from the junior high to Grand Island Col-

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Three parties register plans to run for ASUN

By Jennifer O'Ciika
Senior Reporter

With three months to go before student voters cast their ballots for ASUN representatives, three parties have declared their intentions to run.

Bart Vitek, chairman of the Electoral Commission, said that two of the groups have been approved by the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

The KEG party has not yet been approved by ASUN, but has filed the necessary applications with the Electoral Commission, Vitek said. HORIZN and ENERGY have been approved by the senate.

Two or more people who want to run for

ASUN executive, senate or advisory board positions can run together as a student election group, Vitek said.

These groups must file an application that includes the name — not exceeding six letters — of the party, the color used for campaigning, a non-discrimination clause and the names of two contact people. Also, the groups must write a brief purpose statement.

ENERGY listed J. Matt Wickless, an ASUN criminal justice senator, and Wendy Nielsen, senior, French and English secondary education major, as contact people. The purpose of ENERGY is "to bring together a diverse group of students who share a common goal of wanting to better ASUN. We, the students of EN-

ERGY, believe we can provide effective leadership in the coming year."

HORIZN's stated purpose is "to give students a more non-politicized senate slate to vote for. This is only senate (candidates), no executives or advisory board, and we will focus primarily on minority involvement, a more equitable alcohol policy on campus and positive campaigning." One of the group's contact people is Colin Theis, a sophomore English major.

The KEG party contact and purpose statement could not be released because the party has not been approved yet by the senate.

Vitek said he thought changes in Electoral Commission policy had been explained well to candidates and others. "Hopefully, there won't

be any problems. There may be some questions since it's so new," Vitek said.

The election rules governing contribution restrictions and dates for campaigning were changed.

According to the rules, parties may file up to six months before the elections, which are on March 13, 1991. On Jan. 14, the groups can start advertising, organizing and posting brief outlines of their goals in the ASUN office window.

Starting Feb. 14, which is the filing deadline, the groups can have booths in the Nebraska Union and wear buttons, but cannot post banners or signs.

Two weeks before the election, the parties may begin putting up posters around campus.