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TODAY'S WEATHER

Mostly sunny and warmer today with the high in the mid-70s and a south wind 10-20 mph. Wednesday, a chance of showers and the high in the 60s.

Bill delineating commission role moves forward

By Lisa Donovan
Senior Reporter

Lawmakers, after making a few minor changes, Monday advanced to the final round of debate a bill outlining the powers of the strengthened Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.



Senators proposed and passed five amendments to LB663, the bill outlining the role of the commission and giving it the power of program review and budget submission

over Nebraska's universities, state and community colleges.

In the November election, Nebraskans approved a constitutional amendment that strengthens the current coordinating commission. The commission now serves as an advisory board.

Sen. C.N. Robinson of Blair proposed an amendment that would provide state funding to tribally controlled community colleges on the basis of the number of non-American Indian students attending the institution.

Robinson referred to the Indian Community College in Northeast Nebraska, which is run by several of Nebraska's American Indian tribes.

"People are going to school, trying to dig themselves out of poverty and trying to get employment," Robinson said.

The institution would be provided with an estimated \$40,000 in state funds, Robinson said. Currently, tribal community colleges receive federal funds to finance themselves.

Omaha Sen. Thomas Horgan said it is important for the amendment to be attached to LB663.

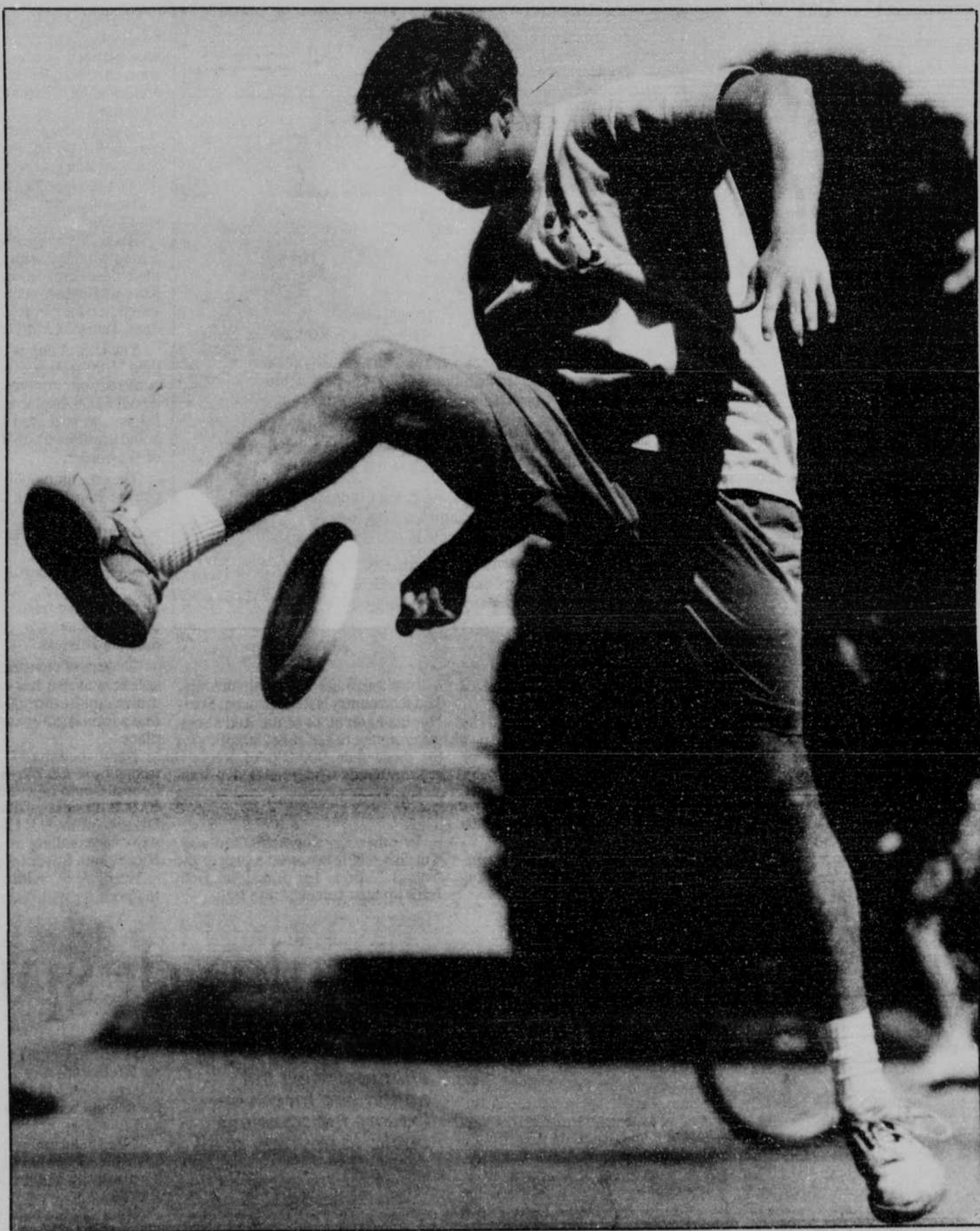
"I think it's a responsible thing to do... in a diverse educational environment," he said. The amendment passed 28-0.

Sen. Chris Beutler of Lincoln proposed an amendment giving the commission the power to review and approve all capital construction projects proposed by the NU Board of Regents and the Nebraska State College Board of Trustees.

Under the provisions of the amendment, the commission would be required to take action on the proposal 90 days after submission. Projects requiring legislative approval would be acted on by the commission at least 60 days prior to submission to the Legislature.

The projects disapproved by the commission would stand disapproved unless three-fifths of the Legislature approves the projects. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 26-1.

In addition, the Legislature advanced 663A, an appropriations bill, with an amendment that would attach an emergency clause. The clause would make the bill effective as soon as it was signed into law.



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Catching spring fever

Chris Stokes, a senior economics major, takes advantage of the mild temperatures Monday to play Frisbee on Centennial Mall.

Goebel says Lied revenues down, staff cutbacks possible

By Dionne Searcey
Staff Reporter

The Lied Center is forecast to suffer a dip in revenues this year that could mean cutbacks in staff, an official said.

Jack Goebel, University of Nebraska-Lincoln interim chancellor, said the Lied Center for Performing Arts' 1990-91 expenses will exceed its revenues by about \$150,000.

If the center continues to operate as it is now, it will suffer a deficit of \$286,000 in the next fiscal year, Goebel said.

To make up for lost revenue, Goebel said, Lied officials have been asked to "take a look at the expense side of the budget."

That may mean cutting the number of staff members, he said. The

Lied Center currently has 18 full-time employees.

The budget problem was caused in part by overprojections of Lied Center income by Lied officials, Goebel said.

He said it is "common phenomena" for officials at new facilities to overstate budget projections because they are inexperienced in making them.

Lied officials have decreased this year's ticket sale projections from \$1.6 million to \$1.2 million. Currently, tickets are selling 27 percent below projections.

But Goebel said a decrease in ticket sales is not the reason for the center's loss. Projections for ticket revenues simply were too high, he said.

Ticket sales and other Lied Center

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TUESDAY

Correction: A story about renovation of the campus incorrectly reported the cost of Phase III of the project at \$3.4 million. There has been no change in the original \$5.7 million pricetag for Phase III. The Daily Nebraskan regrets the error.

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Spirituality

NU students challenge beliefs; religious officials offer advice

By Heather Heinisch
Staff Reporter

In light of recent publicity about a suspected local Christian cult, six UNL Christian leaders acknowledged that adults age 18 to 22 are questioning spiritual beliefs and organized religions now more than ever.

Mark Randall, campus minister for United Ministries in Higher Education, 640 N. 16th St., said young adults are raising religious questions but often try to answer them by themselves instead of going to the church for answers.

He said that whether University of

Nebraska-Lincoln students attend church no longer indicates whether they are religious.

Although none of the campus leaders could provide statistics about church attendance among students, some said they thought congregation sizes were shifting from traditional to evangelical churches.

Father Don Hanway of St. Mark's-on-the-Campus, 1309 R St., said undergraduate students typically go through a period of protest, experimentation and search for religions of their own, independent of their parents' beliefs.

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