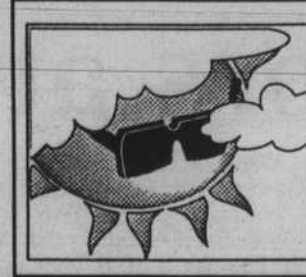


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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, partly sunny, breezy and much warmer, west winds 15 to 25 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Saturday, fair and mild with a high around 65.



Michelle Paulman/DN

Send in the rides

Robert Cole, of Rainbow Amusements, of Lincoln, sets up the rocket ride at 12th and O streets Thursday for the First Thursday carnival.

Legislature debates long on priority abortion bill

By Andy Raun
Staff Reporter

After nearly eight hours of debate, state senators adjourned Thursday without taking any action on the priority anti-abortion bill of the 1992 session.

Sen. Dennis Baack of Kimball, speaker of the Nebraska Legislature, had announced that debate on the bill would be limited to eight hours.

LB78, sponsored by Sens. John Lindsay of Omaha, Bernice Labeledz of Omaha, Merton Dierks of Ewing and LaVon Crosby of Lincoln, would require women seeking abortions to receive detailed information about the fetus' development and then wait one day before having the procedure performed.

In introducing the bill, Lindsay said it "will not prohibit one single abortion" or attempt to say whether life begins at conception.

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Spanier calls for open forum on \$20 parking fee increase

By Sean Green
Senior Reporter

UNL officials are hoping to shed a positive light on the surprise announcement of a \$20 raise in campus parking fees, said Mike Mulnix, executive assistant to the chancellor.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Graham Spanier is in favor of the increase, Mulnix said, but did not like the way the proposal was made public.

Some students and faculty have voiced concern about the Parking Advisory Committee's announcement made at an emergency meeting Tuesday. If approved, the proposal would add \$20 to all campus parking permit prices.

The proposal would raise from \$50 to \$70 all student resident and commuter fees, as well as annual faculty fees and vendor fees.

Reserved parking permits would be raised

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Two describe group's mind control

Fundamentalist faith attempting to become student organization

Editor's Note: Campus Advance, a fundamentalist religious group that has been linked to a group the Cult Awareness Network of Chicago describes as a cult, applied for recognition as a student group at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln March 9.

Since then, the mother of a current Campus Advance member and a former member both have come forward to tell of their experiences with the group. Both have requested to remain anonymous, and all names are fictitious.

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick
Senior Reporter

John first became involved with Campus Advance when a member of the group asked him to go to a party, his mother said. She said he thought the people at the party were friendly.

Her son had been lonely, she said. He had a small group of friends in high school, but they had gone their separate ways after graduation.

"He always felt he had trouble making friends," she said. "He was a little bit on his own on campus."

Within two weeks of attending the party, John was baptized by the group. He previously had been a member of an organized church.

He now refers to the group as his family. "He had no control," she said. "They just took him over."

She believes the group has a tight grip over her son.

They know where John is at all times, she said, and he has a "discipler" — another member of the church — to whom he must confess his sins. He cannot date or attend social functions outside of the church without permission. John's week is full of required church activities.

Before he got involved in the group, John was independent, stubborn and "knew what he wanted," she said.

"That's what's so hard to understand."

John was interested in pursuing a specific career, she said, but he gave up those aspirations within 10 days of joining Campus Ad-

vance. He now wants to become a minister for the church and "plant" a new ministry.

When she talks to John now, she said, he complains of being tired and worn out. She thinks he is being torn between his old life and his new one.

"He's just whipped," she said. "I know it's because of the stress of what they are requiring of him and the conflict between his old life and friends and the pushing he is getting from the church."

She has gone from being calm about what has happened to her son to being very angry, she said. But her anger has no effect on him.

"If I would get really upset, he would stand there and just stare right through me," she said. "It's like he's been so programmed to say the things they say and think the things they think that we can't even have a conversation — it's like it's one way."

She said she was frustrated about not being able to help John.

"I don't know what to do," she said. "I've had people say to me it's good he's not on drugs or alcohol or worse."

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Journalist stresses news coverage

By Therese Goodlett
Staff Reporter

Although Charlayne Hunter-Gault said she was not an expert on the Middle East, the disclaimer did not hinder her insight concerning the region and its relationship to the United States and the media.

"There are no Middle East experts, just people who claim they are," she said.

Hunter-Gault addressed "Ongoing Challenges in the Middle East" Thursday afternoon at the Lied Center for Performing Arts as part of the E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues.

She is a distinguished correspondent for the MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour and has been awarded for her accu-

Gulf war focus of Lied forum

rate, informative news coverage.

As a journalist, many of Hunter-Gault's points focused on news coverage of the Middle East, especially during the Gulf war, and the expectations of American viewers at home.

Hunter-Gault said she was disappointed with the amount of military restrictions on the news and with Americans' general acceptance of the censorship.

"I was overwhelmed by the congratulations I got for my war coverage," she said.

But Hunter-Gault said she was disappointed with what she was able to bring to the viewers.

"I wanted to sit down with people

and say, 'Let me tell you what I tried to do.'"

During daily briefings with the military, a lot of Hunter-Gault's questions went unanswered, she said, and her requests for interviews were ignored.

Thus, she said, she was surprised with Americans' satisfaction with the war coverage.

"I fear the American public has downsized its expectations," she said.

For example, she said, untold thousands of Kurds in Turkey were killed by Iraqis, and the prospect of a civil war in that country was stirring.

The United States has a moral obligation to assure the Kurds are

protected, she said, but coverage of the issue has been "off of the media screens" since the war ended.

However, Hunter-Gault said, the most challenging issue in the Middle East is weapons.

"Weapons of mass destruction are spreading like wild fire... thanks to their suppliers: the United States, Russia, France, China and Great Britain," she said.

Five to 20 of the commonwealth states in the Middle East soon will have these weapons, she said.

Hunter-Gault offered no solutions to the crisis in the Middle East except to say that people needed the best possible information about the situation.

"That's where I come in," she said.

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