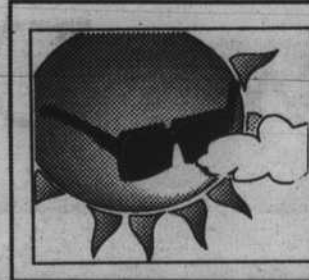


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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, partly sunny, breezy and warm with a 20 percent chance of thundershowers. Tonight, partly cloudy and cooler with a 20 percent chance of thundershowers. Tuesday, partly sunny and cooler with a high in the mid-60s.

Students wait to give parking-fee input

Proposed uses of parking permit funds

What the extra \$20 dollars might pay for

- Parking lot security patrol-\$57,500
- Courtesy emergency phones at each bus shelter-\$5,400
- Two lights south of Calhoun-Pound hall-\$7,000
- Forty-one lights and sidewalk along E. Campus loop from Barkley Center to Landscape Services-\$155,500
- Six light poles in lot at 18th and R streets-\$21,000
- Two light poles in southeast lot at 17th and R streets-\$21,000
- Four light poles in southwest lot at 17th and R streets-\$14,000
- Paving of Abel-Sandoz lot-\$20,000
- Paving and lighting of lot west of the Lied Center-\$5,000

Scott Maurer/DN

Forum scheduled to debate options

By Sean Green
Senior Reporter

Some student leaders said they were taking a wait-and-see attitude about the administration's efforts to include them in a decision to implement a \$20 increase in parking fees.

Andrew Sigerson, president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, said he was happy with UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier's decision to have an open meeting on parking issues, but he was

not ready to support the increase.

Several students, including Sigerson, complained after the Parking Advisory Committee approved the increase at its meeting last Tuesday.

Spanier last week said he was unhappy the decision was made without student input and announced that an open forum on the issue would be 2 p.m. Thursday at the Wick Alumni Center.

"The forum is an excellent idea," Sigerson said. "The chancellor has shown a lot of character in giving people on this campus a chance to respond."

Sigerson said he would do research on the parking situation this week and try to come up with alternatives to the one-time \$20 fee to present at the

forum.

"I think that trying to accomplish all the improvements in one year is not fair, especially to seniors and commuter students," he said. "It might be better to spread the increase out over two or three years."

In 1991, the NU Board of Regents drew \$75,000 out of a surplus bond parking fund, Sigerson said.

One alternative he said he might suggest was using money out of that fund, as well as money from fines and maybe smaller increases in student and faculty fees.

Trent Steele, first vice president of ASUN, also said he was pleased with Spanier's decision to include students

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Dual roles Society teaches professor

By Kristine Long
Staff Reporter

Professor Shengming Tang teaches his sociology of marriage and the family students that socializing the young is a key function of the family.

But Tang, who is originally from China, said teaching about the family in America was the easy part. Actually having a family and socializing his son in America is more difficult.

Tang, who has been teaching at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for three years, said many people talked about discrimination and prejudice against international instructors.

But, he said, "As long as you are a good instructor, it won't be that bad."

"Most students are apprehensive when they come to class and find someone whose nationality is different," he said.

Tang said he tried to relieve students' apprehension early in the semester.

"I think the first class is very important for an international instructor because you have to establish credibility," he said.

Students often think that international teachers are not good teachers because of language barriers, he said.

Tang said he solved that problem by admitting that his language skill was not perfect, but that he was willing to learn.

"On one hand I am a teacher,

and on the other hand I am a student," he said. "That shortens the distance between the student and the teacher."

Tang also relieves apprehension by having a sense of humor.

"I hate it when students look at me all puckered up," he said.

When students smile, he said, they loosen up and are more alert.

"If the class looks bored, I just throw in a few jokes," he said.

As well as teaching, Tang is a student at UNL. He said he hoped to get his doctorate in sociology this summer.

Before coming to America, he received his bachelor's degree in English and his master's degree in American Literature from East China Normal University in Shanghai, China.

Tang also taught for three years at that same university, and he said the differences between Chinese students and American students were amazing.

It is not easy to become a college graduate in China, he said. Chinese students must take a national entrance exam to get into college, he said, and about one in 10 have a chance of getting into college.

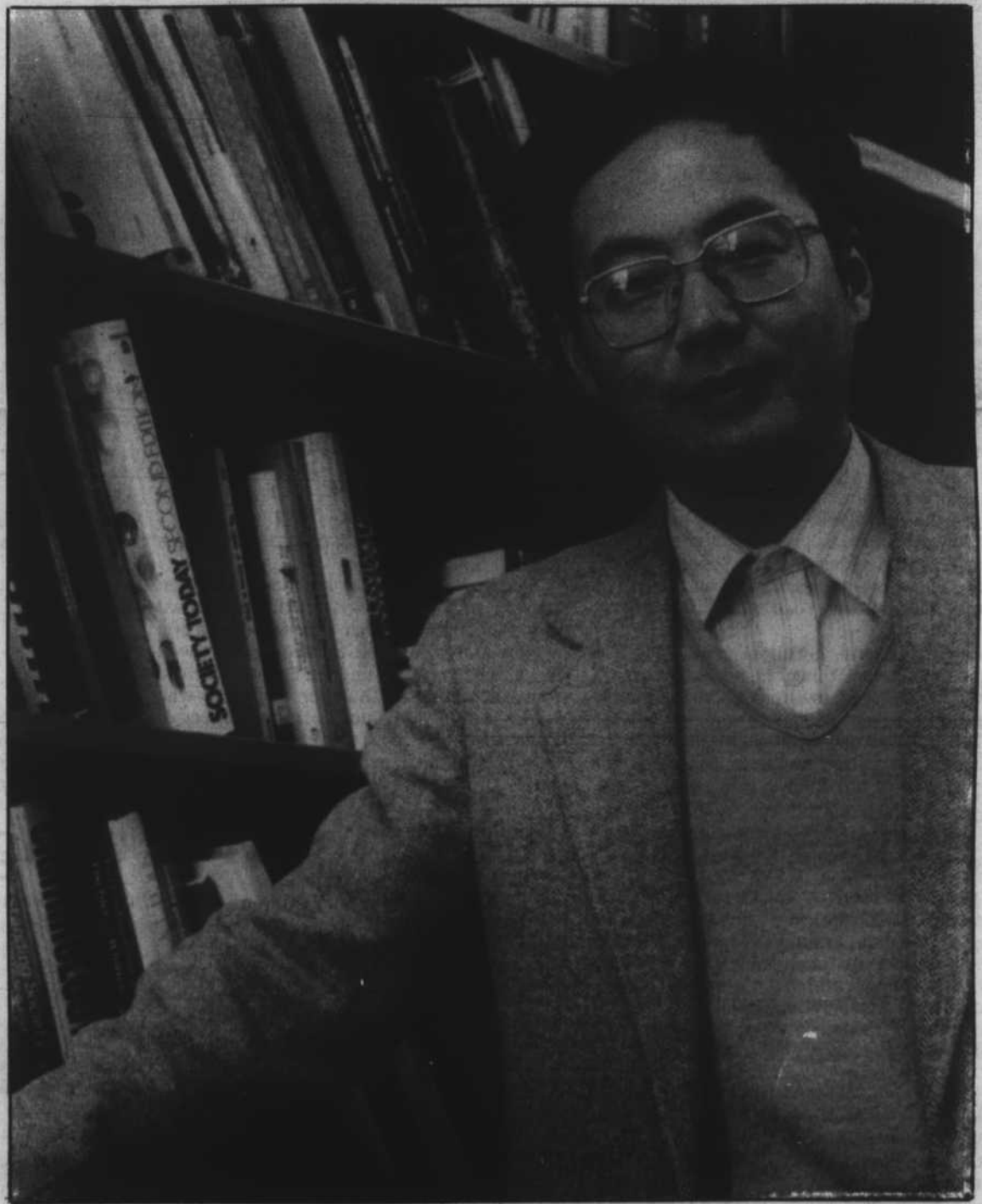
For that reason, he said, Chinese students are hard-working and seldom miss class.

America does have bright students, Tang said, but they are mixed in with students ill-prepared for college.

"When they sit in the same class, it's hard to address both at the same time," he said.

Another difference, Tang said,

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Greg Bernhardt/DN

Shengming Tang, a sociology instructor at UNL, said he tries to use his sense of humor to relieve students' apprehension about an international instructor.

Vice chancellor finalists selected

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick
Senior Reporter

Four finalists for the position of vice chancellor for research at UNL have been selected and will be interviewed over the next two weeks, an official said.

James Van Etten, a UNL professor of plant pathology and member of the search committee that has been reviewing candidates for the position, said the committee had completed its

task of narrowing down about 100 applicants to four candidates.

The vice chancellor for research is one of two positions that University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Graham Spanier created in December. The position was formerly the vice chancellor for research and dean of graduate studies, but is now two separate offices.

The candidates for the position are:

- Anne K. Vidaver, chairwoman

of UNL's plant pathology department and the former interim director of the UNL Center for Biotechnology. She has been at UNL for 27 years.

- Henry Reeves, a distinguished research professor and deputy director of the Arizona State University Cancer Research Institute. He was also vice president for research and a professor of microbiology at ASU.
- Allan Mense, former vice presi-

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