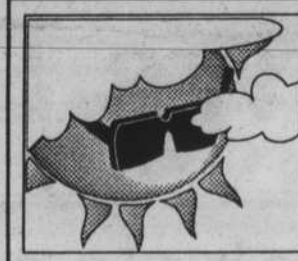


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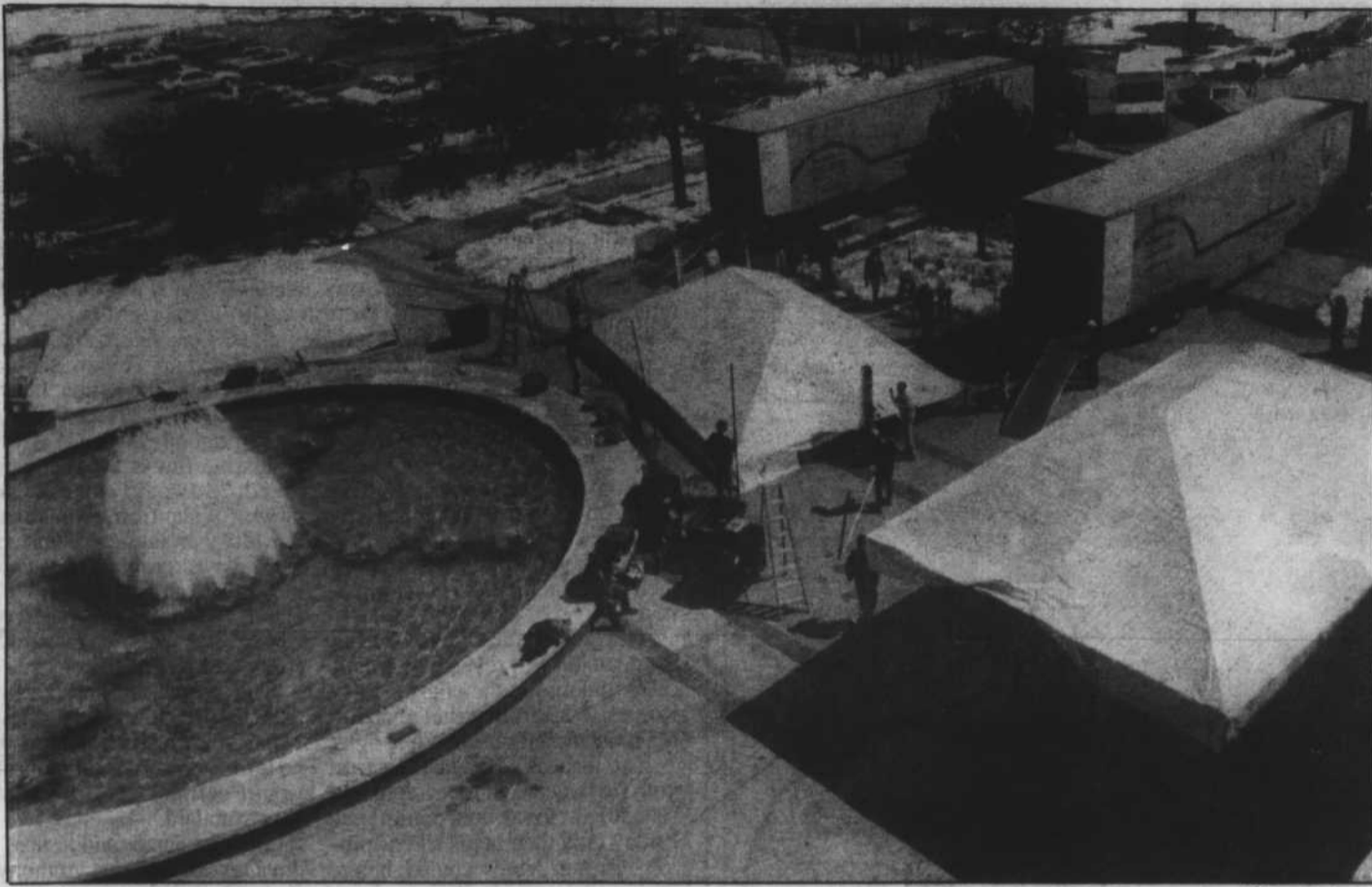
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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, partly sunny and warmer, north winds 5 to 10 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Friday, mostly sunny with a high near 60.



Shaun Sartir/DN

## Under the big top

The CBS college tour sets up at the Broyhill Fountain plaza Wednesday afternoon. The event will run Thursday and Friday, featuring games and prizes.

## UNL board defends its peer group selections

By Cindy Kimbrough  
Senior Reporter

Despite major differences between some of the members of UNL's newly proposed peer group, the peer advisory group said all of the schools were the most reasonable choices.

The advisory group, which was solicited to select new peers for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, defended its selection process in a report released Monday.

The group originally was formed in January to examine UNL's peer institutions, analyze available data and recommend a new peer group.

The advisory group presented its proposal to the NU Board of Regents April 11.

The advisory group's report stated that the universities included in the list had obvious differences in size, support base or other areas.

But the schools were included because they shared other factors which needed representation in the list, such as the same mission, nature or accomplishments.

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## Stage being set for abortion showdown

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick  
Senior Reporter

Wednesday's U.S. Supreme Court deliberations on the constitutionality of a Pennsylvania abortion law are setting the stage for a showdown over the 1973 Roe vs. Wade ruling, two UNL professors said.

The court heard arguments about the law, which requires notification requirements and waiting periods for women who have abortions.

Josephine Potuto, a professor of constitutional law at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said the court would uphold the Pennsylvania law and that it had the votes to overturn the Roe vs. Wade ruling that legalized abortion

## UNL professors think ruling will be upheld

nationwide. "I think there is little chance they won't uphold the (Pennsylvania) statute," she said. "I think anybody looking at it would say they have the votes."

Potuto said there was an even chance the court would use the case as an opportunity to overturn the 1973 decision.

"I'm sure they are going to do it eventually," she said. "I'd be surprised if there is any court watcher in the country who doesn't think its coming."

Richard Duncan, a UNL law professor who specializes in constitu-

tional law, said the court would uphold the Pennsylvania law.

Duncan also said it could use the case as an opportunity to attempt to overturn Roe, but said he did not think that would happen.

"Based upon things the justices have already said — that the state has a strong interest in regulating abortion — there is not much doubt Pennsylvania will win," he said. "I think the law will be upheld, but I don't think they'll address Roe."

Duncan said the Pennsylvania law would not prevent abortion or a make it a crime, but would provide for what

he called a "reasonable" regulation of abortion.

Still, he said he thought the court was moving toward overturning the Roe decision, and that justices would have to confront the issue directly within a year or two when they had to decide cases that more directly dealt with the legality of abortion.

The conservative bloc of justices on the court have the votes to overturn the 1973 decision if they attempt to do so, Duncan said.

"My guess is that if the court votes on (Roe), they will vote to reverse,"

he said.

Four justices — Anthony Kennedy, Antonin Scalia, William Rehnquist and Byron White — already have said they will vote against Roe, Duncan said. Three others — Sandra Day O'Connor, Clarence Thomas or David Souter — could provide the fifth vote to overturn the decision, he said.

Duncan predicted that if the court did decide on Roe, Thomas would provide the "swing" vote that would decide the case.

If the court does overturn the decision, he said, individual states then will decide the legality of abortion.

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## Advisers say clear parking policy needed

### UNL should plan future, they say

By Kristine Long  
Staff Reporter

The UNL parking committee needs to form a consistent policy if the university is to solve its parking problem, two parking consultants said.

Richard Kenney, vice president of Walker Parking Consultants/Engineers, Inc., in Minneapolis, and Barbara Chance, president of Chance Management Advisors, in Philadelphia, made recommendations and answered questions about the parking

study at the Nebraska Union Wednesday.

The two companies were solicited about a year ago to study UNL's parking problem. The final report will be reviewed by the chancellor, the parking advisory committee and students.

Kenney said his company visited UNL for two days and randomly interviewed people to discover where they parked. The company also surveyed parking lots to determine how many cars were parked there each hour.

One of UNL's biggest problems is the lack of visitor parking, Chance said. UNL does not have a sign system to tell visitors where to park or where to get information about parking.

With the parking system, visitors park in commuter lots and compete with regular commuters, Chance said. If visitors do not park in commuter lots, they drive around and add to the traffic, she said.

Kenney said his company could not make clear recommendations because UNL was not sure about its parking policy.

"It's hard to make recommendations without a clear policy standard," he said.

Chance said her company studied the organization and management of parking services. The company studied the parking office, enforcement, ticket collection, computer systems and number of parking and informational signs.

no real vision of what it wants the future to look like in terms of parking, Chance said.

The university must decide if it wants to supply a parking space for everyone, or if it wants a pedestrian campus, where students commute by shuttles or buses, she said.

UNL cannot have a combination of the two, she said. It is inconsistent to have a shuttle and then allow people to park on both ends, she said.

Chance said that once UNL had a policy, it could then aim its parking policy toward that goal.

Kenney said some students believed the answer to the parking problem was to build more parking lots or a garage.

Chance said students did not realize that parking had to be financially self-sufficient.

Nebraska does not issue bonds for building parking garages, she said. The parking spaces must be paid for by people who park there.

Kenney said a price increase was needed to solve the problem.

Administrators may have to tell people, "If you want this level of service, you need to pay this much," Kenney said.

"It is better to charge a little more for better service than to continue to ticket for bad behavior," he said.

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## County attorney may not challenge pleas

From Staff and Wire Reports

Lancaster County Attorney Gary Lacey said Wednesday he probably would not challenge two insanity pleas offered by Andrew Scott Baldwin, who is accused of attacking a Lincoln woman Jan. 18, The Associated Press reported.

Recent psychiatric reports from two doctors state that Baldwin, a 22-year-old student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, remains

mentally ill and still is dangerous, Lacey told the Omaha World-Herald Tuesday.

Lacey and Hal Anderson, Baldwin's attorney, could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

Baldwin is charged with two counts of felony assault for allegedly beating Gina Simanek and injuring a Lincoln police officer.

Reports on Baldwin's condition from three other mental health professionals are to be

Hal Anderson, Baldwin's attorney, said that if the other three reports agreed that Baldwin was insane, he would join with Lacey in a request for a stipulated trial, meaning both attorneys would agree to the facts of the case, the AP reported.

If Lancaster County District Court Judge Paul Merritt agreed Baldwin was insane, the trial probably would focus on what kind of psychiatric treatment Baldwin needed, instead of his guilt, Lacey said.

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