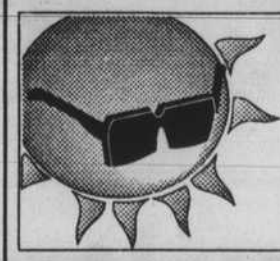


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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, mostly sunny, breezy and hot, south winds 15 to 25 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thundershowers. Friday, partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thundershowers, high in the mid 80s.

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## New regulations concern officials

### NCAA, state law may contradict

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick  
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UNL athletic officials intend to walk the tightrope of complying with NCAA regulations and a new Nebraska law, but that might cost 13 football players their eligibility, an official said.

Al Papik, assistant athletic director for administrative services, said the University of Nebraska-Lincoln was moving to devise a plan of action that would allow it to be in compliance with both LB69, a law that goes into effect June 1, and NCAA scholarship regulations.

NCAA regulations prohibit universities from having more than 92 scholarship athletes in football and 14 in basketball. Any students who receive need-based aid or grants — from their universities or from the government — are counted as scholarship players.

For example, a student who participated in varsity competition and did not receive a scholarship from UNL, but received a need-based grant from the federal government, still would be counted as one of the university's scholarship players.

LB69 will require UNL to allow its athletes to receive all of the aid they are eligible for, including grants. Because UNL already is at its scholarship limit for both its football and basketball programs, Papik said, that could put UNL in violation of NCAA rules.

"What really happens if we get hurt by this is we'll have more players on scholarship than the NCAA permits," he said.

Papik said 13 non-scholarship

football players this year redshirted, or did not participate in varsity competition, and received federal aid. If those students did not receive scholarships from UNL and applied for federal aid again next year, he said, they might not be able to play because UNL intends to comply with NCAA regulations.

"Then I think we would not allow them to participate in football," he said. "It appears that might be the case."

But Papik said he could not be certain what would happen until he received the NCAA's final ruling on UNL's dilemma.

He said Dick Wood, NU general counsel, was formulating UNL's final interpretation of the situation. The NCAA will respond to the interpretation and inform UNL if the university would be violating NCAA bylaws by going over the NCAA's scholarship limit.

The university then will check with football coach Tom Osborne, men's basketball coach Danny Nee and women's basketball coach Angela Beck to determine how many players on their teams are not on scholarship and intend to apply for aid, he said.

If the NCAA does not allow UNL to go over the scholarship limit, Papik said, then players who were not on scholarship but received aid would not be able to play. He said if the NCAA held to its position, the university would have to allow the players to receive aid because of LB69, but would not be able to let them play because of NCAA rules.

The conflict might drive the athletes from their sports, Papik said.

"If there's no possibility of playing, who would stay out?" he said.

Papik said the athletic department intended to have a plan to deal with the scholarship dilemma by Aug. 1, before players report Aug. 10.



Shaun Sartir/DN

### Life's a bench

Students take time out Wednesday to study in the plaza north of the Lied Center for Performing Arts. From top to bottom, the students are: Krista Mowrey, a sophomore pre-dental hygiene major, James Volkmer, a senior finance major and Erik Skaden, a sophomore finance major.

## University parking permit prices to increase

### Department to use money to finance safety projects

By Cindy Kimbrough  
Senior Reporter

The university is not pulling a fast one on students by increasing the price of remote parking permits by \$7, an official said.

Ray Coffey, the University of

Nebraska-Lincoln's business manager, said the Parking Advisory Board decided on the increase in December.

Coffey said the board decided to merge \$10 remote parking permits with \$20 night parking permits, and charge \$15 for the new combined permits.

An additional \$2 also was added to the cost of all UNL parking permits to be used to improve lighting and safety, he said.

With the combined permits, Coffey said, students will be able to park in remote lots and use the shuttle buses, as well as park after 4 p.m. in faculty or student lots that are not 24-hour enforcement lots.

Yancy Garner, a student member of the parking advisory board last semester, said the decision to combine the two permits was not that big of an item in December.

Garner said advisory board members did not make a big deal about the increase because it dealt with such a

small amount of money — about \$5.

When considering that a parking fine is \$15, he said, the change does not seem that big a deal.

The decision was made more for the administrative ease of combining the two permits, Garner said, because night and remote permit holders seemed to use the same spaces anyway.

Coffey said the additional cost for remote parking permits was not unreasonable, considering the increased

benefits students would have by parking closer to campus at night.

The combined permit also is good for students buying night permits because they get more benefits and a \$3 price decrease.

Coffey said the decision was not new; it was reviewed by the parking advisory in December, but has been ignored since then.

"It probably just got lost in the shuffle over the \$20 (proposed overall parking) increase," he said.

## Lincoln considers keeping trolley

### Official says cars could connect city

By Taryn Gilster  
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Lincolnites had the chance early this week to view an authentic trolley car of the type that could operate on a 1.6-mile downtown Lincoln circuit.

If one man's dream becomes reality, the trolley car could become a permanent addition.

Ira Schreiber, president of Signs Inc., said he had seen trolleys of this

type in some U.S. cities. He contacted Lou Shields, program consultant for the historic Haymarket District. Together they coordinated the Lincoln Vintage Trolleys Association.

Schreiber said the trolleys would provide the glue for a disjointed downtown Lincoln.

"We have many small districts like a theater area, shopping area and museum area," he said. "A trolley would be a binder, transporting people and attracting tourists."

Shields said the trolley might provide a 30 to 70 percent increase in growth for downtown Lincoln. She said it might even fill some vacant

buildings along its route.

Approval from the city is needed before the plan becomes a reality, Schreiber said.

"We need to see if the community is interested in it, find sources of funding from citizens, conduct an operation study, look at routing possibilities and propose a cost for funding," he said.

The scenario, Schreiber said, would be to have two trolleys with enough room for 45 people to sit and 66 to stand. The trolleys would run on a 7 1/2-minute schedule.

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