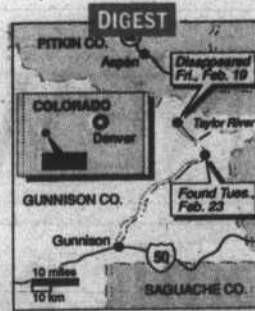


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University construction bill debated

By Michelle Leary
Senior Reporter

A bill that would amend the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education's power to review capital construction projects was heard by the Legislature's Education Committee Tuesday.

LB683, which was introduced by Sen. Jerome Warner of Waverly, would ensure that veterinary capital construction projects would be reviewed, monitored and approved by the commission under the same conditions as other projects.

If the bill passes, The University of Nebraska Board of Regents would be able to construct and operate such facilities, Warner said.

Norman Otto, a member of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, said the commission would review all capital construction projects proposed by the regents and the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges.

Within 45 days of a proposal's submission, the commission would recommend that the Legislature or the executive board of the Legislative Council approve or reject the projects, Otto said.

If the projects were approved, the facilities would be funded with taxes provided by the Legislature, Warner said.

"The regents can employ any necessary faculty and staff needed to provide clinical training for students in the cooperative veterinary medicine program," Warner said.

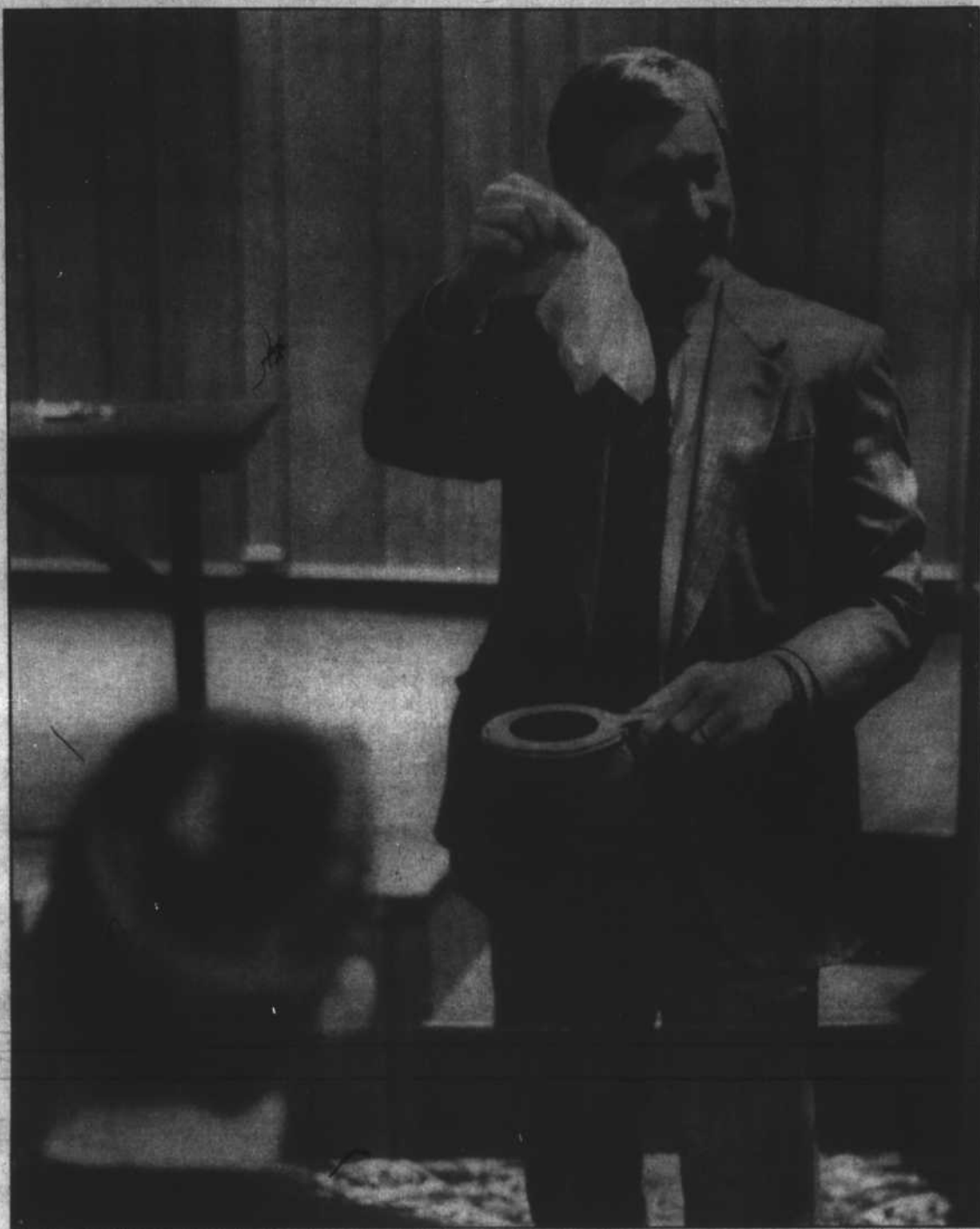
LB683 also would change provisions relating to degree programs.

Architecture students attending NU would be able to earn a graduate degree in architecture upon approval by the commission, Warner said.

The graduate degree, called a first professional degree, already is being offered in the fields of medicine, law, dentistry and pharmacy.

LB324 also was discussed at the committee hearing.

The bill, which was introduced by Sen. Ron Withem of Papillion, would change the provisions of certain state scholarship programs to reconcile them with federal law. The State Scholarship Award Program Act, the Scholarship Assistance Program Act and the Postsecondary Education Award Program Act would be affected by the bill.



Travis Heying/DN

UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier uses a little magic to entertain a small crowd at George and Mari's snack bar in Abel Hall Tuesday Night. Graham performed two shows of Magic for audiences at both Abel Hall and the Cather-Pound snack bar, The Pub.

He's a magic Graham Spanier's sleeves stuffed with tricks, scarf

By Steve Smith
Senior Editor

Nothing up this sleeve," the magician said. "And nothing up this sleeve."

He pulled a white piece of string from his left suit pocket, held it up for all to see and then crumpled the string up into his right hand.

When the magic man let the string go, it was no longer a white string — it was a two-color scarf. The crowd applauded.

No, it wasn't David Copperfield on stage Tuesday evening. It was University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Graham Spanier, who

gave students a dose of his magical abilities at George and Mari's, the Abel-Sandoz snack bar.

The UNL chancellor gave about 40 students a free show at George and Mari's and then moved on to do the same act at The Pub, Cather-Pound's snack bar, where he entertained more than 50 new audience members.

During the act, he turned a \$5 bill into a \$20 bill, levitated a matchstick over a playing card and made coins come from the ears of volunteers. He performed numerous card tricks, coin tricks and other illusions during the 35-minute set.

Spanier's performance, which

was sponsored by the Residence Hall Association, was the first of the Live On Stage series that features local talents in the residence halls.

Spanier is no stranger to standing up on stage and performing. He's done his magic act for almost 18 years, going back to the days that he was a faculty member of the department of child development and family relations at Penn State University.

Spanier said he would go into day care centers dressed in a clown outfit and teach children lessons about traffic and household safety.

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Amendment to education bill rejected

By Jeff Zeleny
Senior Reporter

Debate over implementing multicultural education in Nebraska schools was heard before the full Nebraska Legislature Tuesday.

A proposed amendment that would require parental consent before allowing students to be tested over multicultural education failed on the floor 21-2.

Sens. Carol Pirsch of Omaha and Jim Jones of Eddyville were the only supporters of the amendment.

The amendment came from two bills pertaining to multicultural education, LB52 and LB179, that were combined into amendments added to LB27, which originally sought to require the University of Nebraska to receive legislative consent before acquiring land.

Sen. Kate Witek of Omaha was the primary supporter of the amendment, but was absent because her child was ill. Pirsch presented the amendment to the body on her behalf.

Sen. Ron Withem of Papillion, chairman of the education committee, said the amendment hurt the intent of the bill.

"We, as a committee, did not feel the need to weaken the multicultural bill," he said.

Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha agreed.

If parents have the option to refuse to let their children take multicultural tests, Chambers said, that opens the door for future problems with tests in other subjects.

"As a black parent, no testing should be given on white history," he said. "(That's) anti-education."

Chambers said it was evident that a multicultural bill was needed when some students from the University of Nebraska said they had never seen a minority before coming to college.

"Students come to the university with culture shock," he said. "They had no contact with people other than white people like themselves from small towns."

Students must be exposed to various cultures in elementary and high school, Chambers said.

"You don't say, 'one little, two little, three little Indians anymore,'" Chambers said.

Sen. LaVon Crosby of Lincoln also stood up against the amendment. She said people were afraid of the bill because they thought it was a subliminal threat or attack on what they have believed for so many years.

The bill will be debated further by the full body today at 9 a.m.

Days may be numbered for on-campus parking, official says

By Jeffrey Robb
Staff Reporter

As students fight for parking spaces near campus buildings, some university officials have proposed moving parking farther away.

Tom Johnson, chairman of the Parking Advisory Committee, said his committee was considering alleviating the growing parking crunch by banning students, faculty and staff from parking on campus altogether. Instead, the university would expand remote lots and increase its shuttle bus service.

Johnson said the move would not be a total ban of on-campus parking, but rather a matter of proximity to the center of campus. Some members of the university population, such as disabled students, probably still would be allowed to park on campus, he said.

Current parking lots on campus, Johnson said, could be used for building sites.

The space for new parking lots is available, Johnson said, pointing to the area east of 17th Street southeast of campus as an example. However, no final decisions have been made, he added.

Remote lot permits account for 10.9 percent of all permits sold, Johnson said. There are three remote lots served by shuttle buses near the downtown UNL campus. A new shuttle

route is scheduled to begin running in August from the Beadle Center to campus.

The cost of building new parking lots and expanding shuttle bus service has not been figured. Johnson said it was too early in the process to make any estimations.

The Comprehensive Facilities Plan, released in 1990, left open other options, such as building parking garages, Johnson said. The master plan for future UNL construction designated certain areas for parking lots but did not specify the building of surface lots only.

Last fall, Mark Goldfeder, an ASUN representative to the Parking Advisory Committee, studied the feasibility of a parking garage. He determined that the garage proposal, with an estimated cost of \$10 million, would have to be

postponed.

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska has taken no official stance on building a parking garage or moving parking to the campus perimeter.

But Andrew Loudon, speaker of the senate, said he would be opposed to moving parking off campus. He said other senators probably would oppose it as well.

Jana Bouma, an English graduate student, said she used remote lots for one year. After that, she said, it became too much of a problem to park there.

"I have a 20-minute drive to campus," she said, "and the extra time it took to get to campus became too much."