

NU regents approve more garage funds

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year sooner," she said.

The improvements project was originally going to cost \$36.1 million. The project will be completed by June 1999.

Regent Charles Wilson of Lincoln said the plan would keep the project within that budget, avoiding problems that NU has faced with the Lied Transplant Center, where construction estimates exceeded the predicted cost of the project.

Board members also moved to help avoid another problem: the passage of ballot initiatives 411 and 412.

The regents voted to endorse a statement signed by higher education administrators that opposes the initiatives, saying funding for higher education would be cut if they passed.

Regent Rosemary Skrupa of Omaha said it was not the board's place to take a stance on legislation.

"We'll have to bring in every (legislative bill) that affects the university's status, and that's a very dangerous thing to do," Skrupa said. "I can't recall when we started endorsing constitutional amendments."

Regent Drew Miller of Papillion said the board should take a stance "just for this one special case."

In other regents news, the board:

— Reversed the denial of tenure by the UNL Department of Chemistry for assistant chemistry professor Jody Redepenning.

— Approved spending an additional \$775,600 for repairs and improvements to the Nebraska Unions and University Bookstore.

— Approved the purchase of 300 digital parking meters at UNL for \$50,000 with surplus parking revenue funds. Most meters at UNL were bought in 1959 and require frequent repairs, Jones said.

— Allotted \$300,000 to buy land and the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity house at 420 University Terrace.

Welcome back



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TOMMIE FRAZIER runs onto the field at Memorial Stadium Saturday evening before Nebraska's game against the University of Kansas. Frazier, who led the Cornhuskers to two national championships, was honored in a pre-game ceremony in which his jersey was retired.

Stars lose opener, still shine in Lincoln's eyes

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ally are great for just the Stars' first game."

The Lancers brought a large contingent of fans who sat in the north section of the arena. Fans in the general admission seats included Dan Dittman, a UNL sophomore from Omaha.

"I'm from Omaha, but tonight I'm rooting for the Stars," Dittman said.

Many other students from Omaha, who were long-time Lancer fans, were quick to turn on

their old team.

"The Stars are going to catch on quick, it's a lot better than Lancer games," UNL sophomore Kyle Vohl said.

The only complaint was a 15 to 20-minute wait for the men's bathroom.

The long bathroom lines might be a result of the Stars offering six beers on tap at the arena.

"The concessions are great," UNL senior Randy Pusch said. "It's a lot cheaper than I expected. It's great to have this kind of selection. I'll definitely come to another game."

Concession stand worker Jaque Ratliff said beer and hot dogs were the biggest sellers.

"We've been very busy, but customers have been very nice," Ratliff said. "No one's been out of line."

The "Ice Box" is the converted State Fair Coliseum. Game seats allow fans to be close to the action, and provide a good view of the ice, fans said.

"You can really see them hitting each other," Pusch said. "I just wish there would have been a fight tonight."

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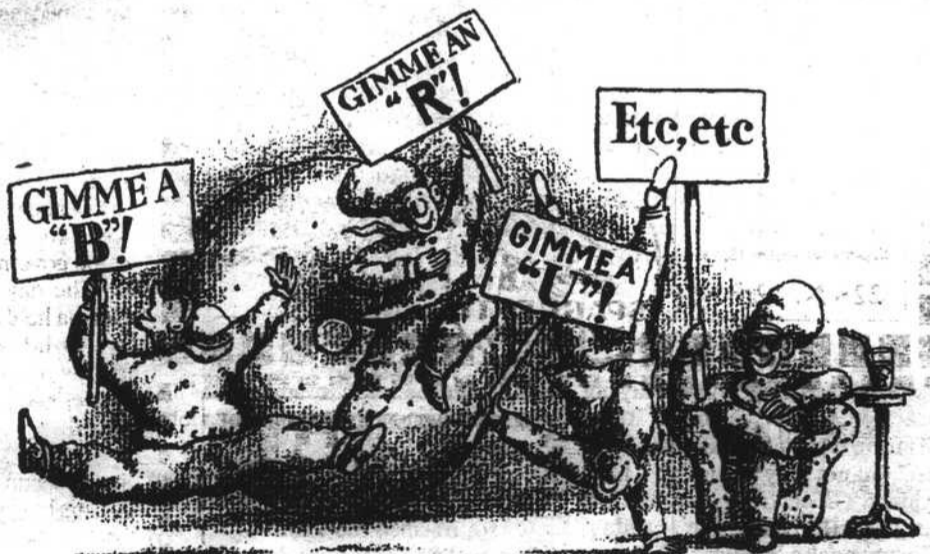
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