Historian traces journey of slaves' escape route

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"I kind of realized what was happening," Cohen said. "They were getting scared. It was the same type of fear that probably entered the minds of slaves many years ago."

Yet it was Cohen who became more familiar with fear during the recreation of "Box" Brown's voy-

But when the ride was finally done with, Cohen said he felt what Henry "Box" Brown might have felt after his 26 hours in a crate.

"I felt for the first time a sense of freedom. For the slaves that must have been the carrot, dangling in front of them for their lives.

Cohen also learned how slaves on the Underground Railroad might

have felt when they escaped on foot. A class of fourth-graders inspired him when one asked if he was scared during his escape.

And while the question was a few generations off, Cohen said it made him wonder what exactly slaves did feel like when they made the trek to freedom.

So Cohen set out on foot and traveled 800 miles from Sandy Spring, Md. to Niagara Falls, Canada, in six weeks.

Cohen said he still encountered bad present-day feelings about sla-

'Why should you feel guilty for something your great-grandparents did?" Cohen asked. "You should work toward the present."

Faculty documents clarified at Academic Senate meeting

By SARAH BAKER Staff Reporter

The wording of documents concerning employee benefits and salary compensation was a topic of lengthy discussion at Tuesday's Academic Senate meeting.

Mathematics Professor Leo Chouinard presented an alternate document to the senate that explained the duties of the Faculty Compensation Committee.

The alternate document created discussion over wording that some senate members believed was unclear. Chouinard said he thought the wording was clear and served the correct

The document says exactly what I want it to say," Chouinard said.

Chouinard changed the document to add the word "compensation" with

any reference to "salary" because compensation includes any other forms of income faculty receive.

The document defined "compensation" as "including salary and those benefits where that faculty member actually receives clear and well-defined monetary value from the ben-

The senators broadened that definition before approving the document.

The senate also discussed a document from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln benefits committee concerning disability leave and parental leave for faculty members.

The senate discussed the specifics of the document and confirmed it applied to single parents as well as homosexual couples who adopt children.

Chancellor James Moeser discost students \$2 per credit hour next presented in February.

Academic Senate

"The fee will generate more than \$1 million and will provide 24-hour computer labs in both Love Library and C.Y. Thompson Library," Moeser

Gail Latta, professor of reference services, reported the status of the post-tenure review committee Moeser appointed. Latta said her committee has met once and is still considering the existing guidelines of the review

The committee will show a draft of the tenure review proposal to the senate next month, she said.

The committee was asked to write a new post-tenure review policy becussed how a student fee will benefit cause the senate was not satisfied with campus technology. The new fee will Moeser's original version, which he

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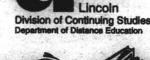
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Senators try amendments to resolve gay-union bill

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— or anyone from whom they received benefits — about the split. The amendment states domestic partnerships would be available on Jan. 1, 1999. Chambers said he had worked on

the amendment with Matt LeMeiux of the Nebraska American Civil Liberties Union, and that some counties had enacted similar resolutions or laws. Sen. Don Wesely of Lincoln said he supported Chambers' amendment.

Wesely said the amendment was a said compromise for those who op-sed the was of gay marriage because can see sognized by the state as

"They don't like the sanctity of marriage being ruined by this act," Wesely said. "I can accept and understand that.

"But to recognize their relationships in law is not going to hurt anybody else."

Chambers said there would be no attempt to require ministers or priests to recognize the contracts.

Sen. Jim Jensen of Omaha, the principal introducer of the bill, op-

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> SEN. DON WESELY Lincoln

posed the amendments, saying those issues should be explored in public hearings before attaching them to bills.

Sen. DiAnna Schimek of Lincoln said there was no rush to decide the issue and suggested an interim study. Jensen said Hawaii may legalize samesex marriages as early as this summer, so the state needed to take action now.

An attempt to invoke closure failed, and the bill was taken off the agenda for the day with no action

Law & Order

ROBBERY/ASSAULT

with three people in jail, a man's cited for resisting arrest and asa female sai clerk being assaulted and a man's wallet being returned to him.

The ordeal started at 10:03 p.m. store at 930 S. 13th St. when a 67year-old man was robbed of his Heermann said.

had his wallet taken and was pushed to the ground.

Standing nearby, Heermann said, was Michael Barrett, 22, of 1149 E St. Barrett chased the two men who had just robbed the man to an apart-took him to jail, they searched him ment complex at 1129 E St.

men, who then threatened to "kick marijuana, less than an ounce. his ass," police reports said. Barrett called police, who came and found two men matching descriptions from the robbery.

Police arrested James Bennett. 28, of 1129 E St. for robbery and Jesse Reams, 45, no address given, for aiding and abetting a felony. Police also recovered the \$89 taken in the robbery.

While arresting Reams, police

reports said he kicked an officer A melee at a 7-Eleven ended just below the knee. He was then

Meanwhile, back at the 7-Eleven, Bennett's roommate, Sammy Brown, went to the conve-Monday outside the convenience nience store. Barrett and the clerk asked him to leave.

Brown then grabbed Barrett's wallet, Lincoln Police Sgt. Ann glasses and threatened to kill the clerk, Heermann said. When Barrett The man was getting in his car went to call police, Brown tried to when he was grabbed from behind, move toward him and ended up assaulting the female clerk, who tried to stop Brown. Brown then threw Barrett's glasses into the street.

Police arrested Brown for assault and vandalism. When they and found a small bag of marijuana. Barrett said something to the He was then cited for possession of

RADAR WATCH

Lincoln police radar units will be on 27th Street from South Street to Old Cheney Road, and on Old Cheney Road from 14th to 27th streets today. Units will be on Calvert Street from 27th to 48th streets and on South Street from 27th to 70th streets.