

## 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 voyage.

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 slavery.

"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 purpose.

"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 benefit."

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 discussed how a student fee will benefit campus technology. The new fee will cost students \$2 per credit hour next

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year. "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 said.

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 process.

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 because the senate was not satisfied with Moeser's original version, which he presented in February.

## 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 LeMeux 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 good compromise for those who opposed the idea of gay marriage because it was not recognized by the state as a contract, not the church.

"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-

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 same-sex 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 taken.

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## Law & Order

A look at crime on campus and in the community

### ROBBERY/ASSAULT

A melee at a 7-Eleven ended with three people in jail, a man's glasses being crushed, a female clerk being assaulted and a man's wallet being returned to him.

The ordeal started at 10:03 p.m. Monday outside the convenience store at 930 S. 13th St. when a 67-year-old man was robbed of his wallet, Lincoln Police Sgt. Ann Heermann said.

The man was getting in his car when he was grabbed from behind, 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 apartment complex at 1129 E St.

Barrett said something to the men, who then threatened to "kick 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 just below the knee. He was then cited for resisting arrest and assaulting a police officer.

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

Brown then grabbed Barrett's glasses and threatened to kill the clerk, Heermann said. When Barrett went to call police, Brown tried to 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 took him to jail, they searched him and found a small bag of marijuana. He was then cited for possession of marijuana, less than an ounce.

### 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.