



The Big Dance begins

The Nebraska women's basketball team starts its run through the NCAA Tournament against Kentucky on Friday night. PAGE 7



Winter games

Part cult following, part theatrical competition, the Nebraska State Winter Charades starts this weekend at the Lincoln Community Playhouse. PAGE 9

No Break from the Blahs

Cloudy, high 33. Snow possible tonight, low 22.

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Parking permit fees may increase by 2004

You will have a better chance of finding a parking spot than you do today.

TAD McDOWELL, director of Parking and Transit Services

By Kelli Lacey, Staff writer

If the proposed site for a new parking garage passes through the NU Board of Regents this coming June, students, faculty members and staff could all pay the price for it.

Although the new garage will offer many more parking spaces at 17th and R streets, the price of a student permit - which currently costs \$81 per year - could increase to \$288 by 2004.

The increase would be more substantial if a faculty or staff member's monthly permit, which now costs \$99, and would be raised to \$396 per

year.

By the year 2001, the first of three newly proposed parking garages will be completed while the building of two more on City Campus and two on East Campus will also begin.

The Parking Master Plan, which was presented to a select group of about 20 students, faculty members and staff Thursday, will replace current student-permit parking lots on both campuses with well-secured, cash-free parking garages designed to alleviate the shortage of parking.

But with the increased price of the permits, more stalls will be available for parking than are now available, said Tad McDowell, director of

Parking and Transit Services.

"You will have a better chance of finding a parking spot than you do today," McDowell said.

The completion date for the project is set for 2004, when approximately 4,000 parking stalls will have been affected.

The first garage will consist of 1,200 stalls and will be available to all faculty members, staff and students. When all three garages on City Campus are finished, the number of stalls lost to the construction will be replaced in the garages.

James Main, assistant vice-chancellor for

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ASSOCIATE CHEMISTRY PROFESSOR PAUL KELTER believes students are not just numbers. Kelter, who won the 1999 Outstanding Teaching and Instructional Creativity Award, said he sees every student as an individual despite his large class sizes. "I just want to share the passion for ideas," Kelter said. "People and ideas, I think that's a wonderful mix."

Professor finds chemistry with students

Editor's note: This is the first of two profiles on UNL professors who were recipients of the Outstanding Teaching and Instructional Creativity Award. Stephen Buhler, associate professor of English, is the other recipient.

By Josh Funk, Senior staff writer

In a setting known for confusion and anonymity, Associate Chemistry Professor Paul Kelter finds a way to reach his students and make them want to learn.

Kelter does his best to make sure the 200-seat lecture halls, on the first floor of Hamilton Hall, where his general chemistry courses are taught, are not foreboding.

With an energetic, roaming style and a passion for both chemistry and teaching, Kelter helps students understand - not just survive - chemistry.

Last week, NU administration recognized Kelter's efforts with one of two Outstanding Teaching and Instructional Creativity Awards.

"I find students wonderfully interesting," Kelter said. "And they have important things to say."

And Kelter's students appreciate his enthusiasm for teaching, said sophomore pre-med major Chris Bristol.

"He cares that you learn and know the information," said Bristol, who took Chemistry 109 with Kelter last semester. "Other teachers just stand up there and lecture."

Kelter, who started his teaching career at a

summer camp while he was in graduate school, is known for his ability to involve students in class discussion.

Kelter said he knows 100 to 125 of the 200 students in each of the two lecture classes he usually teaches.

This semester Kelter is not teaching any classes so he can focus on his research and the three textbooks he is writing.

Research is important to good teaching, Kelter said, because it helps professors stay aware of developments in their field.

"I can't be effective without being involved with the science (of chemistry) and the science of teaching," he said.

After earning his bachelor's degree at City

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Legislature



Bill on lobbying advanced

LB156 would require senators to wait at least one year before they become lobbyists.

By Shane Anthony, Staff writer

Under a bill advanced by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee Thursday, senators who wanted to become lobbyists would have to wait one year.

LB156, introduced by Norfolk Sen. Gene Tyson, would prohibit the governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, state treasurer, auditor of public accounts or senators from becoming a registered lobbyist for one year after leaving office.

Tyson said the bill was not aimed at correcting a problem, but rather at addressing public concerns.

"The point of LB156 is about the appearance of impropriety," he said.

Jack Gould, of Common Cause Nebraska, a watchdog group that backs the bill, said officials were elected to serve, not to be lured away by more lucrative careers as lobbyists.

"They didn't tell their constituencies, 'I will serve until a better job comes along,'" he said.

In his testimony, Gould said two former speakers and a number of other senators had left the Legislature for lobbying jobs. Former Gov. Charles Thone is a lobbyist as well.

One of the former speakers, Ron Withem, is now director of governmental relations for the University of Nebraska. In a phone interview, Withem said he did not have a lot of strong feelings about the legislation. But he was less than supportive.

"Were I still in the Legislature, I would

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