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REFLECTIONS: Josh Nelms watches his fishing lines with his six-week-old puppy at Oak Lake on Monday.

Students, faculty to pay more to park

■ A committee voted to increase prices for permit holders to make up for the money being spent on two new garages.

BY JILL ZEMAN

The new parking garage being built at 17th and R streets, with its 1,700 new parking stalls, sounds like a dream come true for students, faculty and staff constantly hunting for a place to park.

But there's a catch: someone has to pay for it. And those who will have to fork over the cash are parking permit holders, who will pay almost 20 percent more for their permission to park in campus lots come next fall.

The parking advisory committee voted Friday to raise permit prices to help finance the construction of the parking garage at 17th and R streets, as well as a second new garage at 14th and Avery streets.

Costs for student permits rose more than 22 percent for next year.

For a non-reserved student permit — a blue or green tag — students will pay \$198 for nine months, compared to this year's \$162.

A reserved, or yellow, permit will cost \$495 for nine months, compared to this year's \$405.

Costs will jump about 12 percent for non-reserved faculty and staff permits.

An annual non-reserved permit will cost \$300, increased from this year's \$264.

A hike of about 18 percent is in store for reserved faculty and staff permits.

The new rate will be \$780 annually, compared to this year's \$660.

Mike Butterfield, a member of the Parking Advisory Committee, said the group voted 7-1 to approve the new rates.

Butterfield was the lone dissenter and said he didn't think the rates should skyrocket.

Rather, he said the new parking garages should be paid for over a longer term.

"It's not fair to the students now or students in

Through the roof

With an increase in prices for university parking permits, everyone on campus will be shelling out more dough. Prices below reflect the change for a nine-month student permit and an annual faculty/staff permit.

Permit Type	2000-1	2001-2
Faculty/staff non-reserved	\$264.00	\$300.00
Faculty/staff reserved	\$660.00	\$780.00
Student non-reserved	\$162.00	\$198.00
Student reserved	\$405.00	\$495.00
Perimeter	\$72.00	\$90.00

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the next 10 years," Butterfield said.

But there's hope on the horizon, as the 17th and R streets parking garage is set to be completed this summer.

The committee also approved the construction of another parking garage, which will be located between the Campus Recreation Center and Harper-Schramm-Smith Residence Halls.

If approved by the NU Board of Regents, the new parking garage at 14th and Avery streets would be completed by Fall 2003, Butterfield said.

The number of parking stalls still needs to be negotiated, he said.

Joel Schafer, Association of Students of the University of Nebraska president, said he thought the best plan for the university was to go forward with building an additional garage.

Schafer said he remembered when parking costs stayed stable at \$81 a semester.

But because parking costs didn't continually rise, people are forced to pay for it now.

Schafer said it was inevitable that parking prices would go up, and students should be prepared to fork over the money.

"There's a need for parking — we hear that all the time," Schafer said.

But the new parking garages, should aid UNL's parking perils, he said.

"Parking prices have to go up, but it's brutal looking ahead," Schafer said.

"This is just one of those issues where there's not a quick solution if we want to go forward."

Legislature

Bill may ease livestock disease fears

BY GEORGE GREEN

Foot-and-mouth disease has forced farmers across Europe to march hundreds of sheep, pigs and cattle to slaughter.

Stories of financial ruin and emotional drain fill newspaper pages, documenting the horrors of the disease.

One farmer's loss in England reached such titanic proportions that he turned a gun on himself after destroying his animals.

With these tales in mind, the Legislature Monday began beefing up Nebraska's ability to handle livestock diseases.

LB438, introduced by Sen. Merton Dierks of Ewing, would expand the Department of Agriculture's capabilities to deal with outbreaks of livestock diseases such as mad cow and hoof-and-mouth disease.

Lawmakers advanced the bill to the next round of debate by a 33-0 vote.

Dierks said the bill would change Nebraska's agricultural system to a "proactive, not reactive" philosophy.

Specifically, the bill would create new surveillance programs to monitor herds and would register animals that had passed safety inspections.

The bill also charges the Department of Agriculture with developing a crisis plan to deal with dangerous or contagious diseases that might surface in the state.

Sen. Roger Wehrbein of Plattsmouth lauded Dierks' proactive proposal.

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Police lend helping hand to soup kitchen

■ Seven UNL officers helped serve a noon meal at the Matt Talbot Kitchen Thursday.

BY JILL CONNER

Some UNL police officers donned T-shirts and jeans and took a different approach to helping people Thursday.

As a service project, the officers served a hot noon meal at the Matt Talbot Kitchen, 1911 R St.

Sgt. Larry Kalkowski, one of the seven volunteers, said the idea came up at a staff meeting one night when everyone was brainstorming on how to better the community.

"We wanted to get people to know us a little better," Kalkowski said. "Maybe it would make it easier for us and the students on campus."

The officers chose the volunteer at the soup kitchen because it's close to campus and has a definite need for volunteers, he said.

This is the first of a long list of volunteer projects the department has tried, Oestmann said.

As well as securing a monthly date at Matt Talbot, the department is also exploring volunteer options with the Malone Center.

Sgt. Oestmann said the kitchen originally tried to work out a deal where the officers would cook and

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Sgt. Carl Oestmann (left), Officer Mike McConnell and CSO Ron Beatty of the UNL police department serve lunch at Matt Talbot Kitchen Thursday. The officers decided to help out at the kitchen as part of service project to volunteer in the community surrounding the university.

Professor awarded for analyzing journals

Editor's note: The following is the second in a series of three stories about professors who received universitywide awards for Outstanding Research and Creative Activity and Outstanding Teaching and Instructional Creativity.

BY KIMBERLY SWEET

It took Meriwether Lewis and William Clark more than two years to trek across the uncharted territory of the American West in the early 1800s.

Traveling up the Missouri River through the Great Plains and West to meet the Pacific Ocean, it took the explorers 28 months to carry out the charge given to them by President Thomas Jefferson: to journey through the largely unexplored West to find the shortest route to the Pacific Ocean.

But the time it took the two to forge across unknown rivers and mountain ranges was minute compared to the years UNL history pro-

fessor Gary Moulton has spent analyzing the journals the two kept during the trip.

Moulton started the project of analyzing the handwritten diaries, which document scientific findings as well as the ups and downs of the exhausting journey, in 1979.

Twenty-two years later, the last book of the 13-volume collection of the journals is complete and waiting to be published.

Even after years of examining the diaries, Moulton said he didn't get sick of learning about the explorers brave enough to blaze across the continent during the country's early history.

"It's just unendingly interesting," he said. "I'm never really tired of it."

He's consulted with experts in meteorology and entomology. He's talked with botanists and traveled to England to examine specimens detailed in the journals.

"Lewis and Clark took up a lot of

matters," he said. "I needed to go to experts to say, 'What is this bird? What is this plant? What are they describing?'"

The work earned Moulton an Outstanding Research and Creative Activity Award — the University of Nebraska's most prestigious award for research. The award comes with a \$3,000 grant.

James Stubbendieck, director of the Center for Great Plains Studies, said scholars before Moulton had put out copies of the journals of the expedition. But Moulton's editions were the most comprehensive of any that had been published, he said.

Moulton has clarified and corrected errors those before him made in transcribing the journals.

He also has brought in journals from those who accompanied Lewis and Clark on the journey to supplement the editions.

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done before," Stubbendieck said. Moulton has become internationally renowned for his work with the journals and historical editing.

In the book "Undaunted Courage," best-selling author Stephen Ambrose writes that Moulton, as well as three other scholars, "make the rock on which all Lewis and Clark scholarship stands."

Stubbendieck agrees, saying he's had positive reviews flowing in about Moulton's work from as far away as Germany.

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