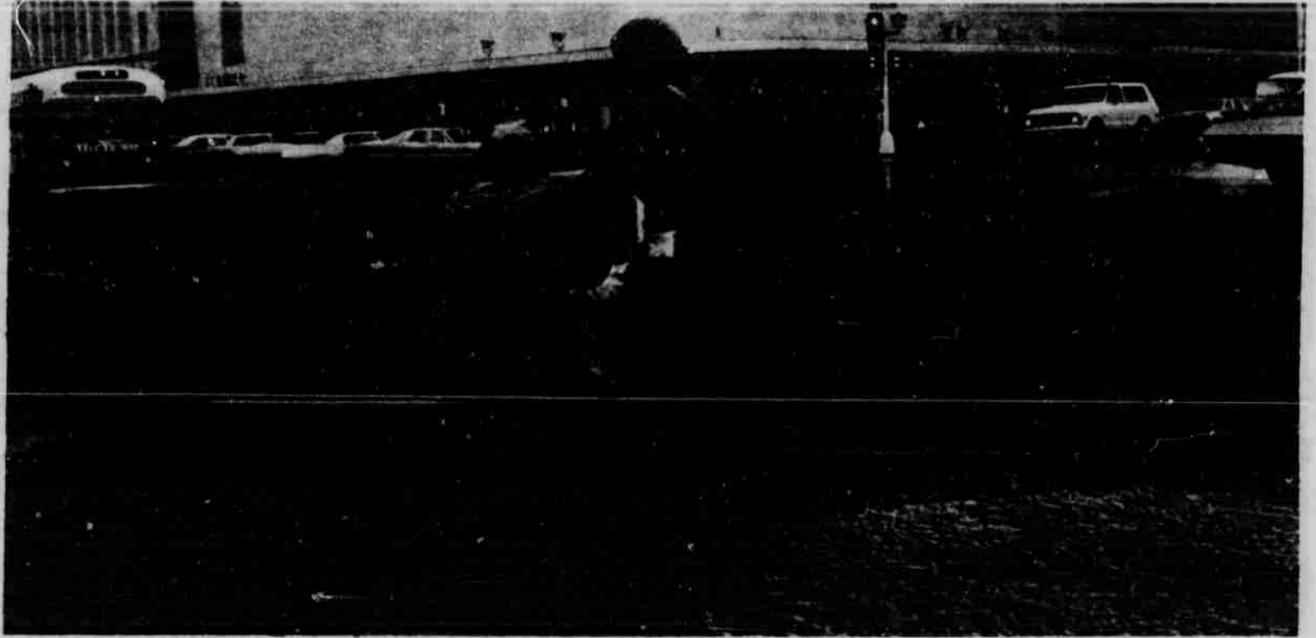


Hats off to the wind

Winter makes a devastating comeback as a hatless policeman does his good deed for the day, bracing a little old lady against the wind.



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Winter does it again (almost)

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Considering the budget, the professorial firings, the Cornhusker basketball team, the student arrests, it has been a bizarre semester.

Thursday's weather—somewhat of a cross between a hurricane, a blizzard and a false alarm—fits the pattern perfectly.

The morning dawned promising, as if the campus was about to be blessed with another spring-like day. Yet the radio continued to warn and warn. Six to 8 inches of snow, extremely high winds, below freezing temperatures. But how easy it was to not believe the weatherman.

By early afternoon, everyone was a believer. By late afternoon the University was dark, locked and shut down.

The late winter storm began streaking across Nebraska with its hurricane-velocity winds early Thursday morning. By a little after noon, the Lincoln airport reported light rain; by 1 p.m. wind-lashed pellets. By midafternoon it was heavy snow whipping out of the north.

The situation outstate was desperate. Chancellor D. B. Varner cancelled a planned visit to Kearney. It was in that town where several hundred school children were stranded in the schools, with no way to get home. A school bus, taking children home from school, was lost somewhere west of Monroe. Harrison, in the far northwest panhandle, had 15 inches of snow.

Lincoln was somewhat better. Schools in the Capital City dismissed early. Winds were in the 40 to 50 mile per hour range, with peak gusts at 60. Electrical service took a beating, particularly in the east part of town. Downed power lines sparked tiny fires at dozens of locations.

On campus, as usual, the electricity was first to go. As always happens during a

period of abnormal weather, the power dimmed, flickered, made a valiant comeback try, dimmed in a final gasp and disappeared.

With only hours remaining before supper, Extension Division Director Gayle B. Childs called off all evening classes. Each department was given the prerogative of sending its workers home, or keeping them on the job.

Despite the lack of electricity, dormitory meals were basically unbothered. The main problem seemed to be washing dishes—all equipment is electric and wouldn't function. In the Cather-Pound cafeteria, students had plenty of food but were limited to one glass. Candlelight was used to prepare the meals.

Elevators caused their usual problems. One girl was trapped in a Pound elevator, but she soon crawled to safety. In Sandoz, a carload of students were caught between floors, but escaped.

The Nebraska Union was closed down. The Daily Nebraskan, forced to leave its basement office when the building closed, was able to publish only a four-page Friday edition.

But lights started to return by 5:50, and despite some flickering, remained on.

Hopes for a Friday vacation from classes were dashed, as the earlier forecasts for six to eight inches of snow were altered bit by bit. President Joseph Soshnik, who has ultimate authority to hold or dismiss classes, announced Thursday night that unless personnel off campus were unable to make the trip to their offices and classes, Friday would go on as scheduled.

The weatherman cooperated by announcing that winds would be gradually dying, and that temperatures would approach the 40's Saturday.

Obviously, it was all in eager anticipation of Monday—the first day of spring 1971.



Any port in a storm

This Airport may be open, but many airports across the state were closed down by Thursday's holocaust.

Making one thing perfectly clear . . .

In response to confusion among ASUN candidates over this year's election rules, the Electoral Commission has issued a statement of clarification.

Informal campaigning, which begins March 21, includes speaking to groups and making personal contacts in support of candidates.

Formal campaigning, starting March 28, allows use of campaign literature (posters, ads, buttons, etc.). Newspaper advertising may not be published before March 28.

Electoral Commissioner Dave Bingham said newspaper articles (excepting ads) do not fall under the Commission's control unless it is proven the press is owned and operated by candidates . . . for campaign purposes."

In order to be a candidate, undergraduate students must be registered for at least 12 hours and graduate students must carry no less than nine hours.

Unicameral advances ADC plan

by JIM PEDERSEN
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The Legislature, after one of this session's most passionate speeches delivered by Sen. Ernie Chambers, gave second round approval Thursday to a bill authorizing added welfare payments for aid to dependent children.

LB 639 was advanced along with LB 639A, an appropriation of \$2.7 million to fund the additional

payments.

Nebraska had been warned by the Federal government that the state had until April 1 to increase ADC maximums or risk losing \$8 million in federal welfare money. The passage of LB 639 would put the state in compliance with federal standards.

Gov. J. J. Exon's budget, however, has no room for an extra \$2.7 million in welfare appropriations. Exon favors the passage of the

authorization bill to order to comply with federal guidelines, but has pledged not to raise his budget. Thus the Legislature faced the paradox of passing a bill for which no money was available.

"This would be the worst hypocrisy in the world," Chambers said. "Sen. (Herb) Nore gets ASCS payments. A lot of farmers get this kind of welfare, but you don't get it

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