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No major problems foreseen in re-accreditation

NU is scheduled for a re-accreditation visit this year by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and should have no trouble getting re-accredited, according to Steven Sample, NU executive vice president for academic affairs.

"I think North Central will be pleased with the university," he said. "I foresee no major problems in being re-accredited."

The university was last visited by North Central in 1971, when its accreditation was provisionally extended for five years.

One reason given for the provisional accreditation was inadequate doctoral programs, a problem Sample said the university has been working to correct.

"Graduate and doctoral programs have been strengthened," he said. "A number of graduate programs have been consolidated, and the focus of several doctoral programs has been narrowed. I think we're in a stronger position than we were in 1971."

Sample said he is more concerned about university programs that are subject to accreditation by various pro-

fessional organizations than with the overall re-accreditation.

Plethora of accrediting groups

"The number of professional accrediting bodies is increasing," he said. "We find ourselves with this plethora of accrediting groups setting ever higher standards independently of each other," he said. "Our problem is trying to keep up."

Sample said the Dental College and the undergraduate programs of the University of Nebraska Medical Center will be evaluated this year by their respective accrediting organizations. The law college was evaluated last spring, he said.

As to the overall university re-accreditation process, the evaluation procedure is broken into two parts. The first consists of a self-study of the institution being re-evaluated system-wide the State University of Nebraska dining team.

Sample said self-studies of five divisions of the university are being done this fall in preparation for visits by North Central accrediting teams. The divisions are UNL, the medical center, the graduate program, which is being

evaluated system-wide. The State University of Nebraska, and the overall NU system.

Graduate program

Graduate course offerings are included and evaluated under their respective divisions. Sample said, while the entire graduation program is evaluated separately.

Sample said UNO has completed and filed its self-evaluation and will be visited by a team from North Central this fall.

The self-studies are being coordinated by Ned Hedges, UNL assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs. Hedges said other parts of the university, including the state museum and the university press, also will be studied.

Hedges said the deadline for the reports is Dec. 1, but said he expects a rough draft of the UNL report will be finished soon after Nov. 1.

The report will be made available to the UNL community for suggested changes or additions before it is sent to North Central, Hedges said.

Although a date has not been set for North Central's UNL visit, Hedges said it would probably be sometime in April.



Happiness is not a warm child. Reality is much harsher at the Lincoln Humane Society animal shelter. See page 14 for story and photos.

Rally opens celebration

A parade and a rally will kick off tonight's homecoming activities.

The rally, sponsored by spirit organizations Tassels and Corn Cobs, will start at 6 p.m. by the east side of Memorial Stadium and march to the south side of the Nebraska Union.

At the Union organizations will give cheers. Cheers will be judged on originality, content and volume in the "Yell Like Hell" pep rally. Pizza will be awarded to the winners.

Members of the UNL football coaching staff and squad will appear at the rally.

Rek-suhn-roc (Cornhusker spelled backwards) will be in the Union from 7:30 tonight until 1 a.m. Fifty cents will admit students to all activities except the "Big Sing" at 7:30 p.m. in the Union Ballroom.

The event will feature the 48-voice Varsity Glee Club, the 30-voice Chorale

and the 60-voice Kansas State University (KSU) Men's Glee Club. Admission will be \$1 for students and \$2 for others.

Rek-suhn-roc activities include a Laurel and Hardy film festival, an Orange Bowl trivia contest with UNL Athletic Director Bob Devaney as quizmaster, a polka band, the Scarlet and Cream Singers, the Tri-Delt Washboard Band and a "Casino Night" sponsored by the Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Association.

Homecoming royalty and the winners of the homecoming display contest will be announced at 9:15 p.m.

Rek-suhn-roc is sponsored by Tassels, Corn Cobs and the Student Alumni Association.

Tassels also have named Saturday "Balloon Day." Tassel members will sell Big Red balloons on campus and near the stadium before the game.

Nebraska plans to continue swine flu inoculations

By Janet Fix

Nebraska plans to continue its program of swine flu inoculation, according to a University Health Center official, despite 24 deaths of persons in other parts of the nation who had been inoculated.

"We have nothing that proves the deaths were caused by the inoculations," Gary Martin, associate health center director, said Thursday.

"The average age of those who died was 72," he added, "and it could be expected that a certain number of those deaths would have occurred whether they received the inoculation or not."

Fee consideration delayed for month

A proposed \$5 student fee increase, originally scheduled to be considered by the NU Board of Regents today, will not be on the agenda.

Ron Gierhan, acting vice chancellor for student affairs, said it was decided Thursday to postpone the matter for a month "so we have more of an opportunity to communicate the idea behind the increase to the students."

The increase was proposed to help pay for the new Nebraska East Union.

"We'll be much better off politically if we take time to do it," he said.

ASUN President Bill Mueller was consulted and "feels the same way," Gierhan said. "We want to be sure the students know why we're proposing the increase."

Gierhan said waiting a month will not change the need for the increase.

"The fee increase is not a debatable topic; whether we have to or don't have to," he said. "According to the wording in the surplus bond fund, if we take money out of the fund, we have to pay it back. I just don't know if the students are generally aware of this."

The month's delay in presenting the proposal to the regents will be used to inform students of the need for the increase, he said.

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"Quite possibly the extra hassle of simply getting up and having to go to the clinic for the inoculation was stress enough on their weak hearts," he said.

The deaths have left many students with questions concerning the inoculation program, Martin said.

To answer those questions, the Student Council on Health and the Union Program Council will present a Swine Flu seminar at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Nebraska Union main lounge.

Dr. Paul Stosez, state director of communicable diseases, will be available to answer questions, Martin said.

Martin also will be present to acquaint students with a campus inoculation program scheduled to begin early in November.

The mass immunization program began two weeks ago with the inoculation of the high risk population (those over 65 or the chronically ill). This group is most

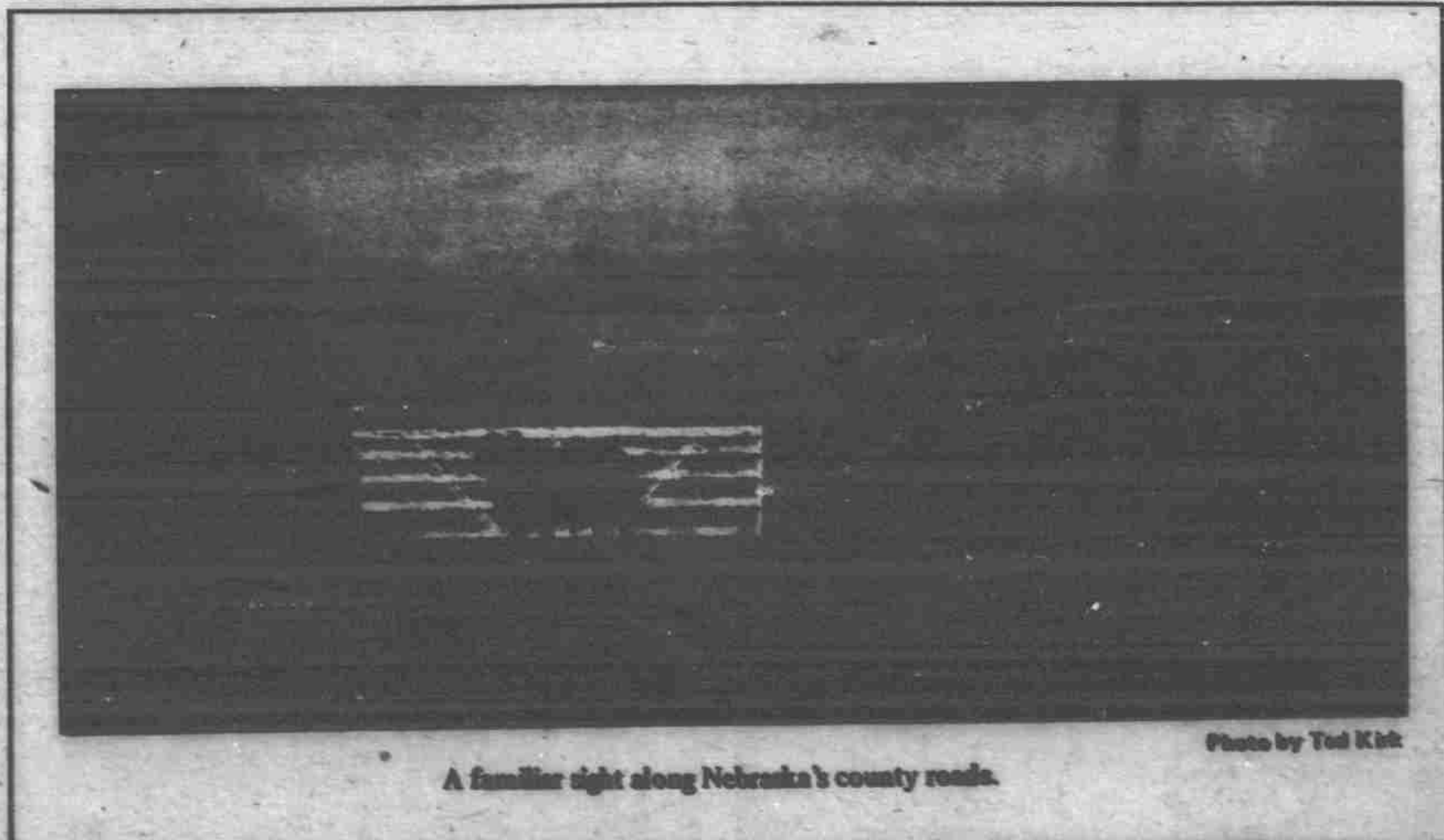
vulnerable to death from swine flu, officials said.

The first of the 24 deaths after the flu inoculation occurred Tuesday in Pittsburgh, when three residents, all more than 70-years-old with histories of heart or lung trouble, died after receiving the flu shots.

Two additional deaths occurred elsewhere in Pennsylvania, and one in Florida. All of these inoculated were reported as receiving shots from one particular lot of vaccine.

Eighteen other deaths were reported in Michigan, North Carolina, Oklahoma City, Kansas, Texas, Tennessee, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Ohio. Reports said those persons were vaccinated with a different lot of vaccine.

As a result of the deaths, clinics in some states have halted inoculations until they receive assurance from government officials.



A familiar sight along Nebraska's county roads.

Photo by Ted Kist