

Russian flu found at UNL

Two cases of Russian flu at UNL have been confirmed by the Nebraska Center for Disease Control.

One male and one female student were diagnosed at the University Health Center as having the A/U.S.S.R. strain of the flu. Dr. Garland Bare, chief of staff at the University Health Center, said these are the first confirmed cases he knew of in Nebraska.

The nurses in Infectious Control at Bryan Memorial and Lincoln General Hospitals said no cases have been con-

firmed by them, but they were testing for it.

Bare said the health center saw the students Feb. 9 and Feb. 13, but because it takes two weeks to obtain virus studies results, the flu has just been confirmed as Russian.

The Russian flu struck during what Bare called the second peak of flu this winter. The first peak was Jan. 20, and all cases were confirmed as A/Texas, he said.

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Masked Iranian students to demonstrate Thursday

By Mary Fastenau

Ripples of the political discontent in Iran may be seen at UNL in a demonstration by Iranian students March 2.

According to one UNL Iranian student, who refused to be identified, the demonstration will begin at 11 a.m. in front of the Nebraska Union. He said the students will walk on campus carrying signs and then go downtown where they will demonstrate for about two hours.

The student said he expects at least 50 participants. The demonstrators will wear masks for security reasons, the student explained.

Political discontent in Iran has been building since November 1977 when the shah, Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, announced his plans to visit the United States, the student said.

Discontent grew when President Carter visited Iran New Year's Day and the shah lined the streets of Tehran, capital of Iran, with armed police, the student explained.

He said Carter did not see the "ordinary people" of the country but saw people who "were paid to say, 'Welcome Carter'."

The shooting of about 500 people in Tehran and about 200 people in Qum, another city in Iran, peaked the discontent, the student explained.

In Qum, the student said, the government refused to give the bodies of the dead to the families. There were over 500 people injured who were taken to other cities to be treated, he said.

He said the media in Iran is controlled by the government which unsuccessfully tried to keep the shootings quiet. After the uprising in Qum, he said, the business districts in five cities went on strike to protest the shootings. Some "progressive" clergy went on a week-long strike and colleges

and universities were shut down to protest the "cold-blooded" slaughter."

He said he has contacted his family since the shootings, but since the government monitors phone calls they do not talk about politics.

By the way his family talks, he said he can tell they do not feel safe. They also do not want him or his brother who is also a UNL student, to be active in the protest, he added.

He said phone calls usually are full of comments such as, "Be a good boy."

The student said few American students ask what is happening in Iran. He said he would be "really happy" to explain the situation, but no one asks him.

"Most of the people do not care," he said. "Why should they care about my country?"

Most people know Iran is buying weapons, the student said, but they do not know the shah is using "weapons and guns as playthings" he added.

"All they know is what they watch on '60 Minutes,'" he said.

The student said the Iranian Students Association of the United States sent a pamphlet to all Iranian student organizations. All organizations are to demonstrate March 2, he explained.

March 2 is the anniversary of one-party rule in Iran, he said. There were two political parties in the government until the shah decided it would work better with one, the student said.

To establish one party, the shah said God had come to him in a dream and said it would be more beneficial for the people if there was only one party, the student said.

He said the shah mixes politics and religion when he wants to change something in the government, claiming his decision is based on dreams from God.

Parking coordinator resigns

John Duve, UNL parking coordinator, has submitted his resignation, effective June 30, to University Police Chief Gail Gade.

Both Gade and Duve refused to reveal or comment on the contents of the resignation, submitted about a week ago.

"That information is personal," said Duve. "I don't know that my personal employment is of interest to anyone but myself."

Gade said he would not comment on the resignation because he has not "made any official move to accept it."

"This is still up in the air," he said.

"Both John (Duve) and I feel that this is not something to be made an issue of. People in other departments resign all the time."

Duve has worked with the University Police since September 1971. He has been parking coordinator for about four years, Gade said.



Photo by Mark Billingsley

John Duve, University Police parking coordinator

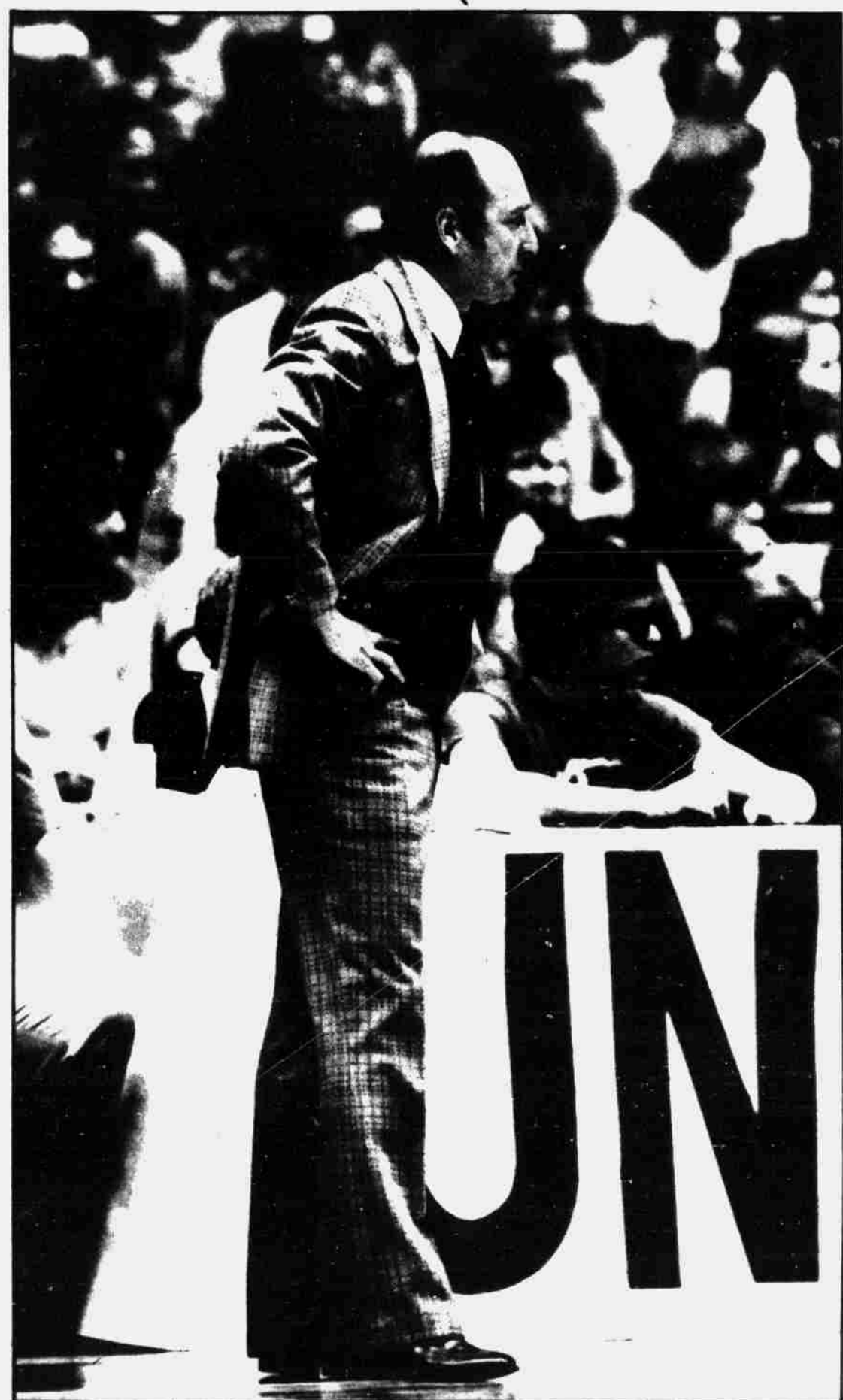


Photo by Ted Kirk

With a profile that is quickly becoming as famous as Abraham Lincoln's, head basketball coach Joe Cipriano gazes blankly at the court during last night's Big Eight playoff game. Cipriano's gaze changed to a smile as the Huskers scored a 71-63 victory. For more on the game see page 10.

Legislature committee cuts NU budget

NU will not receive money from the state for construction, major renovations or a new computer center, according to Nebraska Legislature Appropriations Committee Chairman, Jerome Warner.

"We're out of money," was Warner's explanation.

NU Administration Vice President William Erskine said the university asked the Appropriations Committee for funds to purchase and remodel the Lincoln Elks Lodge for a central computer center for a fraction of the cost of constructing a new building.

Erskine said if the Legislature does not appropriate money to buy and renovate the Elks Lodge, the proposed new comput-

er center will have to wait. There is not sufficient money generated within the university to fund the project, Erskine said.

The committee's total recommended budget for the three campuses is \$107.8 million. The figure is \$6.4 million less than the university requested - but \$127,952 more than Governor J. James Exon recommended.

Included in the proposed \$107.8 million budget is \$250,000 which the committee is considering giving to the NU Board of Regents to do with as they wish.

The proposal also includes a 6.5 percent salary increase for NU faculty and staff. The university administration requested a

9 percent increase for faculty and 7 percent increase for other staff members.

The legislative committee has not yet decided how much will be allotted to each campus.

The NU budget proposal includes:

- \$1,861,996 for increased costs at the NU Medical Center;
- \$198,884 for the libraries;
- \$409,133 for the Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources; and
- \$189,108 for maintenance of new buildings.

Warner said the Committee could change the proposal before the budget is sent to the floor of the Legislature.

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