

General registration later next semester

By Mary Kay Wayman

Because UNL will be shut down for a two week semester break, general registration will be later this year and could cause some "minor, not major" inconveniences, said the Dean of Academic Services.

Gerald Bowker said general registration is usually held on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday preceding classes. "There's no way we can have general registration on those three days now," he said. "It would be a physical impossibility to set up."

General registration will be Friday, Jan. 11, Saturday, Jan. 12, and Monday, Jan. 14, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bowker said it usually takes five days to organize general registration. The campus will not open for second semester until Monday, Jan. 7.

"There are about 400,000 cards that have to be prepared," he said. "It's normally a five-day process to get them all sorted and set up."

"It could be very inconvenient for people and we don't want it to be," Bowker said. "I'd hate to have someone come here on Friday and find out we can't help them until Monday."

Bowker said registration on the first day of classes could cause problems when students attend classes they are not officially registered for.

"We want to encourage students to early register," he said. "If we can get students to early register that will help us."

Bowker said 3,000 students normally go through general registration during the three-day period.

"If we can cut that number down by one or two thousand we hopefully can handle it on the first two days," he said.

Each semester 85 percent of UNL students early register, he said, adding that no more than usual have pre-registered so far this semester.

Early registration for next semester ends Friday, Nov. 16.

He said a "really key group" he would encourage to early register are the "about 2,000" graduate students who usually go through general registration.

Another group which might run into problems caused by the two-week shut-down could be new students,

Bowker said. If they haven't registered by Dec. 14, he said, they could be stopped until Monday of general registration.

The Dec. 14 "deadline date" should be observed by other students as well, he said. Some students have holds on their registration, he said, for reasons such as unpaid library fines, parking tickets or non-payment of tuition. If these holds are not cleared by Dec. 14, the students will have to wait until Monday to register, he said.

"Students that have special concerns related to the registration process ought to check early on it before they go home," Bowker said, adding that this includes students who wish copies of transcripts, grades, or who have applied for financial aid.

Bowker said the schedule changes will not affect a large number of students.

"Only 3,000 out of 20,000 students will be affected by this," he said.

"It's not a crisis but we'd like the students to think ahead. If they come Dec. 21, we're not going to be here," he said.

Some students call takeover barbaric

By Wayde Wrich

The takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Iran is considered barbaric by three UNL Iranian students who expressed a differing viewpoint from the students' opinions that appeared in Wednesday's Daily Nebraskan.

Kian Aflatooni, Ali Shadlu, and Mehrdad Shahabi said, "The Shah committed lot of crimes and killed a lot of people but the problems should be talked out between governments."

A handful of UNL students gathered on the north steps of the state capitol Thursday to protest the holding of U.S. hostages in Iran. Page 6.

The students said Iran should worry about its own problems. "The Shah is out, that is what we wanted," they said. "So now they should forget about him and try to rebuild the country."

The students said one of the major problems with Iran is its concern with the past. "The present government always sticks to the past, when they should look in the future."

Aflatooni, Shadlu and Shahabi said they have much respect for Khomeini. "He was the leader of our revolution, but he is a religious leader not a political leader," they said. "And everybody knows religion and politics don't mix."

The three students said they cannot blame the United States for their hatred of the Iranians. "If the tables were turned, we would have the same feelings," they said.

United Press International has reported protests by Iranian students in Houston, Kalamazoo, Mich., Columbus, Ohio, San Francisco and Philadelphia.

UPI also reported that some Washington Congressmen urged the government to deport all Iranian students from the United States.

Rep. Tom Evans, R-Del., said any Iranian student who takes part in a "violent demonstration" should be "put on the first boat back home."

Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., said on the Senate floor Tuesday the United States should deport the Iranian students and his call was endorsed at that time by Sen. Howard Cannon, R-Nev.

Aflatooni, Shadlu and Shahabi said they are happy to be in the United States. "We would not be here if we didn't want to," they said. "We hope we can learn about your culture and hope that you can learn something about our culture."

With nearly 60,000 students in the United States, Iranians constitute the largest bloc of foreign students in America.

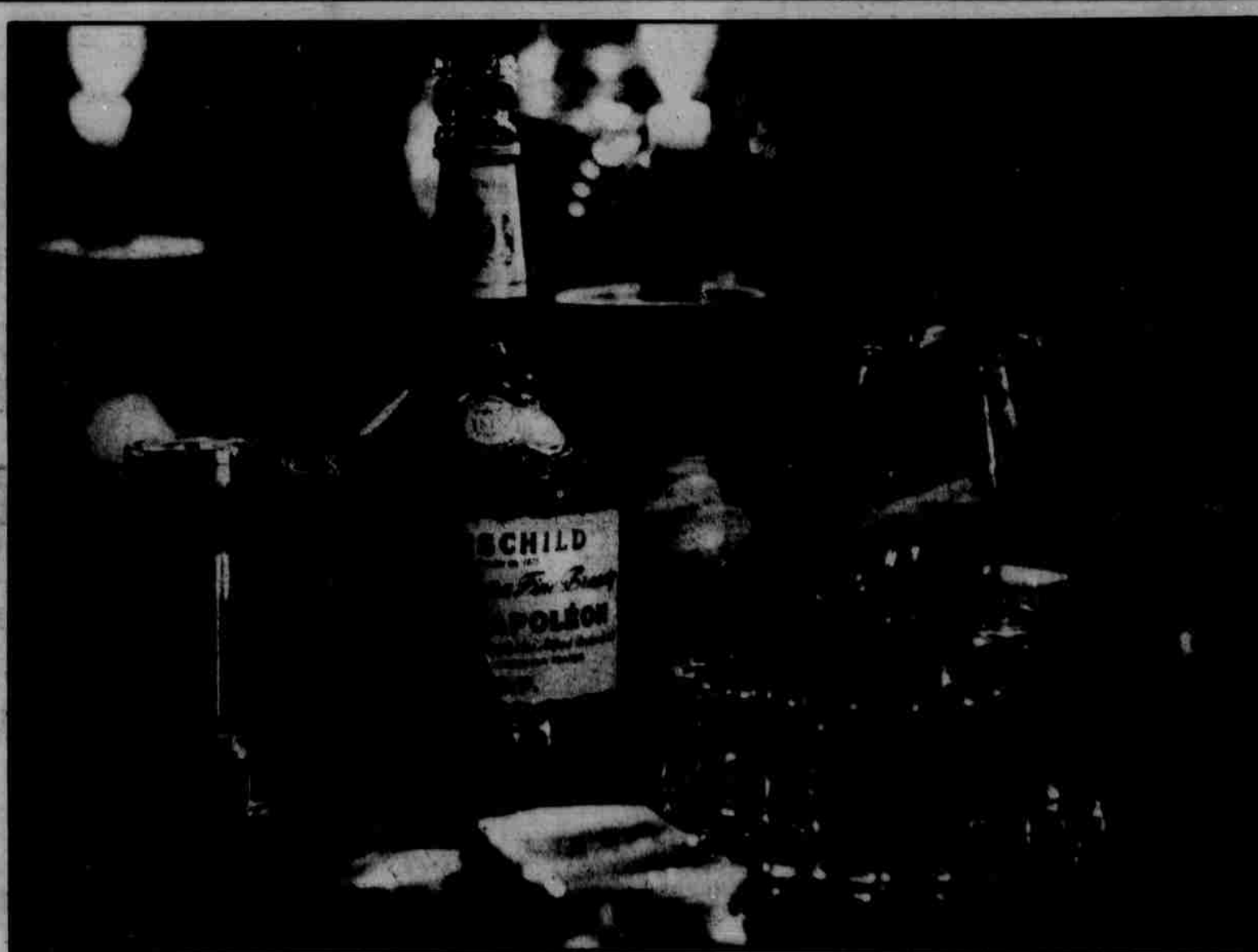


Photo by Maggie Golon

Alcoholism

The picture is not new nor are the controversies that surround it. Today's issue of Fathom, the Daily Nebraskan magazine supplement, looks at a familiar problem from some new perspectives. Stories deal with alcohol, its use, abuse and status on the UNL campus.

Bulletin board arsonist(s) sought

By Betsie Ammons

A University Police representative said Thursday that there are no leads in four apparently related arson incidents occurring at Oldfather Hall earlier this week and in October.

Police Investigator Robert Fey said each incident involved the burning of bulletin boards on first floor Oldfather Hall.

According to police records, the first reported fire occurred Oct. 10 between 12 and 1 p.m. Fey said the person who submitted the first report also said a similar incident happened about a week and a half earlier, but was not reported to the police.

The other reported incidents took place Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Reports said the Tuesday fire could have been ignited anytime between 12:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.

The Wednesday report, submitted at 5:50 p.m., said a bulletin board was burned between 8:30 a.m. and 9:05 a.m. that day. It was discovered in the southwest corner of the first floor by a student going to class at 9 a.m.

Police took photographs of that board and kept two matches as evidence, Fey said.

In each incident, he said, the culprit set fire to announcements hanging from the boards, resulting in heavy damage to the cork center and slight damage to the board's wooden frame.

No suspects or witnesses have been traced to any fire,

he said, but added that he thinks only one or two persons were involved.

Damage to each bulletin board is estimated at between \$20 and \$90, depending on which parts were burned, Fey said.

The incidents will be treated as arson, not vandalism, Fey said.

"This isn't just petty vandalism, as some people think," he said. "We're dealing with someone who intentionally started a fire."

Fey said he thinks the person or persons who started the fires had one of two motives.

It may have been a spontaneous error in judgment, he said, or someone taking out frustrations at professors, tests or inanimate objects on the building.

Fey also said he doubts that this is some sort of group prank, committed for fun.

He said the penalty for arson depends on the degree of the crime. In his opinion, he said, these incidents qualify as 3rd degree arson, involving damage to property.

The maximum penalty for 3rd degree arson is 5 years in prison, a \$10,000 fine, or both, he said.

University Police are conducting an active investigation into the fires, Fey said. Although presently there are no leads, he said there is still the possibility of someone becoming angered if the incidents continue.

Anyone who has any information about the fires is asked to contact the University Police Department at Avery Ave. north of Memorial Stadium.

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