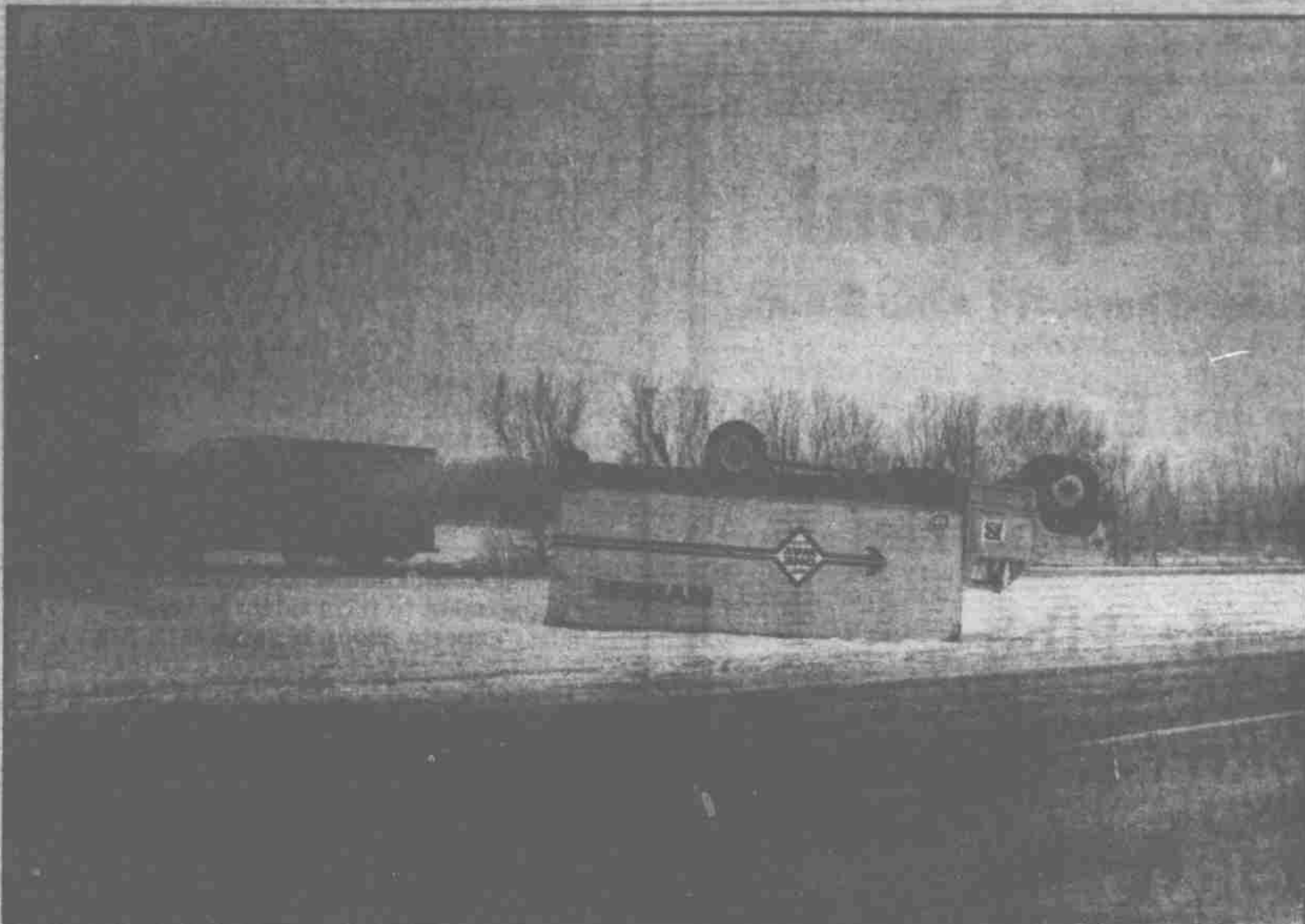


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Dad Gummy

Icy roads, snow, high winds and low visibility made for hazardous traveling conditions Monday morning. This truck, just east of Grand Island on I-80, was one of many that did not reach its destination.

UNL to 'button up' buildings against cold

By Jim Berryman

Cold temperatures and a bleak winter outlook have prompted UNL energy officials to take steps to make campus buildings more energy efficient.

Officials in the departments of housing, energy, utilities and the Physical Plant are working continuously to make UNL as energy tight as possible, said Jim Hines, manager of the Physical Plant.

Some major energy saving projects have been started and others are scheduled to begin in the near future, Hines said. Currently, a microprocessor at the UNL Physical Plant monitors the energy consumption of 30 UNL buildings, and can automatically start fans before students arrive at classrooms in the morning and reduce heat in buildings when

they are vacant overnight. Hines said buildings not connected with the computer are monitored seasonally.

Energy-efficient windows, similar to those in Burnett hall, will soon be installed in Miller hall and the Biochemistry building on East Campus. On the City Campus, Lyman Hall and the Military and Naval Science Building will get new windows.

Window and glass areas in buildings have been replaced by installing insulation panels and inefficient roofs are being replaced or insulated, Hines said.

Residence halls also are being modified to help make them more energy efficient, said Glen Schumann, assistant director of housing for maintenance operations.

The 51-year-old windows in Niehardt Residence Center will be replaced with new, aluminum-framed windows this spring, Schumann said. The new windows will cost \$150,000, he said, and will pay for themselves in energy savings in about 20 years.

He said roofs of residence halls have been insulated with urethane foam and some glass areas are being bricked up to avoid heat loss.

Another major project recently completed is the conversion of hand valves, which control steam input in rooms, to thermostats in Selleck Quadrangle. Schumann said the thermostats are easier to regulate and more energy efficient. Last year, he said many Selleck windows were open during winter weather because the temperatures inside were unacceptably hot because of the hand valves.

Other energy-saving projects include low-wattage fluorescent lighting, using insulated drapes in rooms, recycling air in buildings and installing vestibules (an extra set of doors that traps cold air) in some residence halls, Schumann said.

Initiating energy saving projects is a direct result of the rising cost of energy, Gary Thalken, an energy analyst for the department of utilities said. For the 1982-83 school year, more than \$5 million was spent for energy at UNL, which includes electricity, natural gas and fuel oil costs, Thalken said. The \$5 million figure includes the summer cooling season, but heating costs made up a substantial portion of the figure, he said.

Although energy costs are rising energy consumption at UNL is down, Vern Trout, manager of utilities said.

"For an eight-year period since 1972-73, we've reduced total energy consumption by over 50 percent," Trout said.

"We are dedicated to saving energy," Trout said. "And I think we've done a good job when we're using 50 percent of the energy that we did in the past."

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Conflict escalates in war-torn Lebanon; Airman held prisoner

From the Reuter News Report

BEIRUT — A huge car bomb exploded in a densely populated Moslem area of Beirut Monday as Syria and the Soviet Union reacted fiercely to yesterday's U.S. air strike against Syrian Army bases in Lebanon's central mountains and the United States described it as self-defense.

United Nations secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar called for a complete halt to the fighting to ward off a major conflict.

Administration officials in Washington, meanwhile, said the latest Syrian strike Saturday and American response Sunday had moved both sides closer to an all-out war, a development President Reagan has said he does not want.

Secretary of State Caspar Weinberger said in Brussels Monday that new ways were being sought to safeguard the Marines, including relocating them away from Beirut airport.

State-run Beirut Radio said up to 14 people were killed and more than 80 wounded by the blast in the south of the city. A group demanding that Syrian forces pull out before Israeli troops leave was reported to have claimed responsibility.

Washington called on Syria to return captured American pilot Robert Goodman, but a senior military source in Damascus said Syria was demanding that U.S. forces leave Lebanon before it handed him back. Goodman was seized after his plane was downed in Sunday's attack by carrier-based bombers.

The Damascus source added that Syria would continue to fire on U.S. reconnaissance planes flying over its bases in Lebanon. The Americans have threatened fresh air attacks if that happens.

In Moscow, the U.S. strike was condemned as barbarous banditry. Soviet Armed Forces Chief Nikolai Ogarkov and Kremlin spokesman Leonid Zamyatin both criticized the raid at a news conference.

In Jerusalem, meanwhile, the Israeli government faced increasing public concern that strategic cooperation with the United States, an unwritten pact negotiated in Washington last week, could lead to another Middle East war.

The eight U.S. Marines who died near Beirut airport Sunday night had left their bunkers and moved into a fighting position designed for only four men, Marine commander Brig. Gen. James Joy said Monday.

The general told a news conference at Marine headquarters in Beirut that a single 120 mm mortar round scored a direct hit and killed all eight. It also wounded two Marines.

Lt. Col. Ray Smith, the battalion commander, added "They felt it was the thing to do. I wish now they hadn't, but I certainly don't fault them for doing it."

By wings or by wheels, migration to Miami near

By James A. Fussell

What could possibly cause thousands of Nebraskans to leave their winter paradise and head for sunny Florida? Good ole grapefruit? Anita Bryant singing a duet with Flipper? Hardly! It's the 50th Anniversary Orange Bowl game pitting Nebraska against the University of Miami.

Miami, of course, has built-in fans, Nebraska has to import theirs. They will journey in a mass exodus of red, 12,500 strong. They will go in cars, in buses, on planes, in vans; they will go alone, in pairs, in groups, in crowds. They have as many ways to get to Miami as the Huskers have to cross the goal line.

One way to Miami is through a travel agency. An agent can arrange a variety of services for the loyal fan, from tickets to lodging. A survey of Lincoln travel agencies shows their major emphasis is on "package" air tours. In these tours, which cost an average of \$700 per person, the fan flies down on Dec. 29 or 30, stays in a nice hotel in Miami Beach, perhaps goes to Disney World or Epcot Center, goes to the game and flies home on Jan. 4.

Trips that do not offer the side excursions to Disney World and Epcot are more affordable. According to travel agents, they are still available, but in limited numbers. Prices differ depending on where you stay. Obviously a mom-and-pop motel won't cost as much as the Fountainbleau Hilton. The no-frills air trips that offer three nights in a pleasant hotel on the beach are the least expensive. They're also sold out. If you don't want a package trip, plane tickets to Miami costs approximately \$400.

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