

# UNL considers measles immunization plan

By Sandi Witkovicz  
Staff Reporter

The University Health center is working toward establishing a plan that will ensure that most UNL students are immune to measles, said Dr. Gerald Fleischli, medical director for the health center.

Using results from a blood sample survey of 65 students, Fleischli estimated that about 88 percent of the students are immune. Nonetheless, Christine Newlon, a registered nurse and immunization program coordinator for the Nebraska Department of Health, said there have been measles epidemics when immunity protection levels exceeded 90 percent.

Fleischli said he hopes to establish a plan that will require all incoming freshmen to show evidence of immunity or be vaccinated. After four years, he said, the health center would be reasonably certain that most UNL students are immune. The health center must be prepared to waive the requirement for students who refuse vaccination for religious reasons, he said.

New students will be asked to complete a confidential medical history report, Fleischli said.

If students can give the month and year of their immunization, the health center will accept that statement as proof of immunization.

Fleischli said he hopes plans can be made this semester to match students'

measles immunization information with registration records to create a list of non-vaccinated students.

The practical point of immunization, he said, is that students won't have to worry about getting the illness during mid-terms or finals and possibly losing a semester's credit.

The measles usually last two to three weeks, and complications from them can cause brain inflammation, deafness and death, Fleischli said.

According to a Centers For Disease Control Morbidity and Mortality weekly report, three deaths related to respiratory complications of measles occurred among students and residents of Principia College, a Christian Science College in Illinois.

Between Jan. 15 and March 10, 128 cases of measles were reported at the college.

To avoid a similar epidemic at UNL, Fleischli said, he envisions a plan allowing students free vaccinations during a certain period. Those who refuse immunization during this or other times may be penalized, Fleischli said.

be like banning attendance at NU football or basketball games, she said.

Indiana University, about the size of NU, had an outbreak in 1983 and the cost to control it was \$225,000, Newlon said.

When an epidemic occurs, Fleischli said, it is hard to get to do mass immunizations, he said.

Instead of having to implement costly, reactionary plans, health departments, colleges and universities nationwide are working toward immunization plans that will ensure students are protected.

Currently, there is a gap in the immunized population. That gap includes students now at the college level, Newlon said.

The gap is due in part to ineffective vaccinations. Measles vaccines were introduced in the mid-60s, but many of them failed to give permanent protection, she said. In the late '60s a live-virus vaccine was introduced that gives permanent protection.

Later, it also was found that vaccinations given before a child's first birthday were not as effective as those received after the first year, Newlon said.

According to the report, there is a 5 percent to 15 percent level of susceptibility among college-aged individuals in the United States.

"Since college students tend to congregate in large numbers," the report said, "this susceptibility level may allow for substantial measles transmission."

## In a blood-sample survey of 65 UNL students, only 88 percent were immune to measles.

— Dr. Gerald Fleischli  
University Health Center

Before a final plan is established, Fleischli said, he expects to talk with the health center's student advisory board. Students who have comments about the plan are encouraged to contact Fleischli or Linda Rizzi, nursing director at the health center, he said. The final plan and its penalties also will need university administration approval, Fleischli said.

The financial ramifications of controlling a measles epidemic are considerable, Newlon said.

In efforts to control a major outbreak at Boston University this spring, spectators were banned from events such as hockey games, Newlon said. This would

# Psst, wanna buy the Atrium?

By Michael Hooper  
Staff Reporter

Instead of owning Boardwalk and Park Place, how about the Centrum shopping plaza and the Atrium shopping mall?

With the Lincoln version of "Tycoon," a Monopoly-like game marketed by the Lincoln Jaycees, players buy and sell Lincoln businesses, said Jim Vanderslice, a member of the Jaycees' board of directors.

Tycoon has been personalized for several cities by the game's promoter, Chris Brewer, a Jaycee from Pennsylvania, Vanderslice said.

Lincoln Jaycees are selling two editions of Tycoon, he said. The first edition, which costs \$10, is expected to be ready by mid-September, and the second by Christmas.

This summer, Vanderslice said the Jaycees promised that the first 500 people who ordered the first edition would have their families' names printed on the game boards.

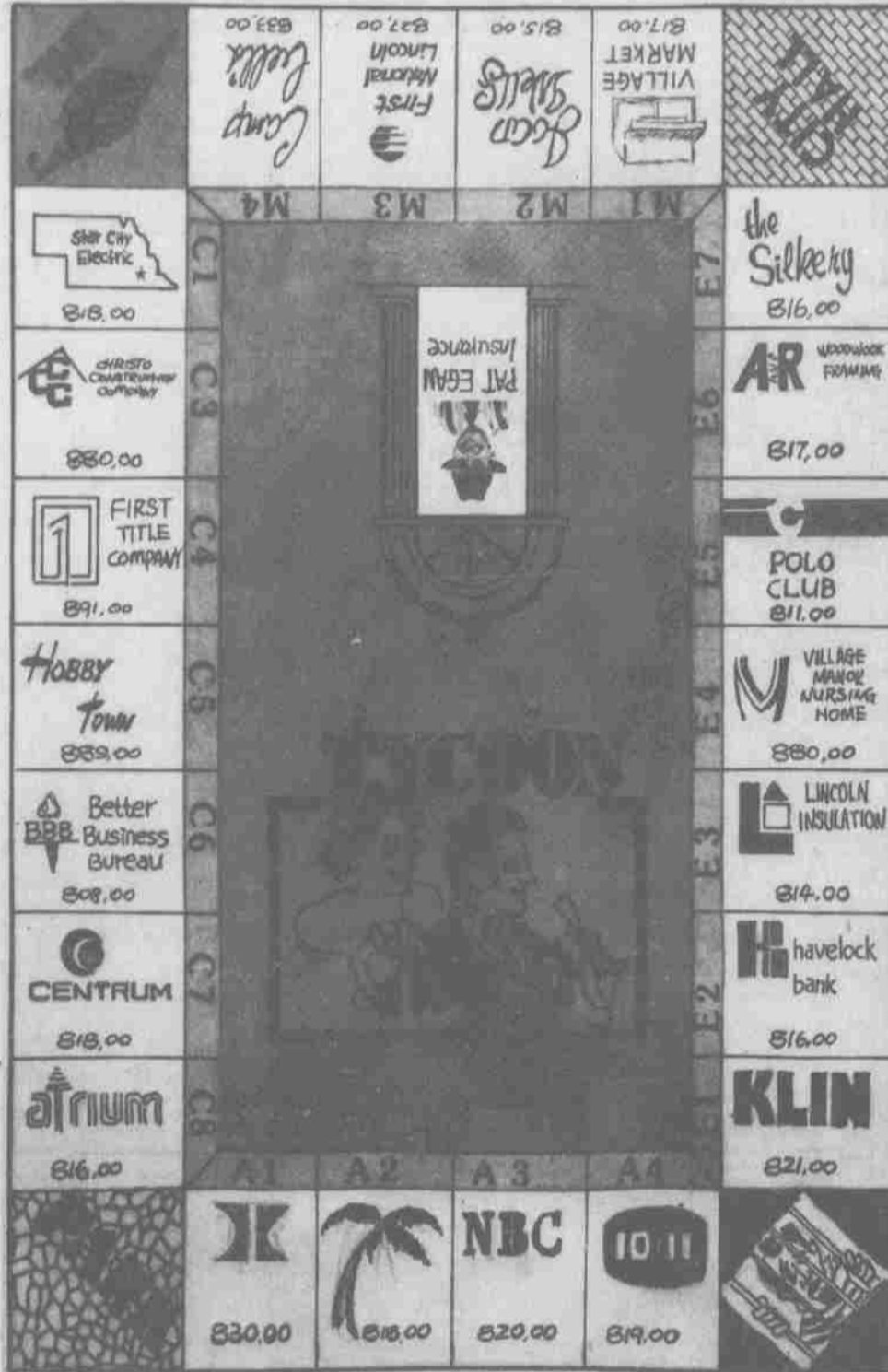
"It became apparent that we were selling the game because people wanted their names put on it," Vanderslice said.

So the Jaycees decided to print the second edition. People can get their names printed on the second edition's board if they order the game soon.

Both editions have the same businesses and industries on the playing boards.

The Lincoln version of Tycoon has two sides. Players can use either one. When Jaycees were selling advertising for the playing board, Vanderslice said, the response was so good that they decided to put business names on both sides of the board. The game includes 70 Lincoln businesses and industries.

Tycoon is played like Monopoly, with one exception. Before each turn, players have a chance to bet on the stock market. They can make an investment, roll the dice and, if they get the right number, they get a return on their investment. The risk of a return depends on the type of investment.



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## Police Report

The following incidents were reported to the UNL police between 1 a.m. and 6:27 p.m. Tuesday.

1 a.m. — Vandalism reported at Pound Hall.

8 a.m. — Money reported stolen from Agricultural Biochemistry Lab on East Campus.

9:30 a.m. — Money reported stolen from the Wellton Annex of McCollum Hall on East Campus.

10 a.m. — Money reported stolen from McCollum Hall on East Campus.

10:34 a.m. — Stereo equipment reported stolen from a vehicle in the metered parking lot near 13th and U streets.

1 p.m. — Computer equipment reported stolen from Bancroft Hall.

3:35 p.m. — Stereo equipment reported stolen from a vehicle in Parking Area 1 near 17th and R streets.

4:22 p.m. — Stereo equipment reported stolen from a vehicle in Parking Area 1 near 17th and R streets.

4:43 p.m. — Person reported to be trespassing at Selleck Quadrangle.

5:25 p.m. — Person on a bicycle reported injured at 17th and R streets.

6:27 p.m. — Bicycle reported stolen from west of Selleck Quadrangle.

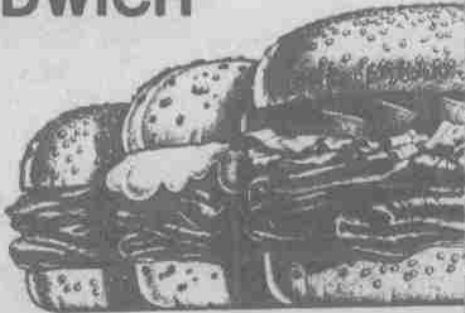
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