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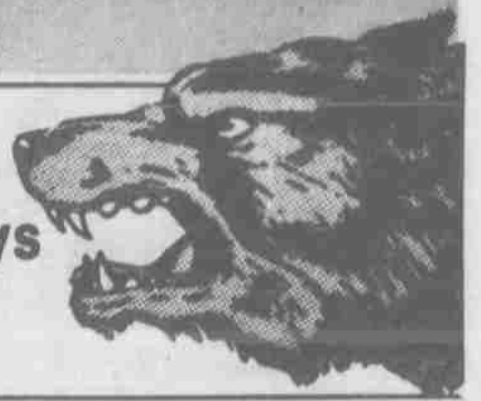
Partly cloudy and warmer today. South winds 5-15 mph with a high of 65. Clear and cool tonight. Low of 40. Sunny and pleasant for Thursday with a high of 70.

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Liquor store owners hope for stable sales after new excise tax

By Karen Shoemaker
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With the new federal excise tax in effect, local liquor dealers have no doubt that alcohol prices will rise — the remaining question is how deep students will have to dig into their pockets when they go out for a night on the town.

Local liquor store owners say the tax increase effective Tuesday, will cause a noticeable increase in prices of hard liquor but only a minor change in prices of wine and beer.

Students who frequent Lincoln bars also will be affected by the increase, some managers of local bars say.

Dale Abel, the manager of N Street Drive-In said: "Right now people are stocking up so effects won't be known for quite awhile. We can only pray it won't hurt too bad."

The federal tax was increased 19 percent on distilled spirits, which raises the tax from \$10.50 to \$12.50 per gallon of alcohol.

Increases at the state level include a 5 percent increase on distilled spirits, from \$2.75 to \$2.90 per gallon; an 8 percent increase on fortified wine, from \$1.25 to \$1.35 per gallon; a 15 percent increase on light wine, from 65 cents to 75 cents per gallon, and a 43 percent increase on beer, from 14 cents to 20 cents per gallon.

Abel said the prices at N Street Drive-In, 19th and N streets, will rise an

average of \$1 to \$2 a bottle on larger sizes. Beer prices could increase about 20 cents a six-pack, he said.

Daryl Bahm, part-owner and manager of Herm's Liquor Store, 1644 P St., said he will raise prices on hard liquor by about 10 percent. Beer prices probably will increase about 5 cents a six-pack, he said.

Drink prices at bars also might increase.

Brady Wiebeck, assistant manager at Chesterfield, Bottomsley & Potts, 245 N. 13th St., said prices would rise only about 5 cents a drink, if at all.

"I think the first thing we'll do is to wait and see what other bars will do," he said. The tax increase won't change Chesterfield's drink specials or beer prices, he said.

PO Pears, 322 S. Ninth St., might raise mixed drink prices but not beer prices, said Kirk Welsh, a manager.

Because the price increases will be slight, none of the bar owners contacted said they are concerned that business will be affected.

On the other hand, Bahm said liquor stores could be affected by the increase in hard liquor prices. At Herm's Liquor Store, the student clientele should counterbalance this effect, however, he said.

"Hard liquor sales will be effected for awhile before people get used to the higher prices," Bahm said, "but this is mostly a beer store so there shouldn't be any problems."

Commission discusses RHA/Greek disputes

By Diana Johnson
Staff Reporter

Although the Residence Hall Association/Greek Commission cannot stop disputes between UNL's Greeks and residence hall students, an attempt to improve communications between both groups is being made, commission members say.

The RHA/Greek commission met Tuesday for the first time since its formation last spring.

The idea to form a commission between both organizations became "global because people felt some communication was needed," said Woody Gatz, RHA adviser. "This meeting is an attempt to bring about more than an abstract idea," he said.

Besides opening lines of communication, the RHA/Greek commission wants to provide a forum for discussing items of mutual concern and interest, outlined in a resolution proposed by commission chairman Doug Weems.

Items of mutual interest may include frequent winter snowball fights between

Greeks and residence hall students, said Julie Williams, Panhellenic Association representative.

Commission members representing the Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Association, ASUN and RHA agreed to submit the proposal to their respective groups for discussion.

Besides establishing communication between both factions, commission members also suggested the idea of creating a joint charity drive or joint activity, for participation by both Greeks and non-Greeks.

The RHA commission mentioned also as a priority to resolve residence hall/Greek problems "more quickly," Weems said.

Complaints from residence halls, fraternities or sororities are being handled now on an individual basis, Gatz said.

The RHA/Greek commission could act as "a new, existing channel," for solving those problems and complaints, Gatz said.

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'Tight-knit group' Former gamblers help brethren

By Linda Hartmann
Staff Reporter

Nick is a gambler — a compulsive gambler.

When he was a UNL student, he didn't think twice about betting on a Big Red football game or a horse race. But he got hooked and the trouble began.

Like other compulsive gamblers, Nick found that small forms of gambling often lead to larger and more destructive betting.

His gambling led to problems with his family, his job and his bank account.

In this case, Nick is a fictitious character. But many people face the challenge of overcoming the problem of gambling daily. They can find help through Gamblers Anonymous.

Gamblers Anonymous meets three times a week at Lincoln General Hospital, 2300 S. 16th St. About 20 people, the old faces and the new, gather to help each other break the grip gambling has on their lives.

Roger McNeil, publicity adviser for Gamblers Anonymous, said most gamblers are directed to the group by lawyers, psychiatrists, therapists and ministers.

"It's not uncommon to have members say they wanted to commit suicide, or have tried," said McNeil.

Once gamblers control their problems, they often stay in the group for years. Mary, a recovered gambler, has not gambled in 10 years but still attends two meetings in Lincoln and one in Omaha each week. She still cries when she tells people about her life, McNeil said.

When John entered the program, he was encouraged to admit he had a problem and make amends with his boss, his family, everyone involved. He remained anonymous by using only his first name.

Literature about gambling is read and discussed at each meeting. Members talk about their problems and give advice to fellow gamblers. Older members are especially helpful during discussions, McNeil said.

One member is a lawyer imprisoned at the Nebraska State Penitentiary. He is allowed furloughs to attend two meetings a week. With his legal knowledge and experiences with gambling, he helps many group members.

John found Gamblers Anonymous to be a tight-knit group. He took his



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family along to attend Gam-anon meetings. Together they learned how to handle their problems and help others through the darkest times of their lives. He found that members often exchange phone numbers and attend dinner meetings together.

Gamblers Anonymous offers a 24-hour hotline service at 476-6444. Information also is available by writing Gamblers Anonymous, P.O. Box 80896.

Gamblers in Omaha, Bellevue and Plattsmouth also will find groups near home.

Architecture College gets computers

From Staff Reports

A \$350,000 computer system recently was donated to the College of Architecture but will not be used in coursework until students feel comfortable with the system, said Cecil Steward, architecture dean.

Graduate students and architecture

the system last week.

Steward said the computers could save as much as 75 percent of the labor on larger projects.

The computer will be used to help architectural students draw construction documents.

The Calcomp RGS 500 computer sys-

tem, donated by the California Computer Co., also figures building material estimates. An operator can input the materials a builder uses, and the computer will calculate the cost. Steward said the department wants to eventually buy software so the computer can help build scale models.

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