

Weather:

Cloudy and cool today with a 70 percent chance of showers. Northeast winds 10-20 mph with a high of 55. Cloudy tonight with a continued chance of showers. Low of 44. Partly cloudy and breezy on Thursday. High of 64.

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Not just hot technology

Technology wasn't the only thing that was hot at the Weller Packing Co. between P and Q streets on 10th Street after a fire swept through parts of the building at about 3 p.m. Tuesday. Firefighters are seen leaving the scene of the fire, which started when a transient tried to drag a burning mattress to a fire escape and touched off flames in other mattresses, fire investigators said. Fred Soffin, Lincoln fire inspector, said a man is in custody in connection with the fire. No one was injured, Soffin said.

NU to file report with the NCAA

From Staff Reports

Nebraska Athletic Director Bob Devaney said Tuesday that men's basketball Coach Moe Iba could be censured for an illegal practice Monday afternoon in Mabel Lee Hall.

"We're not condoning what he did," Devaney said. "We'd tell him if this happens again we'd probably relieve him of his job."

"He knows he was wrong if he was practicing," Devaney said.

The Daily Nebraskan taped the practice session Monday afternoon at Mabel Lee Hall 313 and 314. Several times during the tape, Iba's voice can be heard yelling instructions, such as:

- "Handle the ball, take your time, get a good shot, get a good shot."

- "Shirts on the defense. Skins are down at the other end."

- "You're gonna lose the ball. Hold on to the ball with both hands."

Jamie McCloskey, legislative assistant at the NCAA office in Mission Kan., said Monday that NCAA bylaw 3-1-A-1 says "the utilization of basketballs in a gymnasium prior to Oct. 15 violates pre-season legislation."

Prentice Gautt, associate commissioner of the Big Eight Conference, said Monday that "on-court practice held in direction of, or supervised by, any member or members of the institutions' coaching staff shall not take place prior to Oct. 15."

"Players can go over and participate in pick-up teams," Gautt said. "Very rarely would you find a coach who would violate that rule because of the ramifications involved."

Iba could not be reached for comment Tuesday. But he told The Associated Press that "everything we're doing is strictly legal."

James O'Hanlon, UNL's faculty representative to the NCAA, will investigate the early practice and file a report with the NCAA.

O'Hanlon said he would interview coaches, players and Daily Nebraskan reporters and photographers and listen to a Daily Nebraskan tape recording of the practice.

Devaney said he thinks the Daily Nebraskan handled the story inappropriately. He said the Daily Nebraskan should have first contacted him or UNL Chancellor Martin Messengale and allowed university officials to correct the problem internally. He said if questions about the practice still needed to be answered, the paper then could contact Big Eight and NCAA officials, he said.

Officer condemns police behavior

By Deb Hooker
Staff Reporter

UNL police officers Wayne Farrin and Greg Meyer were wrong to use profanity last Wednesday to deal with students outside Selleck Quadrangle, said Lt. Ken Cauble, UNL police commander of the uniform division.

In a meeting Monday night with residents of Selleck, Cauble said the officers' profanity cannot be excused, even if students provoked it.

Although Cauble wouldn't say how he punished the officers, he said it was more severe than what most people he talked to said it should be.

Cauble said the police received four calls

complaining about noisy students camping in the courtyard last Wednesday. He said he doesn't know whether the campers — John Williams, Bobby Eden, Becky Spawn, Lisa Bolin, Craig Hulke, Deborah Vollmer and Steve Katelman — or students yelling from their windows created the noise.

Tim Rother, a Selleck resident, made one of the calls to police. He said he thought it was unreasonable for people to make so much noise at 1 a.m., and he wanted to sleep. He said he didn't call a Selleck official before he called the police because he didn't think they would do anything about it. He said he assumed Selleck officials already knew about the noise.

Officers Farrin and Meyer were sent to the scene. They told the campers they needed a permit to camp on state property, Cauble said. The rule is enforced to keep vagrants and other unwanted people from sleeping on state property, he said.

"There was a disturbance," Cauble said, "and the officers thought that if the campers would go inside, the noise would stop."

Everyone went inside except Katelman, and the noise continued. While Katelman was talking to officers, students started yelling from their windows. Other students gathered in the courtyard.

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Zatechka, HSS senate resolve Smith problem

By Diana Johnson
Staff Reporter

The Harper-Schramm-Smith Senate and UNL Housing Director Douglas Zatechka approved a resolution ending the controversy over the Smith Hall women's athletic study area.

The HSS senate unanimously approved the resolution during its meeting Monday. Zatechka approved it Tuesday.

The resolution is the result of a new women's athletic study table that was built in Smith Hall without the consent of Smith Hall residents or the complex

senate.

The resolution includes six criteria:

- HSS Senate consents to the current location and size of the women's athletic study area.

- HSS Senate will take no further action on the Smith women's athletic study area.

- HSS senate recognizes the power of the Office of University Housing to build a high-quality study area and music practice room to replace the one taken by the Smith women's athletic study area.

- Funds for building the new HSS

study area and music practice room will come from a source other than the housing office.

- Procedures for getting student input on important housing decisions throughout the year will be set by separate complex governments, the Residence Hall Association and the housing office.

The only statement in the resolution that Zatechka didn't agree with was one that said the women's athletic study area "will never be expanded beyond its current size."

"I never accept something that has

the word 'never' in it," Zatechka said. "I am not authorized to give approval of long-term usage of space...The authority to make a decision like that rests with university administrators."

Zatechka said he thinks he and the HSS Senate executives would reach an understanding about that part of the resolution.

The Abel-Sandoz Residents Association passed a separate resolution Monday supporting the HSS Senate proposal.

"We've gained everything we set out to do. The resolution simply solidified it," said Mike Baacke, HSS Senate chief executive.

"The resolution may also be used as a legal document for further references for other senates should something similar occur at a later time," Baacke said.

Planning for construction of the new HSS study and music area will begin as soon as housing and an HSS Senate committee agree on an appropriate location.

The area could be built either before winter break or at the beginning of second semester, Zatechka said.

"For practical purposes, though, as far as I'm concerned, this matter is closed," Zatechka said.