

**Weather:**

Partly cloudy and very cold today. Winds becoming westerly 5-15 mph with a high of 10. Clear tonight with a low of -5. Sunny and warmer for the weekend with highs reaching near 20.

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**Research, classes affected by power blackout at UNL**

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A power breakdown Thursday morning cancelled classes, and may have damaged research in five City Campus buildings.

Manter Hall, Love South Library, Ferguson Hall, the College of Business Administration building and the Temple Building were affected by the blackout, which began at 5:05 a.m., said Gary Thalken, utilities manager of the UNL Physical Plant.

Power was restored to buildings at 12:15 p.m. by replacing a damaged section of an underground electric cable. The damaged cable is one of five main electrical cables that distributes power to campus buildings, Thalken said. Thalken said cause of the damage is unknown.

Physical plant officials expected the blackout to run all Thursday, Thalken said.

ABC Electric Company of Lincoln helped physical plant maintenance repair the damaged cable.

**Classes cancelled**

Some classes in the buildings either were cancelled or moved to other rooms, professors said.

Although power was restored as quickly as possible to buildings, the

blackout could have damaged experimental research being kept in freezers in Manter Hall.

Russel Ments, a Biological Science instructor and researcher, said up to \$4,000 to \$5,000 in research materials could be damaged.

Various research projects refrigerated in sub-zero temperatures could have been damaged when they were moved to freezers in Hamilton Hall after the blackout began, he said.

**Tests needed**

"If we had known that power was going to be restored as early as it was, we would not have moved the materials," Ments said.

Ments said he will not know if there has been monetary loss in the research projects until they run some tests.

Although physical plant officials notified the biological sciences director and building maintenance reporters about the blackout, professors and researchers said they, too, should have been called at home.

"It's unfortunate there's not a better back-up system," said Susan Watson, lab technician. "This may be a tragic loss."

**Time loss**

But Ments said the material loss to the projects is not his greatest concern.

"The time loss is incredible," Ments said. "I can't even begin to tell how

much time and effort may have been lost because of this."

John Barmbaugh, another biological sciences professor, said samples of frozen cells possibly damaged are valued at about \$600 each. The loss also would represent about 1½ weeks of work.

A backup generator that heats a small portion of equipment in Manter Hall also failed at about 7:20 p.m., said Royce Ballinger, director of biological sciences.

The backup generator didn't heat freezers that held some research projects, Ballinger said.

Since all classes in Ferguson Hall were cancelled, few people were using computers, so complaints were minimal, said Deb Heckens, staff secretary.

Coincidentally, UNO also had a power blackout Thursday, said Tim Fitzgerald, assistant director of University Relations at UNO.

Power had not been restored to four buildings by Thursday evening. A broken power cable caused the blackout.

At 7:30 a.m., a power blackout occurred at the Field House, the Health, Physical Education and Recreations Building, the Arts and Sciences Building and the Eppley Building.

Both day and evening classes were cancelled in those buildings, Fitzgerald said.

**NU cuts to increase work for professors, officials say**

By Todd von Kampen  
Senior Reporter

Course workloads for UNL professors — already heavier than average for a comparable university — will increase as NU's recent budget cuts go into effect, say faculty and administration officials.

The 2 percent reduction in NU's state support means UNL will not hire 115 faculty and staff members next year, said Robert Furgason, vice chancellor for academic affairs. Some courses and course sections will be dropped and instructors will have to take more responsibility, he said.

Such a prospect disturbs faculty members because it makes them less able to do the jobs they were hired for, said UNL Faculty Senate President

Desmond Wheeler. Most faculty members are expected to do research, but can't because of the time required of heavier teaching loads.

**60- to 70-hour work week**

"Everyone, if they're doing a job, wants to do it reasonably well," Wheeler said. "And it's difficult to do the job if you don't have the time to do it as you would like."

Furgason said full-time UNL faculty members have an average teaching load of eight credit hours a semester, slightly higher than the "six or seven" that the university considers ideal. Teaching loads take up to two-thirds of a professor's time, while research and service to the private sector take up the other third, he said.

However, the average doesn't ac-

count for the preparation time each course requires, Furgason said.

UNL professors are judged for promotion and other benefits by the quality of their research and committee work as well as by their teaching, Wheeler said. The present imbalance between teaching and research loads means many faculty members work between 60 and 70 hours a week, said Linda Pratt, former president of the UNL chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

"You don't have many more hours to get things done one way or the other," she said. "So you get a little less time in your research because the professors will attend to the needs of the students."

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**Alumni named 'Man of the Year'**

From Staff Reports

UNL graduate Lewis W. Lehr has been named "Man of the Year" by Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Lehr, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of 3M Company, will be honored at a banquet Jan. 21 at the Cornhusker Hotel. He is an alumnus of UNL's Kappa Sigma Nebraska Chapter.

Kody Moffatt, public relations chairman for Kappa Sigma, said this is the first time an alumnus from Nebraska has received the award. Moffatt said it

is the fraternity's highest award, presented annually.

Others who have received the award include U.S. Sen. Robert J. Dole of Kansas, former Sen. John Tower of Texas, former governors David Treen of Louisiana and Lee Dreyfus of Wisconsin, broadcasters Edward R. Murrow and Lowell Thomas and Larry



Speakes, deputy press secretary for President Reagan.

Lehr, who received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering in 1947, began work with 3M that same year. He worked in many positions within the company before becoming chief executive officer in 1979 and chairman of the board in 1980.

An Elgin native, Lehr has received an honorary doctorate from NU, the "Alumni Achievement Award" from the NU Alumni Association and is on the boards of the NU and University of Minnesota foundations.



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Old Main on the Wesleyan campus.

*Sound of turning pages heard at NWU*  
**Wesleyan's curriculum includes weekend fun**

By Todd von Kampen  
Senior Reporter

Nebraska Wesleyan students are more likely to go to the library on Saturday afternoons than to football games, according to a New York Times Book.

Although not entirely true, the statement in "The Best Buys in College Education" reflects the attitude toward college work that many of Wesleyan's 1,237 students take, said Tom Searcy, a student member of the university's Board of Governors.

Students who go to Wesleyan know how to have fun but they save their entertainment for the weekend, he said.

"People will party on Friday and Saturday nights as late as they can

and as hard as they can, but they study," said Searcy, a junior business major from Omaha. "They've decided that if they're spending \$7,000 a year, they're here for a reason."

The reason: To get a well-rounded education with the personal touch a small college offers, Searcy said. Students are attracted by Wesleyan's 13-to-1 student-faculty ratio and a belief in the importance of each student that extends from the university's Christian connection, said President John W. White Jr. Wesleyan was founded and is supported by the United Methodist Church.

"Personalized education is nothing more than a commitment to the individual," he said. "And that's a Christian concept."

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