

Monday

WEATHER: Monday, partly sunny and mild. High in the lower to mid-50s. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph. Monday night, partly cloudy. Low around 30. Tuesday, partly sunny. High in the upper 40s to lower 50s.

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Coliseum pool can be maintained, coach says

By Kip Fry
Staff Reporter

The Coliseum swimming pool can be upgraded and reopened at only a fraction of the earlier estimated cost, the UNL water-polo coach said.

Mike Morosin said the pool could be rejuvenated for \$11,000. Administration officials earlier had estimated that it would cost from \$50,000 to \$70,000.

The pool was tentatively closed by an ad hoc committee recently when it decided fixing the pool would cost too much.

Morosin's proposal, made to the All

University Fund Disbursement Committee last Wednesday, includes repairing the waste-water system and adding a back-flow valve to the pool for approximately \$5,000. An elevator to lower handicapped people to the pool deck would be placed at the east end of the pool, for about \$6,000, he said.

The pool has cracks in the bottom that will damage the building's structure, according to an article in the Nov. 13 Lincoln Journal.

"There's not that much seepage," said Morosin, who said he has taken care of the pool for the last four years. "If you fill the pool up, you'll lose a

quarter inch of water overnight. A lot of pools seep."

When similar problems occurred four years ago, Morosin said he discovered that much of the necessary upkeep was not being done, such as vacuuming the bottom of the pool.

"The filters had not been back-flushed," Morosin said. "I got all the filters to work. I got it back to operational shape."

Other problems Morosin said he noticed include "falsifying chemical readings for years and years," and one time, he discovered the water temperature was 210 degrees.

"People weren't doing their job," he said.

But John Goebel, UNL vice chancellor for business and finance, said UNL officials have tried to maintain the facility for some time.

With the current status of the budget, there are no additional funds for such a project, he said.

Harley Schrader, director of the UNL Physical Plant, said the proposed repairs would be more complicated than Morosin says.

"There are modifications which need to be done," Schrader said. "The Health Department said that it (the pool) is

not suitable for human use."

Fixing the back-flow pump "is not the only thing that needs to be done," Schrader said.

If the pool were to be reopened, it would be a great benefit to handicapped people who often have little other chance for recreation, Morosin said.

"The university opened the door academically for the handicapped," he said, "but they are not dealing with their personal needs."

"It would be a very, very positive step to get the pool opened until the new rec center is built," he said.

Journalist says media misinformed

By Jeanne Bourne
Night News Editor

Ronald Reagan has been lying to Americans "pretty systematically," said Seymour Hersh, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist at Nebraska Wesleyan University on Friday.

Hersh said a pattern of events in the last five months has shown that the administration seems to be "deliberately and systematically lying."

Misinformation fed to the media concerning intentions of Libyan leader Col. Moammar Gadhafi, the Icelandic talks and the arms deals with Iran are recent examples, he said. Other examples are the Korean airliner downing, the Grenada incident and the war in Nicaragua, he said.

The president is "not meeting the standards of his office in the way of Nixon," Hersh said in a press conference before the speech.

This is a country where people tend to stand behind their flag and "most people will believe anything Reagan said," Hersh said.

Americans are willing to give up their lives for their country, but they take it for granted that politicians will lie to the public, he said.

"The problem is that we as citizens don't expect as much from our government officials as we do from our own families" — trust and telling the truth, Hersh said.

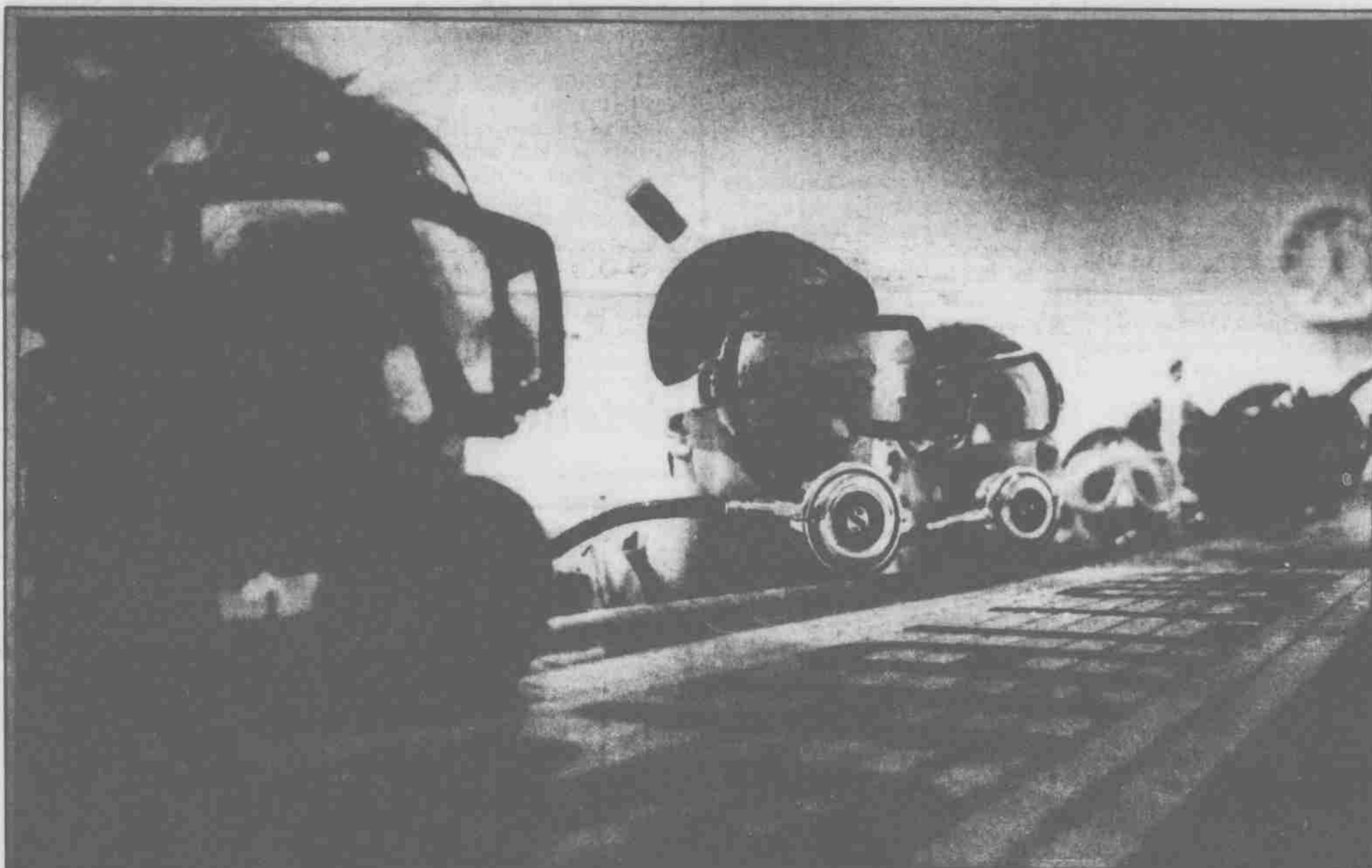
Hersh's recently published book, "The Target is Destroyed," exposes the misinformation campaign that followed the downing of the Korean airliner by the Soviets in 1983.

Hersh said he believes the airliner veered off course, and the Russians really believed it was a spy plane. The administration, using preliminary and inaccurate translations of the Soviet radio transmission, concluded the Soviets knew it was a commercial plane. But even after finding the truth, the Reagan administration didn't change its position, he said.

"Misinformation is just a very pretty word for something that should be called lying, he said.

Intelligence reports uncovered evidence proving Gadhafi was responsible

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Members of Dyar's scuba class

Paul Vanderlage/Daily Nebraskan

Scuba diving possible in Nebraska

UNL course teaches skills in area lakes

By Kevin Freadhoff
Staff Reporter

Campus Recreation offers a variety of activities, but a scuba diving course in this land-locked state is unusual.

Kitty Sullivan, coordinator of non-credit classes at the Campus Recreation Office, said scuba classes have been offered for about two years.

Jeff Dyar from Big Mac Scuba and Sail, near Lake McConaughy, teaches the class for campus recreation. Dyar is a certified Master Scuba

Schools International instructor.

The course costs \$200, and all equipment is provided. The course includes six classroom meetings, six pool sessions in Mabel Lee pool, and six open water dives to complete the course. After graduating from the class, the students are certified as sport divers. Sport divers are licensed to dive anywhere in the world to depths of up to 100 feet.

Dyar said the biggest misconception about diving is that a person has to be superhuman to do it. Dyar said students don't have to be strong swimmers to be divers.

"The main thing is that a diving student is comfortable in the water," he said.

The Campus Recreation scuba class that is in session now consists of eight students and one faculty member. Chris Hanke, a senior in

international affairs, is one of the students. Hanke said he's taking the class because he thought it would be fun. He said so far the class has been great.

"The first time you're down under water and breathing, it's a real bizarre feeling," he said.

Hanke said there have been no accidents during the class, and nobody has dropped out. Dyar "is a terrific instructor" who tells everybody to stay within limits that they're comfortable with, Hanke said.

Dyar said he plans to take his students to a larger lake, such as Lake McConaughy, near Ogallala, in the spring for their open-water dives. They also may travel to the warmer waters of Mexico to dive this winter, he said.

Dyar said the smaller lakes around Lincoln are acceptable for diving,

but only when the water is clear. Most of the people he certifies travel to warm water to enjoy the sport of diving, he said. Dyar said his favorite Nebraska lake to dive in is McConaughy; his favorite warm-water area is Cozumel, Mexico.

The \$200 price tag on the scuba class is a bargain, Dyar said. People living on the coasts pay between \$260 and \$300 for certification. Even people living in Denver pay \$300 for the same class, he said.

Although the current Campus Recreation class has only one female diving student, Dyar said one-third of his clientele are women.

Campus Recreation will offer two more scuba-diving classes this spring. Dyar is scheduled to teach both of them. Anybody interested in the course should contact the office of Campus Recreation at 472-3467.