

**WEATHER:** Mostly sunny Friday. High in the lower 40s. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph. Increasing cloudiness Friday night with the low in the lower 20s. Mostly cloudy Saturday with isolated late afternoon showers. High in the lower 40s.

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Several UNL students take a few last layups in the Men's P.E. Building.

## Men's P.E. to be demolished; upkeep costly, space needed

By Kelly Green  
 Staff Reporter

Partly because the site will be needed for the proposed campus recreation center, the old Men's Physical Education building soon will be torn down. Bids for the demolition will be opened Feb. 10, and demolition will begin later that month.

Harley Schrader, UNL physical plant director, said if the center project hadn't suddenly gained momentum, "we would have kept it open as long as it would stand there with minimum maintenance." However, Schrader said the building has been allowed to deteriorate because

it wasn't worth the cost of the major renovation needed. Schrader said the building would have needed a new roof and the warped floor would have had to be fixed. Schrader also said about \$30,000 a year would be needed for adequate maintenance. Presently, with minimum maintenance, \$5,000 to \$7,000 is spent annually.

Although the building may not be the best-looking building on campus, "it is very functional," said Bill Goa, assistant coordinator of intramurals for campus recreation. Campus recreation uses the building for open recreation hours and intramural basketball.

Many community organizations

use the building as well. The Health department has aerobics classes there. The YMCA has some of its youth basketball games there, and the Mid-America paper-plane flying championships have been in it for the last two years.

"It may be ugly, but we're going to miss it," Goa said.

Goa said campus recreation is moving things around and rescheduling to meet the needs of the organizations that currently use the Men's P.E. Building.

The building originally was used to quarter troops during World War II. After the war, it was renamed "Men's P.E." and designated as a temporary building.

## Exchange-program students going places

By Laura Smith  
 Staff Reporter

This year 55 UNL undergraduates are studying abroad, the director of the UNL Institute of International Studies said Wednesday.

Richard Lonsdale told about 25 students that this is about twice as many as when he took over the program two years ago.

But Nebraska has only 1/3 the number of students studying abroad as the University of Kansas, the leader in the Big Eight, he said.

Lonsdale said that studying abroad provides the opportunity to make new friends, learn about other cultures and work toward fulfilling graduation requirements at UNL.

Students may study for a semester or an academic year at schools in 32 different countries.

Lonsdale said most students opt for "pleasant, safe places" such as England, France, Spain and Belgium. More adventurous students choose places like Kenya or Thailand, he said.

Some schools require students to pay directly while others fall under the International Student Exchange Program, he said.

With ISEP, the students pay in-state tuition and housing to UNL as if they were studying on campus, Lonsdale said. Meanwhile, a student in another country pays tuition and housing to the university there.

The University of Bayreuth in Bayreuth, Germany, signed an ISEP agreement with UNL Wednesday.

Using ISEP, students are able to keep scholarships and financial aid, although no special scholarships are available, Lonsdale said.

Lonsdale recommended that students go abroad in their sophomore or junior years because many courses will not fulfill prerequisites, although all credits transfer.

Most universities require a 3.0 grade point average and some have foreign language requirements, but money and leg-work are the main hurdles for foreign study, Lonsdale said.

Registration for this summer will be during the next few weeks. Specific dates depend on the foreign university. Registration for next fall and the 1987-88 academic year runs from March to May.

Lonsdale's speech was the first of four in the UNL Faculty Series sponsored by UPC Talks and Topics.

Because about 11 people skip their University Health Center appointments each day, health center officials now require that letters be sent to repeat offenders and a \$5 fine be assessed in some cases.

## Health Center to charge for missed student appointments

Carolyn Tipton, director of medical records, said a doctor who works an eight-hour day may lose four hours of patient time because of missed appointments.

In health-center specialty clinics, where the \$5 fine will be charged, the number of available appointments is limited.

Specialty-clinic doctors all have private practices where students who need urgent care can go. But they are charged regular fees, which often cost more than \$20 per visit.

# The mystery of the hissing roaches

By John Rood  
 Staff Reporter

In the spirit of true hard-nosed investigative journalism, the "Scratch The Surface" team goes right to the heart (or is that the bowels) of campus mysteries.



The Friday feature that focuses on the offbeat or unexplained on campus.

This week's subject: the facts and fabrications surrounding an issue too near and not-too-dear to all — collegiate cockroaches.

First, the facts. Three UNL professors recently released the results of a revolutionary roach study.

Under a grant from the Federal Trade Commission, the professors studied electric devices designed to drive away cockroaches by emitting ultrasonic waves, sort of a "Fight Back Consumer Challenge" funded by tax dollars.

They concluded that the products examined do not work, citing numerous reasons, including the "low energy of the sounds" emitted by the devices and the "insensitive neurological capacity" of the cockroaches.

The three researchers were Newell Decker, a speech and hearing expert at UNL's Barkley Memorial Center; Roger Gold, head of the entomology department in the College of Agriculture; and Tim Jones, assistant professor of oral biology in the College of Dentistry. The Associated Press called Gold "an authority on cockroaches."

Now the rest of the roach story. Rumor around campus has it (pretty credible, huh?) that the Madagascar hissing cockroaches have escaped. When? From where?

First, the campus directory was consulted for clues. But neither Adrienne Roach nor James Roach was home.

The trail got muddy when a Tito Puente album containing "La Cucaracha," provided a false clue — when the record began playing the hissing of the needle sounded just like a Madagascar hissing cockroach, yet none were to be found.

Worse yet, the lyrics were in Spanish.

*La cucaracha,  
 La cucaracha,  
 Ya no puede caminar.*

*Porque no tiene,  
 Porque le falta,  
 Marijuana que fumar.*

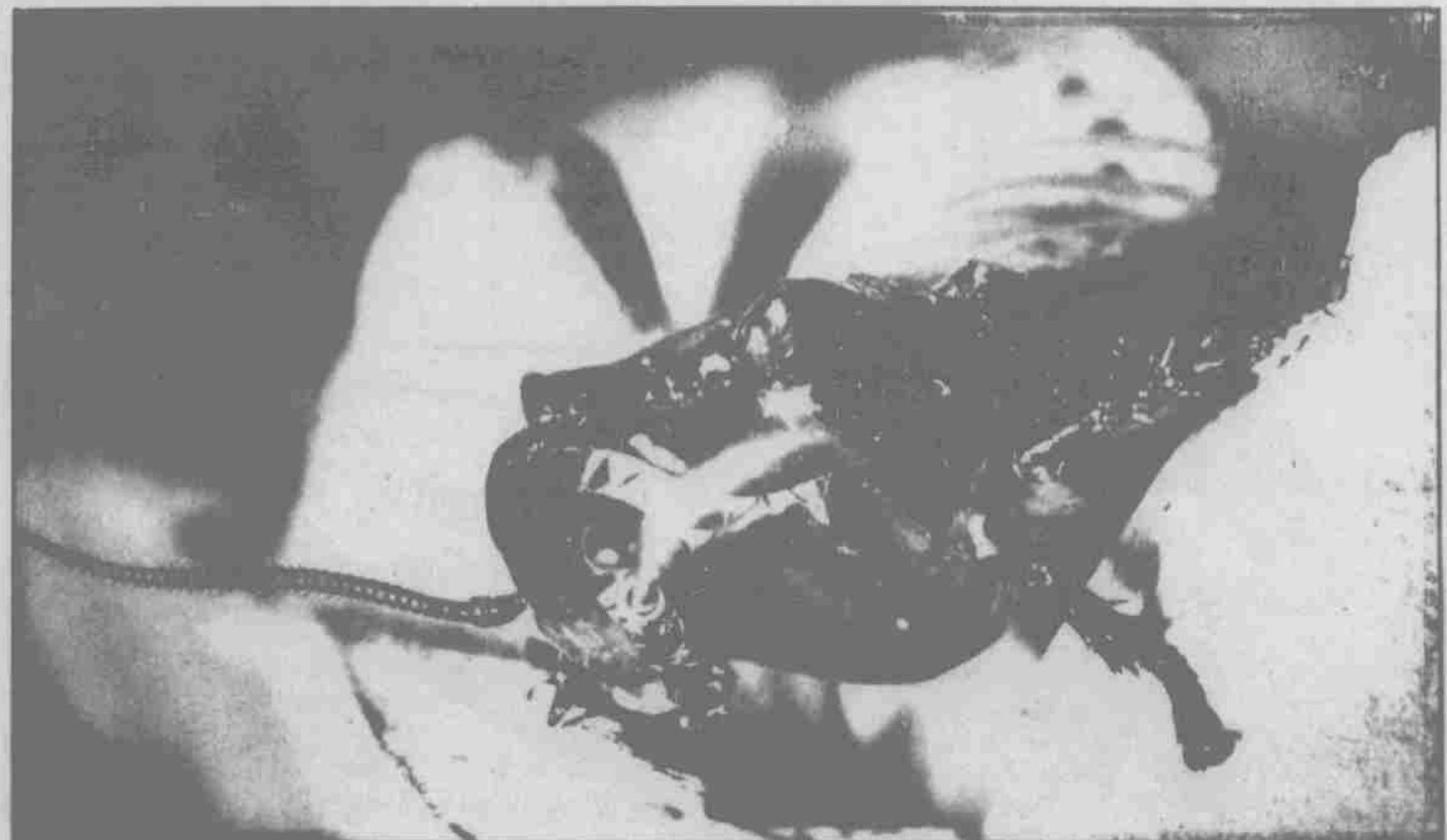
Even when the song was played backwards, (it worked for the Beatles, why not the roaches?) no messages

concerning Madagascar or Manter Hall were discovered — at least not in English.

From there it was off to the main campus greenhouse. Glen Drohman, greenhouse manager acted as guide.

Drohman was pretty sure he had seen only Nebraskan cockroaches, but enthusiastically aided in the search. Glen scanned "their favorite" shelves

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Madagascar Hissing Cockroach

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