

**WEATHER:** Partly sunny Tuesday with a high near 38 and winds out of the west at 20 mph. Low will be 25. Partly cloudy and breezy Wednesday with a high in the 40s.

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## Work begins on rec center Old Men's PE Building now being demolished

By Michael Hooper  
Senior Reporter

Construction workers Saturday began demolishing the Men's P.E. Building to make way for the UNL student recreation center and indoor practice field, then were forced to quit because of the blizzard.

But Hansen Construction Co. workers expect to work again today with a demolition ball, knocking down the old P.E. building on 14th and Vine streets, a storage building behind the P.E. building and the nearby tennis courts, said Harley Schrader, director of UNL physical plant.

Although Hansen Construction Co. was awarded a \$30,000 demolition contract last December, the company waited to begin until last week when the Nebraska Legislature formally approved the \$14.9 million student recreation center and indoor practice field.

The \$3.9 million indoor practice field will be built on the site of the Men's P.E. Building, the field, which is phase one of the recreation center project, should be completed by November.

"We're going to move ahead with this without much delay and try to finish the practice field by November because that's when the weather begins to look like this again," said Kim Phelps, assistant to the vice chancellor for business and finance.

Demolition of the Men's P.E. Building should be completed by April 10, Schrader said. At their April 11 meeting, the NU Board of Regents are expected to award a design/build contract for the indoor practice field and choose an architect for the rest of the three-phase project.

The \$14.9 million student recreation center and indoor practice field will be financed by a \$3.50 football ticket surcharge, private donations, student fees and an increase in faculty and staff user fees.

Phase two, a \$5.1 million addition to the Coliseum containing recreational rooms and equipment would be built by January 1989. The football meeting room, more racquetball courts and a jogging track would be built by June 1989 for an additional \$900,000.

Phase three would include renovation of the existing Coliseum sometime after 1990 or 1991 at a current price of \$5.1 million. If UNL officials renovate

the Coliseum with revenue bonds, they would again need legislative approval.

Last Thursday, on a 32-6 vote, the legislature approved the university's loan of \$3.5 million from a bond surplus fund for the project.

Phelps said that UNL's bid request for the indoor practice field was changed two weeks ago to remove controversial language requesting a contribution to the project. Last week, following the change in the bid request, Attorney General Robert Spire ruled that "ethics ... clearly dictate that pursuits for contractor contributions to projects like the indoor practice field should be separated from the bidding process."

Stan Campbell, director of UNL campus recreation, said that although the recreation center will be built in phases, he's "elated" that the Legislature approved it.

"Of course we'd like to have the rec center built all at once. We've lived with inadequate student facilities for a long time," Campbell said.

But the three-phase approach to the center's construction probably was the deciding factor for the state senators, he said.

## UNL will be host to FarmAid III; Sept. 27 date for benefit concert

By Christine Anderson  
Staff Reporter

UNL officials and country-western artist Willie Nelson have agreed on a Sept. 27 date for the FarmAid III concert, but no official performance announcement has been made, UNL football coach Tom Osborne said.

Osborne, who participated in discussions with FarmAid organizers, said an official request is needed before the concert plans are finalized.

Cathy Danahy, office assistant for Bob Kerrey, said an official written request by Willie Nelson is expected to arrive at the university this week.

Danahy, former Gov. Bob Kerrey and his former chief of staff, Don Nelson, began working with university officials last fall to set up the concert.

Osborne said he supports plans to have FarmAid III at the Memorial Stadium.

"Anything that will benefit the farm economy, we are 100 percent for," he said.

After the FarmAid organization provides an official request, university attorneys and FarmAid officials will need to prepare a legal contract for the concert, Danahy said.

Insurance, security, parking arrangements, programming and ticket sales are among items yet to be discussed.

Gary Fouraker, athletic-department business manager, said that some details already have been discussed.

For example, the university already has plans to protect the stadium grounds. The football field will be covered with plywood paneling and a rubber matting to protect the artificial turf, Fouraker said.

Ticket cost will be about \$20. Supporters predict that at this rate, about \$1.5 million will help offset the \$225 billion to \$250 billion farm debt.

Osborne said he assumes that the concert proceeds will be allocated to farm organizations throughout the Midwest and not to individual Nebraska farmers.

Proceeds may be used to support agricultural legislation and to support food pantries and hot lines, Osborne said.

According to a Lincoln Journal article, Nelson said that two artists already have agreed to perform: Neil Young, an organizer for the first Farm Aid show, and Jon Bon Jovi, who played at Farm Aid II.

Nelson also is trying to persuade

ABC, CBS or NBC to carry the Lincoln show on prime-time television.

## Summer aid applications due today

Today is the last day to complete and submit a UNL Summer Aid Application for financial aid. The institutional application then will be used with students' 1986-87 Financial Aid Forms to determine eligibility for aid for UNL summer sessions.

Students still can apply for loans and Pell Grants at UNL for the 1987-88 school year.

Even though students who applied for aid by March 3 are considered priority applicants for need-based aid, any student can still apply for aid, said Bill McFarland, financial aid director. All students must complete the FAF to be considered for assistance for 1987-88.



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Jodi Kessler finds snowballs from this weekend's storm useful tools against her adversary, James Smith. The duo "hit the snow" during a walk through campus Monday.

## Late snow tribulations: UNL, Interstate closed

By Kevin Cowan and Jane Hirt  
Staff Reporters

It's a cold day when the UNL officials tell students to skip class.

Despite this week's warming trend, that's what they did.

Vice Chancellor Robert H. Furgason called Monday's cancellation of classes "a fairly irregular occurrence." It has to be "pretty bad" before the university closes, he said. Furgason and Chancellor Martin A. Massengale made the decision Sunday morning.

Furgason said the timing, the likelihood of closed roads and the probability of utility outages played a part in the decision.

The weekend blizzard left students stranded in and out of state.

David Fitzgibbon, a senior in broadcasting, was stuck with three other UNL students in North Platte.

"We had called the state patrol and it said that there would be winter driving conditions," he said. "They didn't say anything about closing the interstate."

When they reached North Platte, however, they learned that Interstate 80 was closed and they would have to seek lodging.

Brent Toalson, a senior in secondary education, was also delayed by the storm in North Platte.

"The interstate dropped as soon as we heard it was closed, but after we realized that we would have to stand in the line there, everybody relaxed," he said.

Interstate 80 was opened Sunday at 2 p.m. and Toalson's group was back in Lincoln by 4:30 p.m.

"The traveling wasn't that bad, but you just had to take it easy," he said.

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## Manager defends Scientific Stores' pricing

By Kip Fry  
Staff Reporter

Increased product prices at UNL Scientific Stores have many professors wondering why they're paying more for products at UNL than those of other suppliers, said Bill Saunders, Scientific Stores manager.

Scientific Stores makes its profit from the markup system, Saunders said, which confuses customers when they order. Scientific Stores is not state funded, he said.

"It is only when the financial pinch of the total university has grown to be very evident that the problem really came to light," Saunders said.

The price system has been changed from variable markup to a flat markup through a joint decision between Scientific Stores and UNL's Purchasing Review Committee.

Jack Goebel, vice chancellor for business and

finances, formed the committee last year to study the situation.

Under the new system, only 40 percent markups can be authorized by Saunders, and 60 percent by Goebel.

Saunders said the committee didn't have enough time to study the Scientific Stores operation.

"They were really only concerned about the highness in some areas of markup," Saunders said. "We need to look at the total average of prices, otherwise you don't get a total picture of what is going on."

The store's purchasing finances its warehouse and redistribution point for special orders, Saunders said.

George Sturgeon, vice chairman and associate professor of chemistry, told the UNL Faculty Senate at its March meeting that the stores are costing his department money.

"There is a failure to address policy in purchasing stores which is costing the university in general and our department inordinate amounts of money," Sturgeon told the senate. "We perceive inconsistencies and weaknesses in the management of the stores and even abuses of power."

Saunders said marking up prices is the only way Scientific Stores can meet overhead costs. Many state universities have scientific stores financed by the states.

When professors come to Nebraska from other institutions, they tend to assume that they are going to get products at cost, he said. But Scientific Stores is no different than any other private business.

Professors don't "realize that there are additional costs of procurement involved in the purchase" such as research, transportation and insurance, Saunders said.

The primary problem with the system, Saunders said, was that certain items may be marked up more than 100 percent while others may increase slightly. When the prices are averaged, they are not nearly as high, but many only look at the extreme markups, Saunders said.

One of the extreme examples is the difference in prices of a gallon of dichloromethane, Saunders said. He said that during the last week in February, one gallon cost \$59, but the same product cost \$14.25 on March 2.

Saunders said he is frustrated by the misunderstandings.

"We have not been at odds with the faculty," he said. "We at Scientific Stores have known that the problem has existed for years."

At this level of management, Saunders said, he has no real authority to make changes. That responsibility rests with UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale, he said.