

WEATHER: Tuesday, mostly sunny. High in the upper 60s to lower 70s. Tuesday night, clear. Low in the 40s. Wednesday mostly sunny. High in the lower 70s.

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Field damage low FarmAid III not as tough as a game

By Amy Edwards
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FarmAid III caused "as much or less damage" to Memorial Stadium's turf as a regular football game, John Amend, assistant director of the Physical Plant at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said Monday.

There was some concern that the hard foam-rubber pad supporting the turf had lost some of its bounce, especially in the areas where the columns supporting the stage sat directly on the turf, he said.

Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne said he was concerned about the compression of the turf because the stage put more weight on the field than he had thought it would.

All-Pro Turf, a turf company in Oklahoma City, ran a compression test on the areas in question Friday afternoon. Amend said that except for one or two small areas, the field was in good condition.

The areas are 6 to 8 inches in diameter and are not dangerous, Amend said. Although no final report has been made on the condition of the turf, Amend said he would not recommend

repairing the areas now because it would mean cutting into the turf.

Osborne said he hadn't talked to anyone after the tests were done, but he didn't think there was any major problem with the playing surface.

"We really came out of the concert good," Amend said, "Ninety-nine point nine percent (of people looking at the field) wouldn't know the areas if they saw them."

There was also a report of cigarette burns on the turf, but Amend said no noticeable burns have been found. A black magic marker was used to mark where the stage was, and those marks could have been mistaken for burns, he said.

"After the rain last night, even those aren't noticeable," Amend said. "The field looks as good as it ever has."

Osborne said Monday there were "several hundred" cigarette burns around the 50-yard line and the north goal post, "but they won't influence playing."

"We realized there would be a little damage," Osborne said, "but overall, FarmAid went well."

Damages and thefts to cars on rise; more caution is needed, police say

By James M. Lillis
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About \$58,000 in damages and thefts to cars parked in University of Nebraska-Lincoln parking lots have been reported to university police this month.

Lt. Ken Cauble of the UNL Police Department said 36 larcenies and attempted larcenies were reported by UNL students between Sept. 5 and Saturday.

"It's getting to be serious," Cauble said. Cauble said 13 thefts were reported last week. The recovery rate for stolen goods has been "practically zero" up to this point, he said.

These "rashes" of thefts usually occur around Christmas when people need money, Cauble said.

But this year the thefts are occurring at the "wrong" time. Cauble said he didn't know why they are happening now.

"It could be for economic reasons or maybe

there is a better sell-back market," Cauble said.

Most of the thefts have occurred in lot areas No. 3 by the Harper-Schramm-Smith residence hall complex and No. 220 near the Abel-Sandoz complex, Cauble said.

Last year the thefts occurred at different times and in different lots, Cauble said. Since the thefts are occurring so early, Cauble said, he is worried about how bad the situation will get by Christmas.

Cauble and two other officers are trying to target the problem now, he said. If the officers can narrow down the days and the times of the thefts, Cauble said, he can put more police protection in the lots.

Until then, Cauble said, students can help police and protect themselves by checking their cars every day to look for stolen items.

Cars sometimes will be parked and left unchecked for a week, he said, and this means students may report thefts to the police too late.



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Gimme a break

Tracey Scott, an undeclared freshman, takes a break from her studies Monday afternoon by Ed Weir Track.

Primary hay fever season snuffed

By Lynne Bomberger
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Students from Africa, Europe and the Middle East are more likely to suffer from hay fever than other students, said Dr. Melvin Hoffman, specialist of allergic diseases of children and adults.

Hoffman said he treats more foreign students because pollinating weeds, such as ragweed, don't grow in their home countries. But even born-and-raised Nebraskans suffer from the itchy eyes, sneezing and headache symptoms of hay fever.

Hay fever is defined as an allergy to weed plants, Hoffman said. One of every 15 people suffers from hay fever, Hoffman estimated.

The official fall hay fever season runs from Aug. 15 to Sept. 15, Hoffman said, and people should start to feel relief soon if they haven't already.

For those who feel that they could own stock in Kleenex or antihistamine medicines, hay fever does burn out with age, Hoffman said.

But just as it can burn out, he said, hay fever may hit at any time.

After the antibodies for pollens have reached a certain level, hay fever can set in, Hoffman said.

Chances are good, though, that if pollen

weeds aren't a problem by the time a person is 30 to 40, they won't be, he said.

There are three basic relief forms for allergy sufferers, Hoffman said.

One is the over-the-counter antihistamines, he said. These temporary medicines have variable effect, Hoffman said. Most last four to eight hours, and some 12-hour medicines are available.

A second hay fever relief comes in the form of allergy injections, Hoffman said. These are pin pricks on the back to determine what pollens are causing the problem, Hoffman said.

The tests cause minimal discomfort, he said.

Third, Hoffman said, people could move to California from August to September.

Sufferers seemed to contend that this season was worse than ever before, but Hoffman said he is unsure of that.

"Either the season was worse than in the past or just more people complained," Hoffman said. "We are always packed late August to September." Suffering is caused by the amount and quality of pollen and the amount of rain in the season, he said.

"More rain would have washed the pollen out," Hoffman said.

Allergy clinic hours at the University Health Center are from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays. Appointments can be made by calling the clinic.



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