

WEATHER: Monday, windy and colder with a 70 percent chance of showers. High in the lower to middle 40s. Monday night, a 50 percent chance of rain turning into light snow. Low around 30. Tuesday, partly cloudy with increasing cloudiness and wind later in the day. High around 40.

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ASUN may rejoin NSSA

By Dorothy Pritchard
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ASUN representatives attended the Nebraska State Student Association meeting this weekend in Wayne and will vote — possibly at Wednesday's ASUN meeting — whether the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will rejoin the organization.

Mike McMorrow, chairman of the NSSA Board of Directors, said member and non-member schools were invited to the meeting to provide their input on changing the name and constitution of NSSA. The only member schools who attended were the University of Nebraska at Omaha and Wayne State College. Peru State College withdrew its membership in NSSA last week, and representatives from the only other member school, Chadron State College, didn't attend the meeting. Representatives from Kearney State College and UNL attended the meeting as observers with no voting power.

McMorrow said that although NSSA will retain its previous mission — lobbying for students across the state — the organization is different. The name of the organization will be changed to the Nebraska Student Interests Coalition/Nebraska State Student Association to reflect its internal changes.

One of the changes, proposed by lobbyist Shawn Ilg of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska-Government Liaison Committee, is to replace the Legislative Assembly with an executive commission to examine and recommend policy to the Board of Directors.

The commission will consist of four students from each school, regardless of the size of the school. Under the old guidelines, the number of students involved depended on the size of the school.

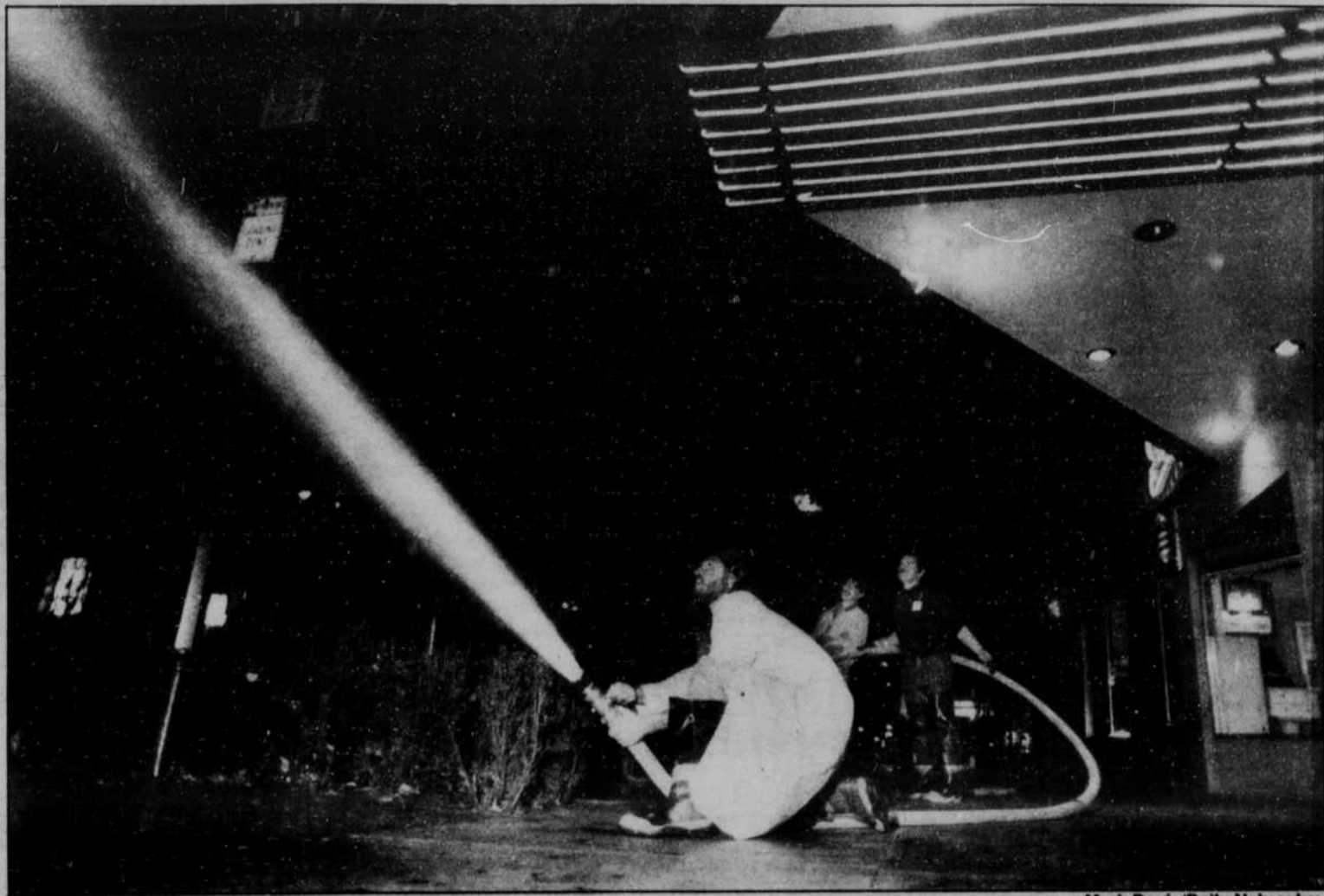
"From the smallest to the biggest school, everybody wanted the same thing — equal and fair representation for the student," McMorrow said.

McMorrow said another change, also proposed by the UNL delegation, involves financing for NSIC/NSSA. Because only two schools at the meeting had voting power, the group decided not to vote on a set student-fee amount but to let each school decide for itself.

McMorrow said that there may not be a fee.

Each school that decides to join NSIC/NSSA will decide how much money they want to spend on the

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Public Works employee Tim Young, sprays trees in front of the State Theatre, 1415 "O" Street. The cleaning efforts preclude chemical spraying that will lessen the torment of starlings roosting in the trees along "O" Street.

City wants birds to roost no more

By Gretchen Boehr
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City employees added some spray of their own to the mist Sunday night to get rid of starlings and sparrows downtown.

City employees and off-duty firefighters used high pressure hoses to spray Bradford pear trees lining both sides of O Street.

Jim Johnson, city arborist, said the object of the washing was to get rid of the birds' scent, along with their droppings, so they won't roost in the trees anymore.

A few spectators watched while the firefighters on both sides of the street sprayed the trees and part of the sidewalk.

The hoses were attached to a fire truck parked in the middle of O Street. A street cleaner removed the mud and wet leaves washed into the street by the power hoses.

During the power washing, O Street was closed between 16th

and 9th streets from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.

About five patrol cars rerouted O Street traffic during the washing.

Weather permitting, city employees today will apply a chemical called Roost No More to the trees, said Sgt. James Thoms of the Lincoln Police Department.

Johnson said Roost No More is a chemical which burns the birds' feet when they roost on the branches. The chemical won't harm the birds but will make them relocate, he said.

Last year the birds became the focus of many complaints by downtown businesses and shoppers. This year there seems to be fewer complaints.

Linda Justice, an employee at Avant Card, 1325 O St., said the sometimes noisy birds leave their feces all over cars and bikes in the area.

But representatives from other

businesses, such as Osco Drug, Little King and Nooner's, said the birds are not a problem.

Johnson said people complained about the birds last year because there wasn't much snow.

"Since we didn't have snow covering the sidewalks," he said, "the droppings were more noticeable."

Some downtown businesses cleaned the sidewalks in front of their property and some did not, Johnson said. The Downtown Lincoln Association is in charge of cleaning the sidewalks.

Roost No More costs \$21 a gallon and last year the city purchased 140 gallons, Johnson said. Enough Roost No More was left over from last year to use this fall, he said.

Roost No More is scarce because many other cities are using it to solve similar bird problems. Last year Lincoln had to order the

repellent from Chicago, Johnson said.

Johnson said the repellent worked last year, but the birds relocated to branches or buildings where the spray had missed. Since the city is spraying earlier this year, before many birds migrate to downtown trees, Johnson said the chemical will be more effective.

The city spent \$2,710 to spray the trees with repellent last year, he said.

Complaints about the birds from the public as well as downtown businesses resulted in city action.

Before applying the repellent city employees tried to scare the birds away by placing fake owls and aluminum octopi in the trees, he said. But the birds roosted on top of them.

The city wants the birds gone by the Dec. 5 Star City Parade, Johnson said.

AIDS forum recommends compassion

By Amy Edwards
 Senior Reporter

If a child in Nebraska gets AIDS, and his behavior doesn't threaten other students, the child has the right to attend public schools, said Dr. Gregg Wright, director of the Nebraska State Department of Health, at an AIDS forum Friday night.

Richard Shugrue, a Creighton University law professor who also spoke at the forum, said parents are understandably concerned, but if a child has been shown to be medically safe, he has a right to an education.

"There is no right in the Constitution which protects hysteria," Shugrue said. "However,

there are rights which protect education and discrimination."

The program, "AIDS — Living Through the Epidemic," was broadcast live on the Nebraska ETV Network. It gave Nebraskans the opportunity to express their fears and concerns about the social and ethical issues that Nebraska is facing with a growing number of AIDS patients. The program, at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Law, included videotaped segments.

A panel of experts representing health, education, government and medical views answered questions about the availability of health care for people with AIDS, who will pay

for it, confidentiality issues, education about the disease and public views of AIDS patients.

The Rev. Ginny Wagener; Shugrue; Wright; Joanne Owens-Nauslar, state health and physical education director of the state Department of Education; Dr. Stephan Carveth, a Lincoln cardiovascular surgeon; and Sen. Don Wesely, chairman of the Nebraska Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee, presented their views and exchanged ideas with the audience.

Wright said there are 39 reported AIDS cases in Nebraska, and the number is doubling every 15 months. By 1991, the state will have 3,000 to 6,000 AIDS cases, he said.

Wesely said state health statutes need to be

updated to protect confidentiality so that people are willing to be tested voluntarily for the AIDS virus. If a mandatory testing law were passed, people would be "driven underground" and the epidemic would spread further, he said.

Carveth disagreed. He said the disease is spreading because of confidentiality and anonymity. He said people need to be honest with their doctors to ensure they get good medical care. If doctors don't know patients have AIDS, they can't properly treat them.

"An AIDS carrier who donates a pint of blood is guilty of first-degree murder," Carveth said.

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