

WEATHER: Wednesday, morning fog; partly sunny, breezy and warmer during the day. High around 40. Wednesday night, partly cloudy with a low in the 20s. Thursday, partly sunny and breezy. High around 40.

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Annual snowfight spawns vandalizing mob

By Victoria Ayotte
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What started out Monday night as an innocent snowball fight escalated into a mob that caused about \$10,000 in damage and 15 injuries, said Lt. Ken Cauble of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police Department.

Cars, windows and fences were damaged as a result of the snowball fight.

During snowball fights in the last two years no arrests have been made, but this year police have arrested five students and more arrests are expected, Cauble said.

One arrest was made for criminal mischief, one for possession of illegal fireworks and two for interfering with and hindering a police officer. A student was arrested Tuesday for assault, Cauble said.

UNL police videotaped 20 minutes of the snowball fight, and the Lincoln Police Department has several rolls of 35mm film to help identify people involved in the fight, he said.

"We're just not going to let it slide this year," Cauble said.

The housemother's car at Delta Upsilon fraternity had its windshield

smashed, both headlights smashed and the right passenger window broken Monday night. Cauble said damage was estimated to be \$2,000.

A car window was also broken in the parking lot at 1716 N. 16th St., causing \$50 in damage, he said.

A Lincoln police cruiser also was damaged during the snowball fight, Cauble said. An estimated \$380 in damage occurred when the windshield, the rear right mirror and the left side mirror were broken and the red lights on top of the car were damaged. The car, parked at 16th and Vine streets, also had dents, scratches and scrapes, Cauble said.

Greek houses were also a big target Monday night. Forty-six windows and a sliding glass door at the Sigma Alpha Mu house were broken, resulting in \$2,100 in damages, he said.

The Alpha Chi Omega house had nine windows broken and the fence was damaged. Damage was estimated at \$775, Cauble said.

Also, Delta Tau Delta had \$30 in damage when two windows were broken, he said.

The Delta Upsilon house was hit the hardest with \$3,000 in damage. Several windows were broken, the fence was torn apart and doors were

damaged, Cauble said.

The University Health Center treated at least 15 people for injuries resulting from the snowball fight, according to Kunle Ojikutu, administrator of the health center.

The health center treated two lip cuts, a broken tooth, a concussion, an injury to the head, a cut to the skull, an eye injury and several other injuries, Ojikutu said.

Jack Lovell, a sophomore member of Delta Upsilon fraternity, had his left eye injured at the fight Monday night. Lovell cannot see out of the eye right now, but will not know whether the damage is permanent until next week, said Mike Shamburg, a member of the fraternity.

Investigator Ed Mentzer of the UNL police was also injured. Mentzer was hit with a rock on the right wrist, Cauble said. Cauble said three students were hit by bricks during the fight.

Police took 144 students' names at residence halls Sunday night as they returned from the snowball fight. Police will interview about 50 of these people, and they could be cited for disturbing the peace, vandalism or criminal mischief, he said.

The police will be giving the students' names to James Griesen, vice chancellor of student affairs. Students involved in the fight could be placed on probation or possibly suspended from school, Cauble said.

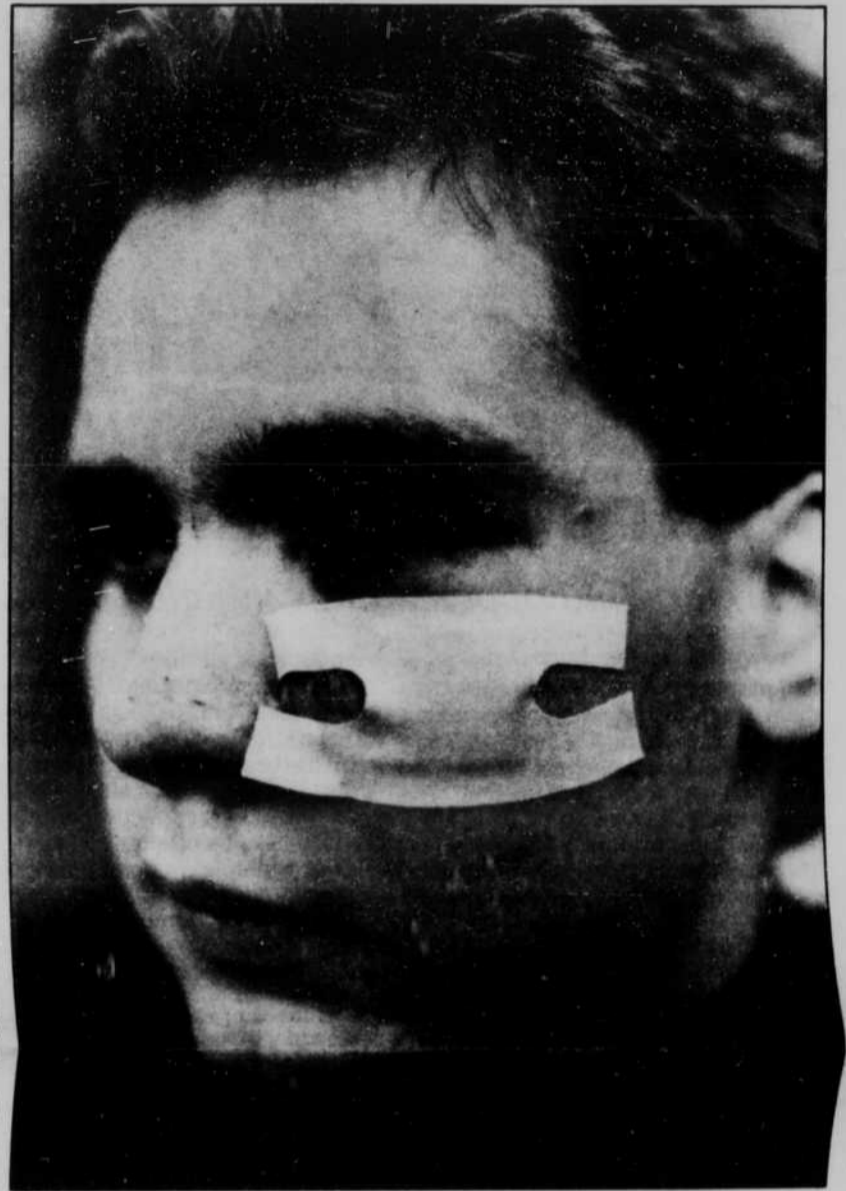
UNL police, Lincoln police and Griesen met Tuesday morning to decide on action to take to prevent the snowball fight from recurring.

Griesen said he would be sending out letters to students outlining the problems that occurred Monday night. The letter will also ask students to cooperate in stopping future snowball fights.

Andy Pollock, president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, said he plans to develop legislation condemning snowball fights. The legislation will be presented at the ASUN meeting tonight.

ASUN also will try to work with the Residence Hall Association and the Greek system to eliminate future problems, he said.

Pollock said the fight became a riot, and student governments need to see MOB on Page 5



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Bryan Borer, a freshman business major, waits at the University Health Center after receiving eight stitches in his left cheek. Borer was hit by a brick during Monday night's snowball fight.



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Residence-hall students and fraternity members take part in Monday night's snowball fight on the corner of 16th and Vine streets.

Merchants: new center no threat

By Lee Rood
Senior Reporter

Downtown merchants said they are only mildly concerned that a new student center on 16th and W streets will decrease student business at their stores.

Area investors will privately own the center, which will have a food court, dry-cleaning service, sundries, copy center and casual clothing store.

Kim Phelps, assistant to the vice chancellor of business and finance, said privately-owned businesses on university campuses are "not a revolutionary idea."

Phelps said he is not sure what effect the new businesses will have on campus, but he said he hopes the university will be able to build a working relationship with center owners.

Duane Sattler, restaurant manager for Burger King in the Nebraska Union, said the food court at the new center should not affect Burger King's business.

"Students come to the union to find

various information and that traffic flow will not decrease," he said.

Bill Carson, manager of Taco Ranch in the Atrium food court, said he probably won't feel the heat of the new businesses because most of his customers are downtown employees and government workers.

Carson said he is more intimidated by a food court that might be built in the basement of the Miller and Paine building.

Judith Honardoust, manager of Potato Plus in the Atrium food court, said the new student center shouldn't be a problem.

Honardoust said the center wouldn't be close enough to their business to take away customers.

Darcee Fricke, manager of The Limited clothing store in the Atrium, said her store has several student customers and she expects them to keep coming back.

"Anybody who shops at The Limited will continue," she said. "We have a loyal following of college students. I don't think it will hurt us."

Fricke said there could be some competition, depending on the store chosen for the center.

Doug Farrar, manager at the Post and Nickel, said the combined business from college students and downtown employees will keep their sales stable.

Farrar said it should be interesting to see how the businesses in the new center will do because most businesses not near O and R streets tend to go out of business.

Duane Krepel and Dale Nordyke, co-owners of The Mill near 14th and O streets, said their business has always been stable because of their location and clientele.

While Krepel and Nordyke said the new student center shouldn't damage their business, they said they were concerned for other merchants suffering downtown.

Nordyke said businesses around 14th and O streets tend to generate their own traffic, but other businesses have closed because of lack of customers.

Nebraska favored as nuclear dump site

By Kip Fry
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Gov. Kay Orr said Tuesday that Nebraska has a "significant probability" of being selected by the five-state compact as the site for a low-level nuclear waste dump.

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But, Orr said, if Nebraska is chosen as a site, the dump must be approved by the host community.

"The conditions I am announcing will ensure that a facility will not locate in a community over that community's objections." She added, "Public health and safety will receive the highest level of protection, and that appropriate economic returns will accrue to those who provide a solution to the regional low-level radioactive waste disposal problem."

These conditions "must be satisfied before a facility could be located in Nebraska," Orr said.

If Nebraska is selected as the host state, but conditions are not met, Orr said she will make every effort to prevent the site in Ne-

braska. Orr added she hopes the compact committee will use the conditions regardless of which state is selected.

The public needs to be educated that it is possible to build a safe waste facility, Orr said.

Nebraska ranks high in factors that Orr said will probably be used in selecting the host state. The main considerations are the volume of waste generated and the number of suitable locations for a dump.

Orr also requested that the state have complete control over design of the dump and the location of the compact offices, and have veto power over whether the waste could be moved in or out of the region.

If property values go down because of the waste site, Orr said, the owners may be compensated for their losses.

The state and the host community also will be compensated annually. The state will receive about \$1 million per year, while the chosen community should get about \$500,000, said Norman Thorson, chairman of Orr's Low Level Radioactive Waste Task

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